

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
July 30, 2018
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in special called meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 30, 2018 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners McMichael, Walker, Robinson, and Thomson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Fire/HEMA Chief Jimmy Williams, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker and Walton and Becky Wood.

County Attorney Tom Hall gave the invocation.

Director of Administration Barry Holland led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stalnaker informed everyone that this was the third and final of three required public hearings held to inform the citizens that the Board of Commissioners will maintain the 2018 millage rate at 9.935 which funds the FY19 maintenance and operations of the general County government. He stressed that that proposed millage rate for 2018 remains the same as the 2017 millage rate. The total increase in revenues from tax for FY19 that the proposed millage rate will generate is \$578,305 which equates to a 1.54% increase. This increase requires the three public hearings advising the public that the County could rollback the millage by 0.17 percent or 17/100 of a mill. By not rolling back the millage to 9.918 mills the County will gain an additional \$65,157 to help fund the FY19 General Fund budget of \$57.3 million. This \$65,157 is anticipated income only since 100% of taxes would have to be collected to realize the additional revenue. The millage for Houston County for the 2016 tax year was 9.96, for 2017 it was 9.935, and for 2018 it is proposed again at 9.935. In 1990 the millage rate was 8.97 mills and 28 years later there has been less than a one mill increase. He reiterated that 9.935 is the proposed millage rate for the 2018 tax year for General Fund operations.

Chairman Stalnaker then closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing on the proposed 2018 millage rate.

There being no public comments, Chairman Stalnaker closed the public hearing on the 2018 millage rate and reopened the regular meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker read the resolution for the Houston County tax levy for 2018.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing resolutions setting the Houston County tax levy for 2018 at 23.232 mills in the incorporated areas and 24.409 mills in the unincorporated areas, as hereby specified:

Incorporated

9.935 mills General County Purposes
Purposes
13.297 mills Educational Purposes
0.000 mills State Levy
23.232 mills

Unincorporated

9.935 mills General County
Purposes
13.297 mills Educational Purposes
0.000 mills State Levy
1.177 mills Fire Levy
24.409 mills

Chairman Stalnaker then briefed the Board on a part-time position in the Accountability Court that would become a temporary full-time program case manager position under the new FY19 grant that had been approved at the June 19, 2018 meeting. The original motion did not include specific language that would make the transition of the part-time position to a full-time position.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve changing the temporary part-time mental health case manager position in the Mental Health Accountability Court to a temporary full-time program case manager position (Grade 12-A) effective July 17, 2018. This temporary full-time position is grant funded and will terminate if and when grant funding is discontinued or if funding is reduced to a level at which it can no longer support the position.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Commissioners Comments.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked County staff and Director of Administration Barry Holland in particular for their combined efforts during the budget and tax digest process. He mentioned that Cobb County is raising their millage rate by 1.5 mills and that other large counties were doing the same.

Mr. Walker commended the outstanding county staff and commented that we can achieve great results working as a team.

Ms. Robinson echoed Mr. Walker's comments.

Mr. Thomson stated that he appreciated all the work that went into the process from all staff, department heads, elected officials and constitutional officers.

Mr. McMichael remarked that Houston was the best county in the state and he thanked Chairman Stalnaker for his leadership.

Chairman Stalnaker then passed out copies of the new FY19 budget book which also contains information on the tax digest and millage rate.

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There being no further comments the meeting continued.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all, meeting adjourned.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner