

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

SPECIAL CALLED HEARING MINUTES

October 1, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL SESSION:

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons called the October 1, 2026, Special Called Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Chairman Lee Hearn was absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Gibbons offered the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda: Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Charles Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Hearn was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. First Public Hearing to discuss the 2026 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Chief Financial Officer Sheryl Weinmann stated that the 2025 Digest ended with \$10.5 Billion. Real property increased by 2.59% and personal property increased by approximately \$2 Billion, which was a \$277.99% increase. She noted that everything in the growth section was not part of the rollback. Motor vehicles had a decrease of \$5,688,940, which was typical of the TAVT (Title Ad Valorem Tax). "Others" included heavy-duty equipment and timber, as an example, increased by 3.30%. There was an increase in the exemptions, which was a negative outcome to the digest. This made the growth change to a total of \$2.2 Billion. The rollback was determined by the reassessments which were lower and exemptions reassessments increased that resulted in a positive change to the digest of \$2.56 Billion at a 24% increase making the digest \$13 billion in total.

She stated that there was a change from year to year from \$10.5 billion to \$13.074 billion for 2026. Ms. Weinmann stated that there was a \$2.5 billion increase due personal property collections.

The proposed millage rates were no change. Fire Services at 2.82, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at 1.000, 911 at 0.210 and the County's General Fund Maintenance and Operations at 3.763. Staff proposed no increase and no decrease. Ms. Weinmann continued the presentation with examples of a 2026 Fayette County Tax Bill, showing the proposed rate (3.763) versus a rollback rate (3.667). She stated that the difference between the proposed rate and a rollback rate was \$21.60, not included a floating homestead, which would make the amount less. Fayette County was listed as the thirteenth lowest millage rate of the fifteen local counties around Fayette County and metro counties similar in size to Fayette County. The presentation

included a history of the County's millage rate and gave examples of what a property tax bill, not including floating homestead, would look like for a home valued at \$575,000 in Unincorporated Fayette County, in the Town of Brooks, in Peachtree City, in the City of Fayetteville, and in the Town of Tyrone. Ms. Weinmann stated that the Board of Education received 72% of the tax at \$4,400 and the County's portion was \$844 in the example.

These were presented from lowest to highest millage rate amounts. The Board of Education, Peachtree City, Town of Tyrone and Unincorporated Fayette County will keep their millage rate the same, and the Town of Brooks and the City of Fayetteville will rollback the millage rate for 2026. Since 2014, if Unincorporated Fayette County had kept the millage rate the same, the County would have accumulated \$147.4M. This was a savings to the citizens of \$147.4M to the citizens of Fayette County.

This was the second public hearing. The third public hearing and request to approve the resolution will take place on October 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Maxwell stated that earlier there was a robust conversation regarding the millage rate and personal property tax. He stated that he was not going to attempt to recreate that discussion, instead he encouraged the citizens to view the meeting on the County's YouTube channel.

There was no one that spoke in opposition or in favor of the millage rate.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved adjourn. Commissioner Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Chairman Hearn was absent.

The October 1, 2026, Special Called Millage Rate Hearing adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Tameca P. Smith, County Clerk

Edward Gibbons, Vice Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 22nd day of October 2026. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.