

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
August 11, 2021
Warner Robins, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in Special Called session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 11, 2021, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia, with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Perdue, Walker and Robinson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, and Director of Personnel Ken Carter.

Chairman Stalnaker announced that Commissioner Byrd was not present due to a prior obligation.

Attorney Tom Hall led the audience in the invocation.

Director of Administration Barry Holland led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Chairman Stalnaker announced that this was the third and final required public hearing 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 that proposed millage rate for 2021 remains the same as the 2020 millage rate. It is misleading to advertise this as a tax increase, but State law requires it. Any individual receiving a tax increase is due to reassessment not by a change in the millage. The last reassessment was approximately twelve years ago. 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 concluded the public hearing and then announced that the Board will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. this morning as advertised to approve the 2021 tax levy and adopt the millage rate. Also, there is one additional item of business regarding a personnel request that will be heard at the 9:30 a.m. meeting following the adoption of the millage rate.

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Motion by Mr. Perdue, second by Ms. Robinson to adjourn the meeting. Upon voting Mr. Perdue, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Walker voted yes, meeting adjourned.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

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