

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 10, 2008

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

Chairman Brehler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by all.

Chairperson Brehler asked for a moment of silence for this weekend's storm victims.

Commissioner MacDowell gave the invocation.

Roll call. Commissioners present; Michael Hosey, Harlan MacDowell, Theresa Abed, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Leo Farhat, Glenn Freeman, John Forell, Linda Keefe, Art Luna, Daryl Baker, Dale Barr, Denise Clarke, Leonard Peters, Joseph Brehler. Commissioners absent; Carol Strachan.

Chairman Brehler asked for corrections or amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Baker moved the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business. Chairperson Brehler announced the Ways and Means Committee met several times to address the projected \$1.6 million deficit for the 2008/2009 budget. In looking long term Chairperson Brehler has 3 goals;

- Solve the problem once
- Minimize the inconvenience and pain as much as possible
- Maintain the quality of service to Eaton County constituents

There will be a meeting with county employees in the staff lounge on Thursday, June 12th at 7:30 AM and one at 6:00 PM to apprise them of the budget situation. All commissioners are invited to attend.

Chairman Brehler opened the Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation at 7:08 PM.

Commissioner Keefe announced the purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony and discuss the proposed millage rates for Eaton County. The proposed rates are as follows:

General County Operation	5.2149 mills
County Jail Debt and Operation	0.7000 of a mill
911 Emergency Service	0.9438 of a mill

Juvenile Justice	0.3973 of a mill
EATRAN	0.2469 of a mill
Medical Care Facility Debt	<u>0.1250 of a mill</u>
TOTAL	7.6279 Mills

County Equalization Director Tim Vandermark reported the county is proposing the same tax rates as last year.

Chairman Brehler asked for comments from the Board. There were no comments.

Chairman Brehler asked for public comment.

There was general discussion from those in attendance regarding;

- confusion over the required language of the notice in the paper
- explanation from Equalization Director regarding the required language
- rolling back government
- affect of Headlee on county budgets
- how the projected \$1.6 million deficit occurred
- the percentage of taxes that are not collected each year

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 PM.

Commissioner Keefe announced the Board of Commissioners will adopt the millage rates on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Farhat moved the meeting recess to Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Supported by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Joseph C. Brehler / MFF
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

M. Frances Fuller
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners