



Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing on Millage Rate
Minutes of Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 5:45 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chairman Gary L. Richardson
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner Donald Skinner, Sr.
Commissioner Alison G. Couch
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:
Leanne Reece Internal Services
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Scott Sterling - Planning Services
John Luton - Community Services
Chief Jeremy Wallen - Fire Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility 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 five Commissioners present.

C. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the August 01, 2023 agenda.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

(D1) Millage Rate Hearing

County Manager Johnson presented the 2023 Tax Digest current versus proposed worksheet, portion of property taxes levied in 2023, and the calculation of the rollback rate. It was stated that the Board has advertised that the proposed millage rate is 4.895 mills, an increase of .253 mills. The next public hearings will be on August 8th at 8:30 a.m. and August 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Ye Sun Wiltse and Laurie Taylor expressed their opinion on the millage rate.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Duncan adjourned the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk