



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing on Millage Rate
Minutes of Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 5:45 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chairman Connie M. Melear
Commissioner Michael W. Carraway
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:
Leanne Reece - Internal Services

County Staff
Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the public hearing to order at 5:45 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Duncan declared a quorum with three Commissioners present.

C. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the July 16, 2024 agenda.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

(D1) Millage Rate Hearing

County Manager Johnson presented the 2024 Tax Digest current versus proposed worksheet, portion of property taxes levied in 2024, and the calculation of the rollback rate. He stated that the Board has advertised that the proposed millage rate is 4.795 mills, an increase of .227 mills. The next public hearings will be on July 23rd at 8:30 a.m. and August 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Ye Sun Wiltse and Ronald Gilchrist expressed their opinion on the millage rate.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Duncan adjourned the public hearing at 5:57 p.m.

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk