

OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Oconee County Courthouse – Commission Chambers
23 North Main Street
Watkinsville, GA 30677

TAX MILLAGE LEVY PUBLIC HEARING
July 6, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Chairman John Daniell
Commissioner Mark Thomas
Commissioner Chuck Horton
Commissioner Amrey Harden

Staff Present:

Justin Kirouac, County Administrator
Daniel Haygood, County Attorney
Holly Stephenson, County Clerk
Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Tracye Bailey, Deputy Clerk
Alex Newell, Internal Services Director
Guy Herring, Planning & Code Enforcement Director
Grace Tuschak, Planning & Code Enforcement Senior Planner

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Chairman John Daniell called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Justin Kirouac stated this is the first Public Hearings for the 2021 Tax Millage Levy. The recommended unincorporated millage rate is 6.65 mills, a decrease from previous 6.686 mills, but still constitutes a tax increase of 4.99 percent due to the increase in the overall tax digest. The recommended incorporated millage rate is 7.59 mills, a decrease from previous 7.616 mills, and also considered a tax increase of 6.14 percent due to the increase in the overall tax digest valuation.

The Public Hearing was opened.

John Webb, 1320 Bent Creek Road, commended the Board for the millage roll back that was done even though he hoped it would have been more. He recognized the difficulty in balancing the budget and setting an appropriate millage rate. He suggested the Commissioners consider future roll backs, up to a tenth of a mill next year.

Jeff Hood, 1031 Julian Court, asked where the \$1.3 million for the library under the proposed FY22 SPLOST budget would be designated.

Chairman John Daniell explained it would be for the new construction of the library at Wire Park, which will also be partially funded by the City of Watkinsville also.

Chairman Daniell asked if there were “raised hands” via Zoom and there were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Chairman Daniell stated that the second Public Hearing for the Tax Millage Levy will be held on July 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., the third Public Hearing will be on August 3rd at 5:30 p.m., with the adoption to occur on August 3rd at the 6:00 p.m. Board of Commissioners Meeting in the Commission Chambers of the Oconee County Courthouse.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:07 p.m.

John Daniell, Chairman

Holly Stephenson, County Clerk

Date