

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Minutes Special Called Public Hearing

August 15, 2019
5:00 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 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Randy Ognio called the August 15, 2019 Special Called Public Hearing to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Commissioner Charles Rousseau and Commissioner Eric Maxwell was absent from the Public Hearing.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Charles Oddo offered the Invocation and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice Chairman Charles Oddo moved to accept the agenda as written. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consideration of Resolution 2019-10 adopting the 2019 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Fayette County Assistant Chief Financial Officer Sheryl Weinmann presented an overview of the proposed 2019 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Ms. Weinmann stated that the August 15, 2019 Special Called Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. was the second of three Public Hearings for Board consideration in levying the proposed Tax Millage Rate. She continued highlighting 2019 Tax Digest changes. Ms. Weinmann stated that there was an 8.02% growth in real property and a 7.06% growth in personal property. She added that there was a reduction of 18.09 in motor vehicles as a result of Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT). Ms. Weinmann stated that the overall net increase was \$148,298,410 which was a 2.51% increase. There was also a 6.21% increase in exemptions which was \$129,441,463. The reassessments came in at 5.42% totaling \$319,964,484. Ms. Weinmann stated that the overall Positive Change in the Net Digest was a 7.61% increase at \$449,405,947. This gives the County a \$6,351,075,145 digest. She stated that the recommendation for the 2019 Millage Rates was to maintain the current millage rate as 2018, which included the General Fund Maintenance & Operations; 4.392, Fire Services; 3.070, Emergency Medical Services; 0.456, and 911 Services; 0.210. She added that this was a change because there was no rollback which had consistently been done over the past few years. Ms. Weinmann advised citizens that the 3rd Public Hearing would be Thursday, August 22, 6:30 pm where staff would request that the Board adopt Resolution 2019-10 to levy the County property tax digest.

County Administrator Steve Rapson stated that the entire Budget was based on a focus toward enhancing both compensation and retention for Public Safety which included Fire, 911, Sheriff Office, Police, Marshalls, and Constables.

Chairman Ognio stated, for clarification, that an article in the Citizen Newspaper stated that the Public Hearing would be on Wednesday August 15, 2019, which was incorrect and should have noted Thursday. He stated that the paper also said there would be an increase in the Mileage rate of .221 mills which is incorrect. Chairman Ognio continued stating that the millage rate was not increasing, however there would not be a rollback.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Oddo moved to adjourn the August 15, 2019 Special Called Public Hearing. Commissioner Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

The August 15, 2019 Special Called Public Hearing adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Marlena M. Edwards, Deputy County Clerk

Randy O. Ognio, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 12th day of September 2019. Referenced attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena M. Edwards, Deputy County Clerk