

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE STATE OF GEORGIA'S TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015

WHEREAS, the Joint Study Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding has issued a report which identifies the need for the State of Georgia to raise additional revenue to address transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 170 has now been introduced which recommends the state invest over \$1 billion annually in transportation related projects, with over \$500 million of the \$1 billion coming from local sales taxes from cities, counties and school systems; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 Gordon County collected \$5,181,806 in local option sales tax, SPLOST, and ESPLOST from the sale motor fuel; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 the Calhoun City School System received \$579,653 from the one percent ESPLOST from the sale of motor fuel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun currently has \$32 million dollars in outstanding school bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun school bond debt will require an additional passage of ESPLOST to service the current bond debt; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 the City of Calhoun collected \$4,110,882 in LOST and SPLOST taxes; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 the City of Calhoun received \$853,008 from the one percent LOST and SPLOST motor fuel tax; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 the City of Calhoun spent \$2,868,564 directly related to transportation; and

WHEREAS, this Council and School Board urges the members of the Georgia General Assembly and our local delegation to strongly oppose any provision or measure to reduce allocation of sales tax funding to local governments;

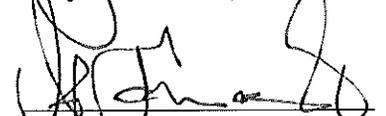
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Calhoun, Georgia and the City of Calhoun Board of Education hereby urges the Georgia General Assembly and our local delegation to strongly oppose any bill, provision or measure to re-allocate local option sales tax funding from local governments to the state of Georgia. Furthermore that the state of Georgia not approve any provision of a transportation bill that authorizes double taxation of municipal residents.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of Calhoun, Georgia, held on the 9th day of February, 2015, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of four members of the Mayor and Council; and

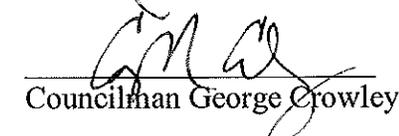
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City of Calhoun Board of Education, held on the 17th day of February, 2015, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of five members of the Calhoun Board of Education.



Mayor James F. Palmer



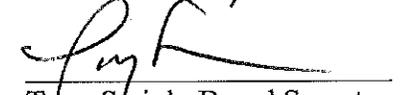
Mayor Pro Tem Al Edwards



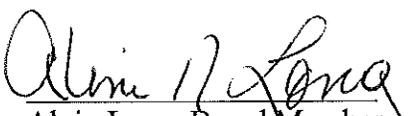
Councilman George Crowley



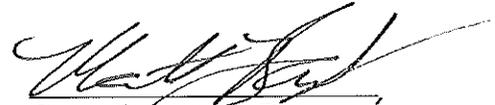
Eddie Reeves, Board Chair



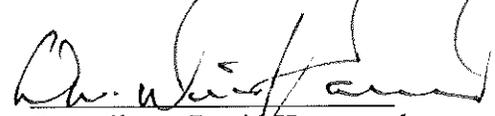
Tony Swink, Board Secretary



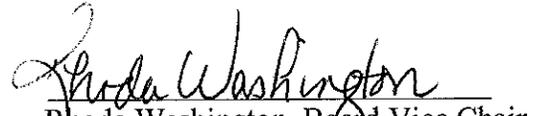
Alvin Long, Board Member



Councilman Matt Barton



Councilman David Hammond

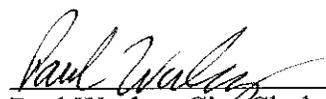


Rhoda Washington, Board Vice Chair



David Scoggins, Board Member

ATTEST:



Paul Worley, City Clerk