

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
August 3, 2021
Perry, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in Special Called session at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday August 3, 2021, at the Houston County Courthouse in Perry, Georgia, with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Byrd, Perdue, Walker and Robinson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, and Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the second public hearing on the 2021 millage rate.

Chairman Stalnaker announced that this was the second of three required public hearings held to inform the citizens that the Board of Commissioners will maintain the 2021 millage rate at 9.935 which funds the FY22 maintenance and operations budget of the general County government and the 2021 millage rate for Fire will remain at 1.177. He stressed that the proposed millage rate for 2021 remains the same as the 2020 millage rate. The total increase in revenues for FY22 that the proposed millage rate will generate is \$2,057,911. This increase requires the three public hearings advising the public that the County could rollback the millage by 0.465 of a mill. By not rolling back the millage to 9.47 mills the County will gain an additional \$2,057,911 to help fund the FY22 budget of \$67.86 million. This \$2,057,911 is projected revenue only since 100% of taxes would have to be collected to realize the additional revenue. The millage in Houston County for the 2016 tax year was 9.95, for 2017 through 2020 it was 9.935, and it is proposed again for the 2021 tax year at 9.935. In 1990 the millage rate was 8.97 mills and 31 years later there has been less than a one mill increase. He reiterated that 9.935 is the proposed millage rate for the 2021 tax year for General Fund operations and 1.177 for Fire.

Chairman Stalnaker closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Stalnaker announced that the third public hearing required by law would be held Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Board Room at the County Annex building in Warner Robins after which the Board will vote on the adoption of the 2021 millage rate at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Stalnaker then closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened Commissioner's comments.

Mr. Byrd expressed appreciation for the employees, department heads, and elected officials of Houston County for offering services to the citizens of the county in an efficient manner.

Mr. Walker thanked all County employees for the outstanding job they do every day.

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Chairman Stalnaker commented that Houston County operates under a tax cap and does not have the ability to raise additional tax dollars by raising the millage. The tax cap is not all bad in that it has forced the County to constrain its expenditures. If any property owner has experienced a tax increase it is because the value of their property has changed due to reassessment or improvement. If your properties value remained the same or less as the previous year, then there is no tax increase for those individuals.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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