



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing on Millage Rate
Minutes of Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 8:30 AM
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 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
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
County Staff
Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the public hearing to order at 8:30 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Duncan gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Duncan led the Pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Duncan declared a quorum with five Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the August 01, 2023 minutes of the Millage Rate Public Hearing. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the August 01, 2023 agenda.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

(G1) Millage Rate Hearing

County Manager Johnson presented information on the current versus proposed millage rate, 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 hearing will be on and August 15th at 6:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Duncan adjourned the public hearing at 8:38 a.m.

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk