

**Sales Surtax Oversight Advisory Committee
October 19, 2015**

Committee Members Present:

**Carey Baker
Keith Mullins
Scott Smith
Bill Smith
Rachel Holtzclaw
Bea Meeks
Michael Rankin**

Also Present:

**Wendy Taylor, County Manager's Office
David Heath, County Manager
Diana Johnson, County Attorney's Office
Gary Cooney, Clerk's Office**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 235 in the County Administration Building, Tavares, Florida, by Keith Mullins, Chairman.

It was announced that this meeting was properly advertised and that a quorum was present to conduct business.

The committee reviewed the submitted information from Clermont, Eustis, Leesburg, Minneola and Mount Dora. After discussing at length the resale project submitted by Eustis, the committee determined that it was not an allowable use of the tax and asked for them to submit a revised report with that item removed. All other reports were accepted. **Eustis submitted a revised report as instructed.**

Discussion ensued as to the importance of having the cities' Finance Director or designee attend the meetings to answer any questions that arise regarding their reports. Bea Meeks made a motion that should the Sales Tax be renewed, the County Commission should require mandatory attendance of the cities' Finance Director or designee at the Sales Tax Committee meetings to answer questions, and the penalty for not attending would be that the committee would not address their report. The motion was seconded by Col. Scott Smith and carried unanimously.

The Chairman reminded the committee of the joint meeting on November 10 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Taylor