

RESOLUTION FOR ELECTION WITHIN THE SOUTH MADISON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) MIL TAX LEVY SHALL BE IMPOSED TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUE DEDICATED FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SOUTH MADISON FIRE DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE NOTICE TO BE MADE FOR SAID ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a two (2) mils tax was imposed upon the homeowners within the jurisdiction and territory of the South Madison Fire District without an election prior thereto, as required by § 19-5-189 (2)(b) of the MS Code of 1972 (Annotated); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the unauthorized 2 mils levy imposed without prior approval through due election by the voters in the fire district constituted an error and culminated in the total levy of four (4) mils, all of which were pledged and dedicated to the operation, management and maintenance of the South Madison Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that the Madison County Fire District has rendered superior fire and emergency services to the residents, homeowners and property owners within the South Madison Fire District, and further believes that the fire protection services rendered by the District should be enabled to continue in order that it might provide for the safety of the residents and property owners within the District, and so that it might continue to generate financial savings to the residents, homeowners and property owners through the achievement of beneficial fire insurance ratings due to improvement of fire protection in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined the need to seek mandate of the homeowners, residents, and property owners within the South Madison Fire District, concerning the issue of whether the two (2) mils levy should continue to be imposed upon them by vote of the homeowners and residents, at an election held pursuant to § 19-5-189 (2)(c) MS Code of 1972 (Annotated); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that said election should be held as quickly as possible pursuant to the guidelines of § 19-9-13 MS Code of 1972 (Annotated), and that the Chancery Clerk should be authorized to post notice of the election pursuant to law as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with the board of the South Madison Fire District, has determined that said election will be held on February 23, 2016, to consider the following question to be put before the voters and electors within the South Madison Fire District:

The Issue

Currently, the South Madison County Fire District operates, and provides fire protection to citizens within the fire district based upon revenues collected from a four (4) mils levy. Two (2) mils of the four (4) mils levy were imposed without an election, contrary to state law. The question before you is whether the 2 mils levy will be approved authorizing the 4 mils to continue to be

imposed, the proceeds of which are pledged for the operation and benefit of the South Madison Fire District. Approval of the 2 mils levy would result in the imposition of a total of 4 mils levy, which would not represent a tax increase beyond what is currently being imposed at the present time.

For the two (2) mils increase: _____

Against the two (2) mils increase: _____

THEREFORE, the aforesaid having been considered, the Madison County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chancery Clerk to post notice of an election to be held on February 23, 2016, to determine the question of whether the additional 2 mils will continue to be collected for the operation of the South Madison County Fire District, and to otherwise authorize Madison County and South Madison Fire District officials to commence all actions necessary to effect and conduct said election.

RESOLVED this the _____ day of December, 2015 pursuant to Motion made by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ with vote being as follows:

Supervisor Karl Banks _____

Supervisor John Bell Crosby _____

Supervisor John Howland _____

Supervisor Paul Griffin _____

Supervisor Gerald Steen _____