Yavapai College District Governing Board

FY 2015-2016 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

In Accordance with A.R.S §15-1461.01(A)

Approved Minutes of Public Hearing

Tuesday, June 9, 2015
11:00 AM
Prescott Campus - Rock House
1100 E. Sheldon Street
Prescott, Arizona

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Members Present:
Dr. Patricia McCarver, Chair
Mr. Albert Filardo, Board Member
Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Member
Mr. Steve Irwin, Secretary, arrived at 11:23 a.m.
Mr. Ray Sigafoos, Board Member

Administration Present:
Dr. Penelope H. Wills, President
Lynne Adams, Board Attorney
Other staff attending are on file in the District Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER - PROCEDURAL**
   Chair McCarver called the Yavapai College District Governing Board FY 2015-2016 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing to order at 11:20 a.m. Chair McCarver read the Notice of Tax Increase and noted that the Truth in Taxation notices were published in multiple county newspapers beginning on May 20, 2015 through May 30, 2015.
2. **FY 2015-2016 Truth in Taxation Overview - INFORMATION**
   Dr. Clint Ewell, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services, provided a Truth in Taxation overview (refer to Board packet, pgs. 2-5, power point and the Yavapai College website). The Truth in Taxation hearing is required if the District plans on approving a property tax rate increase. The Board began the FY 2015-2016 Budget analysis and review in January 2015, and continued to receive budget-related information over a series of months (refer to the following link http://www.yc.edu/v5content/strategic-planning/docs/Strategic%20Planning%20Cycle%20V8-%20feb%2015.xlsx).
   Dr. Ewell read a formal request for primary property tax increase as follows:
   The Yavapai Community College District is proposing an increase in primary property taxes of $825,100 or 2%. Yavapai College takes fiscal stewardship seriously as demonstrated to the Board and the community through the planning process of this FY 2015-2016 budget. Through careful financial planning and sound cost saving techniques, the College has not requested a property tax increase for the past two years. The College has also successfully reduced the cost per student in the past five years. Yavapai College's low costs are a bargain for students and tax payers, as tuition/fees are well below the national average and the several other Arizona Community Colleges. The request for property tax levy is not made lightly, but rather because of a strong need for the new programs and initiatives discussed with the Board throughout this planning process and for the College to remain fiscally prudent.
3. **Public Comment - INFORMATION**
   Listed below are the Yavapai County citizens who addressed the Board regarding the proposed increase in primary property taxes:
   Opposed to the Proposed Primary Property Tax – Bob Oliphant; Gary LaMaster; Carol German; and Jackie Baker
   Support of the Proposed Primary Property Tax – Dr. Dale Fitzner
4. **Adjournment - PROCEDURAL**
   Member Sigafoos moved, seconded by Member McCasland, that the FY 2015-2016 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

   The Hearing was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

_____/S/_____ Date: August 10. 2015
Ms. Karen Jones, Recording Secretary

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Dr. Patricia McCarver, Chair

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Mr. Steve Irwin, Secretary