

GEORGIA, Murray County

MINUTES

The Murray County Commissioner held a public meeting Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the hearing room of the Murray County Courthouse Annex.

Commissioner Pittman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

She then showed the PowerPoint presentation that explained the tax increase of 24.91% in unincorporated and 24.69% in incorporated in Murray County. The increase will result in a millage rate of 7.270 mills in unincorporated and 7.389 mills in incorporated Murray County.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Murray County Commissioner has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 24.91% in unincorporated and 24.69% in incorporated Murray County.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Murray County Annex, located at 121 N. 4th Ave. in Chatsworth, Georgia on Thursday August 28, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Murray County Annex, located at 121 N. 4th Ave. in Chatsworth, Georgia on Thursday September 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

The tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 7.270 mills in unincorporated and 7.389 mills in incorporated Murray County, an increase of 1.47 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 5.820 mills in unincorporated and no more than 5.926 in incorporated Murray County. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$55.86 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$58.80

Documents are located in the auxiliary file.

Comments:

Jackie Edwards: She made an Open Records request for all financial records for the past five years. She delivered a letter and requested an audit be done from outside the area. She asked about the law library and about an itemized list of DATE funds expenditures. She asked if the problem with MMC had developed this year alone or if had been present in the past several years.

Kenneth Keith: He asked what the mill rates are for other Georgia counties. He asked if the county can afford to keep the hospital and what the Chamber of Commerce is doing to bring in

development. He asked if we would be better off paying indigent fees to other counties and avoid the expense of running a hospital.

Chris Earnest: He asked if the reason for increase due to the hospital? Commissioner answered that it was, in part. He asked if the government changed Murray County status from rural to MSA? Pittman answered yes, and that we could not change this decision made by the state. He stated that since this county does not host many streams of revenue, it would be reasonable to expect the county to cut back in certain areas. He stated that when retired, inflation hits one hard, leading to cuts in personal budgets because of the inability to raise one's revenue. Mr. Earnest stated that Murray County has lagged behind other counties with respect to economic development. He asked if MMC was looking into cost-cutting measures and if the cafeteria had been closed at the Murray Medical Center. In regards to MMC, he said that paying patients are shrinking with indigent ones continue to increase. Mr. Earnest asked if MMC were to become salient today, how much would the county owe still today.

Anonymous: He asked how much the increase would be and if it could be explained. Commissioner Pittman did so, and he then asked if the tax increase would be voted on. Her response was no.

Chris Evans: He asked if this will increase or at least balance the budget. Commissioner explained the budget must always balance, so yes.

Susie Logan: "I've been a property owner for many years and always paid my taxes. Our roads need work. I would be okay with more taxes if more services were provided. In the past we were promised more for our tax dollars. We need a place to shop because everyone goes to Dalton. I just can't see what the tax money is doing to improve the county." The Commissioner explained that she is looking into options to bring those areas of revenue into the county. She stated that MMC charges too much and has too much of an overflow in the emergency room.

Ray Swanson: He commented that most tax dollars are spent on school system, particularly due to the illegal immigrants. He asked the Commissioner to contact legislative delegation regarding students who are here illegally. He suggested a high sales tax. He said if the county spent less, we would have plenty of money. He said we should transfer MMC from a hospital to a first aid stop and go to Hamilton Medical Center instead. "We are asking for leadership for you."

Carlton McDaniel: He discussed the explanation of the percentages of the tax increases and questioned the budget of the E-911 department.

Jeanette Logan: "I would like to see us find a way to bring in more money and collect less taxes. We need more places to shop, more jobs, etc. I'm tired of hearing that we are working on bringing in something, but we never do." The Commissioner explained that these plans are long term and not likely to happen overnight.

Terry Edwards: He asked if the Commissioner would be willing to raise the taxes during election year. He asked what her salary was. He also asked if the county was involved in negotiations with Gordon County to purchase MMC. He asked if any cuts had been made in management at MMC.

Angie Thomas: She declared that MMC was a drug station for addicts.

Greg Ridley: He asked if a financial report was required to be issued by MMC and how many people that are transported to MMC end up being transferred elsewhere.

ADJOURNMENT:

ATTEST this day of October 7th, 2014:

Tommy Parker, Interim County Clerk Brittany Pittman, Commissioner

In Attendance: Brittany Pittman, Tommy Parker, Hannah Stanley, Emily Cogburn, Carlton McDaniel, Chris Earnest, Steve Anglea, Ray Swanson, Kenneth Keith, Neil Keener, Jerry Edwards, Jackie Edwards, Terry Edwards, Wayne

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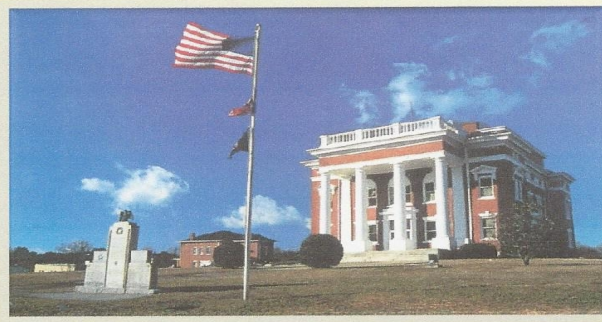
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She then showed the PowerPoint presentation that displayed the tax increase and the changes in the digest and the five year history of the levy.

9/4/2014

MURRAY COUNTY



NOTICE

The Murray County Commissioner does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held in the Hearing Room of the Murray County Annex on Thursday September 4, 2014 at 11:15 AM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. section 49-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2014 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

INCORPORATED	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Real & Personal	285,370,980	294,127,244	299,958,127	248,921,259	240,793,296	289,969,430
Motor Vehicles	5,722,980	4,787,046	4,553,230	4,707,020	4,891,590	3,965,630
Mobile Homes	285,170	190,180	178,642	167,487	185,525	176,400
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	30,490
History Duty Exemption	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Digest	290,378,130	299,114,446	314,711,059	253,795,666	245,870,411	293,934,971
Less M&O Exemptions	7,805,816	7,893,843	12,148,133	16,728,711	22,344,343	44,176,390
Net M&O Digest	282,572,314	291,220,603	302,562,926	237,066,955	223,526,068	249,758,581
State Forest Land	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assistance Grant Value	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Bentley Net MCO Digest	282,572,314	291,220,603	302,562,926	237,066,955	223,526,068	249,758,581
Gross MCO Millage	10.360	9.782	10.305	10.052	9.882	11.273
Less Exemptions	4.869	3.776	4.293	4.133	4.068	3.884
Net MCO Millage	6.014	6.012	6.012	5.919	5.814	7.389
Net Taxes Levied	\$1,574,303	\$1,331,783	\$1,215,169	\$1,400,726	\$1,321,636	\$1,844,725
UNINCORPORATED	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Real & Personal	687,872,907	692,015,181	626,367,760	676,467,159	648,786,024	613,901,689
Motor Vehicles	77,792,110	67,812,635	66,906,220	66,793,145	72,616,140	60,407,620
Mobile Homes	21,786,090	18,387,696	15,223,650	15,203,879	14,696,561	13,189,362
Timber - 100%	370,811	1,355,851	1,114,667	1,074,909	290,969	257,765
History Duty Exemption	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Digest	787,029,918	779,081,118	709,611,267	760,540,107	736,391,434	687,756,556
Less M&O Exemptions	27,096,212	46,486,287	66,661,025	80,903,110	96,641,084	129,586,277
Net M&O Digest	759,933,706	732,594,831	642,950,242	679,637,000	639,750,350	558,170,279
State Forest Land	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Net MCO Millage	5.491	5.906	6.012	5.919	5.814	7.389
Net Taxes Levied	\$4,067,002	\$3,041,184	\$3,613,765	\$3,913,965	\$3,727,612	\$4,235,624
TOTAL COUNTY	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total County Value	972,251,037	991,135,635	926,578,817	920,258,415	884,576,514	903,666,259
Total County Taxes Levied	\$5,641,305	\$4,372,967	\$4,828,934	\$5,314,691	\$5,049,248	\$6,080,349
Net Taxes & Increase						
Net Taxes % Increase	-5.37%	-3.97%	-4.42%	10.02%	-4.98%	20.42%

GEORGIA, MURRAY COUNTY

September 4, 2014

The Murray County Commissioner held a called meeting on Thursday September 4, 2014 to set a millage rate on the Tax Digest for the year 2014. Upon consideration of the total digest and the amounts of money needed to meet the 2014 budget, it is ordered that there be levied upon the taxable property in Murray County, Georgia and collected by the Tax Commissioner or her Successor in office, the following taxes for legal purposes for the year:

	<u>Unincorporated</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>
Gross Millage Rate	11.273	11.273
Less Sales Tax Rollback	3.884	3.884
Less Insurance Premium Rollback	<u>.119</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Net Maintenance & Operation Millage	7.270	7.389
School Maintenance & Operations	15.500	15.500
School Bond	-0-	-0-
State of Georgia	<u>.100</u>	<u>.100</u>
Total millage	22.870	22.989

WHEREAS, the Murray County Commissioner has this date adopted a resolution setting the Murray County Tax Rate for 2014 in the Special District created by the Local Option Sales Tax Law, which rate is 11.273 mills;

THEREFORE, the Murray County Commissioner does hereby direct that sales tax revenue be applied as a credit to that amount of property tax levied for in mills in order that County Taxes (less County Bond, State and Board of Education) be rolled back 3.884 mills for the Special Tax District of Taxation for Services.

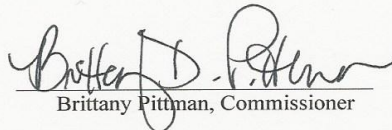
WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia relating to insurance fees and taxes does provide that the proceeds from County Taxes arising upon insurance premiums be used by counties for the purpose of reducing ad valorem taxes of the owners of unincorporated areas in the counties.

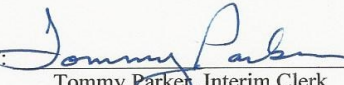
WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Georgia that the rollback of taxes is to be equal to the amount of insurance tax proceeds generated during the year 2013, \$1,598,484.02 less \$1,529,239.64 used to fund fire services and solid waste collection provided in the Unincorporated area of the county, therefore the rollback shall be in the amount of \$69,244.38 which has been received by Murray County

NOW, THEREFORE, the Murray County Commissioner does hereby direct that the tax derived upon insurance premiums as defined by said act and in an amount as set forth above, shall be applied as a credit to the property tax levied and the millage setting the Murray County tax rate for 2014 shall be rolled back 0.119 mills in the unincorporated areas of Murray County.

THEREFORE, the millage after the sales tax rollback in the incorporated area shall be 7.389 mills for the year 2014 and the millage in the unincorporated areas after applying the insurance premium and sales tax rollbacks shall be 7.270 mills for the year of 2014.

This 4th day of September 2014


Brittany Pittman, Commissioner

ATTEST: 
Tommy Parker, Interim Clerk

ADJOURNMENT:

ATTEST this day of October 7th, 2014:

Tommy Parker, Interim County Clerk Brittany Pittman, Commissioner

In Attendance: Brittany Pittman, Tommy Parker, Emily Cogburn, Donna Flood, and Gale Buckner.

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The Murray County Commissioner held a public meeting Thursday, September 04, 2014 at 12:20 PM in the hearing room of the Murray County Courthouse Annex.

Commissioner Pittman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

By signature and execution the minutes of August, 2014 and the minutes of the two Tax Increase Public Hearings on August 28th at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM were approved.

Under new business the following items were addressed and approved.

A. Approval of the Murray County Land Use and Development Planning Commission Meeting Minutes



MURRAY COUNTY LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION

P.O. Box 1129 / 121 N. 4th Avenue, Chatsworth, Georgia 30705
Telephone (706) 517-1400 Fax (706) 517-5893
mcldo@windstream.net
Murray County
Land Use Planning Commission
August 19, 2014

Board Members Present:

Terry Wilson
Steve Anglea
David McDaniel
Edward Dunn
David Wells

Land Use Office:

Dick Barnes
Nancy Young

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Anglea.

First order of business, David McDaniel made a motion to approve the agenda 2nd by Terry Wilson, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Approval of the minutes, Edward Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by David McDaniel, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

No old business

New business: Chairman Anglea read rules of order and opened the public portion of the meeting.

Item 1. Re/Classification of property from RR to SR and MHP, owned by Tim Dailey, in land lot 87 district 10 of Murray County, being 5.15 acres, addressed as 580 Caylor Road. Dick Barnes said the request was in order for hearing. He said Mr. Dailey has bought the property and wants to utilize the mobile homes for rental and sell the house, and he does recommend approval. Nancy Young said all notices had been sent to adjacent property owners. No one present for or against the request. Public portion of the hearing closed for board discussion. Edward Dunn made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by David McDaniel, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Item 2. Re/Classification of Property from Ag to RR, owned by Freeman Growth LLC, addressed off Cagle Road being in land lot 157 district 8 of Murray County. Dick Barnes said the request was in order and explained that this is 155 acre tract and Mr. Freeman wants to put a mobile home on the property for security reasons and does not want to designate 5 acres for the home. He recommends approval. Nancy Young said all notices had been sent to adjacent home owners. No one present for or against the request, public portion closed for board discussion. Terry Wilson made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by David Wells, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Item 3. Conditional Use of property for Murray Wireless Internet Inc. Dick Barnes said this is for two towers in the north end of the county, Cisco and Tennega, the two towers would repeat off each other. He recommends approval as long as the county regulations are followed. Nancy Young said all notices had been given to adjacent property owners. The owner's were present and Mr. Terry Cloer spoke to the board about the project. He had pictures of what the towers would look like and how they would work. No one

present for or against the request. Public portion of the meeting closed for board discussion. David McDaniel made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Edward Dunn, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Item 4. Re/Classification of Property owned by Jere Weyman located at 2010 Old Dalton Highway Rd. in land lot 226 district 9 of Murray County. Dick Barnes said this is a Commissioner request, this property was not zoned correctly when the lot was surveyed out of an Ag parcel in 2003. He recommends approval. Nancy Young said all notices have been sent to adjacent property owners. No one present for or against the request. Public portion closed for board discussion. David McDaniel made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Terry Wilson, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

David McDaniel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Edward Dunn, all in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy Young



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September 4, 2014

Mr. Steve Anglea
113 Pine Street
Chatsworth, Georgia 30705

RE: Murray County Land Use Planning Commission Meeting of August, 2014

Dear Mr. Anglea:

I have reviewed the actions of the Commission taken at the August 19, 2014 meeting. I support the Commission's actions as being in the best interest of Murray County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Pittman", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Brittany Pittman
County Commissioner

B. Capital Purchase: 2015 Volvo VHD64 hoist truck tractor for collection sites, from Vanguard Truck Center - \$147,753 to be paid from SPLOST funds

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BILL OF SALE - INVOICE

Deal No. 1-V7795

Customer No. 115837

Seller
VANGUARD TRUCK CENTER OF ATLANTA
Address
700 RUSKIN DRIVE
City, State, Zip
FOREST PARK, GA 30297

Purchaser - Individual or Firm Name	Date
MURRAY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	08/21/2014
Street Address	Phone Number
684 HWY 52 EAST	706/695-3231
City, State, Zip	Fax Number
CHATSWORTH GA 30705	

I hereby order / purchase from you, subject to all terms, conditions and agreement contained herein and the:

New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Used	Demo	Year 2015	Qty. 1	Make VOLVO	Model VHD64B	Body S/N	Type TRACTOR
Stock Number / Serial Number 4V5KC9DG7FN914107						Mileage	Terms	
Specifications / Special Instructions:						Selling Price (Excluding FRET)	147753.00	1
						Sales Tax	N/A	2
						TAVT	N/A	3
						Licence Fee	N/A	4
						Admin Fee	N/A	5
						FRET	N/A	6
						Other	N/A	7
						Cash Sale Price / Each	147753.00	8
						Number of Units	1	9
						Total Cash Sale Price (8x9)	147753.00	10
						Trade - Year Model		11
						Trade Serial #		12
						Gross Trade Allowance	N/A	13
						Amount Owning	N/A	14
						Trade Equity (13-14)	N/A	15
						Finance Co. (Payoff)		16
						Cash Down Payment	N/A	17
						Total Down Payment (13 + 17)	N/A	18
						Unpaid Balance Amount (8-18)	147753.00	19
						Credit Life Insurance	N/A	20
GAP Insurance	N/A	21						
Physical Damage Insurance	N/A	22						
Am't Financed (19 + 20 + 21 + 22)	147753.00	23						
Finance Charge	N/A	24						
Total of Payments (23 + 24)	N/A	25						
Finance Company	N/A	26						
Terms of Payments-listed below								
N/A Installment(s) at						N/A		27
Installment(s) at								28
1st Payment Due						N/A		29

[] USED VEHICLE - DEALER'S WARRANTY DISCLAIMER

The above described motor vehicle is being sold in its present "as is" condition and "with all faults". The purchaser hereby acknowledges and agrees that the seller has made no warranty that the vehicle is merchantable or fit for any particular purpose and that there are no warranties, either expressed or implied, which extend beyond the above description of the vehicle. Purchaser will bear the entire expense of repairing or correcting any defects that may presently exist or that may hereafter occur in the vehicle. The dealer shall not have any responsibility for consequential damages, damages to personal property, damages for loss of use, loss of time, loss of profit, or loss of income; or any other incidental damages with respect to any defect, unfitness, or other deficiency in or of the vehicle.

[X] NEW VEHICLE - DEALER'S WARRANTY DISCLAIMER

The purchaser recognizes and agrees that the only warranties applicable to the above described new motor vehicle are those offered by the manufacturer thereof. The dealer has made no warranty, either expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, any warranty that the vehicle is merchantable or fit for any particular purpose. The dealer neither assumes nor authorizes any person to assume for it any liability in connection with the sale of the vehicle except to the extent mandated by statute. The purchaser shall not be entitled to recover from the dealer any consequential damages to property, damages for loss of use, loss of time, loss of profit, or loss of income; or any other incidental damages. This order comprises the entire agreement affecting this purchase and no other agreement or understanding of any nature concerning same has been made or entered into, or will be recognized. I certify that no credit has been extended to me for the purchase of this motor vehicle, except as appears in writing on the face of this agreement.

I certify that I am 21 years of age or older and hereby acknowledge receipt of this order.

Sales Representative: NEAL, JAMES

Purchaser's Name: MURRAY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Approved By: _____

Signature: Michael Deal P/W Director Murray County SW.

Title / Position: Finance Director

Date: 08/21/2014

C. Resolution: To abandon a portion of Hawkins Branch Road

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF MURRAY

RESOLUTION No. 092014

**Certification of Road Abandonment Of
A Section of Hawkins Branch Road**

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the governing authority of Murray County that a certain section of Hawkins Branch Road, has ceased to be used by the general public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it and this section of said road has become a nuisance to the community; and

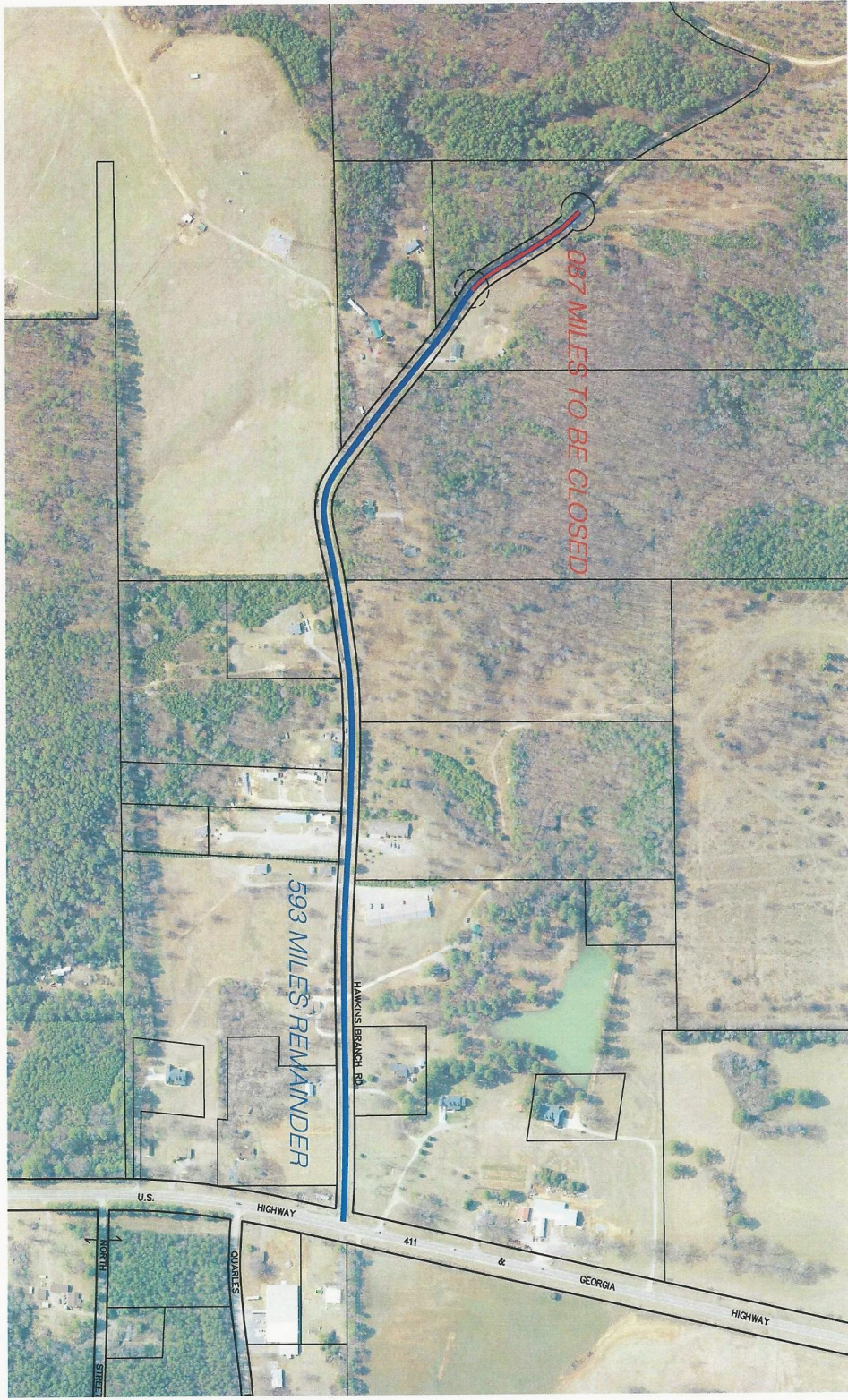
THEREFORE, after notice to the property owners located thereon and after notice of such determination is published in the newspaper, in which the sheriff's advertisements for the County are published, once a week for a period of two weeks and after a public hearing on such issue; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 32-7-2(b)(1) the governing authority of Murray county does hereby declare that a section of Hawkins Branch Road, consisting of .087 miles of right of way and as depicted on the attached map, is abandoned and that section of road shall no longer be part of the County road system and the rights of the public in and to the section of road as a public road shall cease.

BE IT SO RESOLVED, this 4th day of September, 2014

By: 
Brittany Pittman, Sole Commissioner

Attest: 
Tommy Parker, Clerk



D. Employee of the Month

The July Employee of the Month is Randy Manis.

Announcement: The proposed turning lane at the 225 and Smyrna Church Road intersection.

Documents are located in the auxiliary file.

ADJOURNMENT:

This 7th day of October 2014

ATTEST:

Tommy Parker, Interim County Clerk

Brittany Pittman, Commissioner

In Attendance: Brittany Pittman, Tommy Parker, Donna Flood, and Gale Buckner.