

ATTENDEES:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick
 COUNCIL ABSENT: Figueras, Bruner
 STAFF PRESENT: Sheppard, Marlowe, Jordan
 OTHERS PRESENT: Governmental representatives from Braselton, Buford, Clermont, Flowery Branch, Gillsville, Hall County, Lula and Oakwood
 Consultant for Hall County Doug Eaves
 Consultant for the Municipalities Phil Sutton

Commission Chairman Oliver called the meeting to order.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hall County

Doug Eaves, Eaves Consulting Group LLC, presented the County’s position regarding the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Distribution after reviewing a variety of information including but not limited to the purpose of LOST, the renegotiation process and baseball arbitration. He made reference to several sections of the Official Code of Georgia, case law *Nielubowicz v. Chatham County* 252 GA 330 (1984) and an Attorney General Opinion Letter dated June 14, 2012. The end result of the presentation yielded the following:

LOCATION	CURRENT	PROPOSED	CHANGE
Hall County	75.49%	75.69%	0.20%
Braselton	0.01%	0.56%	0.55%
Buford	0.03%	1.06%	1.03%
Clermont	0.44%	0.28%	-0.16%
Flowery Branch	1.39%	2.35%	0.96%
Gainesville	19.87%	17.39%	-2.48%
Gillsville	0.09%	0.06%	-0.03%
Lula	1.05%	0.79%	-0.26%
Oakwood	1.63%	1.82%	0.19%

Municipalities

Phil Sutton, Sutton Consulting LLC, presented the position of the Hall County Municipalities after providing an overview of a variety of information including but not limited to Service Delivery responsibilities as the base, LOST renegotiation regulations and other criteria.

LOCATION	CURRENT	W/O TAX EQUITY		W/ TAX EQUITY	
		PROPOSED	CHANGE	PROPOSED	CHANGE
Hall County	75.49%	58.17%	-17.32%	58.17%	-17.32%
Braselton	0.01%	1.02%	1.01%	1.42%	1.41%
Buford	0.03%	2.04%	2.01%	1.82%	1.79%
Clermont	0.44%	0.29%	-0.15%	0.74%	0.30%
Flowery Branch	1.39%	3.02%	1.63%	4.77%	3.38%
Gainesville	19.87%	30.40%	10.53%	27.05%	7.18%
Gillsville	0.09%	0.06%	-0.03%	0.17%	0.08%
Lula	1.05%	0.87%	-0.18%	2.18%	1.13%
Oakwood	1.63%	4.12%	2.49%	3.67%	2.04%

There was some difference of opinion as to when the negotiation process began. The County felt the process began with the first meeting. Mr. Sutton felt the issuance of the letter calling for the first meeting began the process.

NEXT MEETING:

There was consensus to hold the next meeting on August 28, 2012, 10:00 AM, in the Hall County Courthouse Annex Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

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C. Danny Dunagan, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk