

**Board of Commissioners Public Hearing  
Courthouse Commission Chambers  
August 27, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.  
Minutes**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
TAX MILLAGE LEVY**

**Members Present:**

Chairman John Daniell  
Commissioner Chuck Horton  
Commissioner William E. “Bubber” Wilkes  
Commissioner Mark Saxon

**Member Absent:**

Commissioner Mark Thomas

**Staff Present:**

Justin Kirouac, County Administrator  
Kathy Hayes, County Clerk  
Wes Geddings, Finance Director  
Diane Baggett, Communications Director

**Call to Order:** 11:00 a.m.

Chairman John Daniell called the meeting to order and stated that this is the second Public Hearing for the Tax Millage Levy.

Finance Director Wes Geddings reviewed the proposed 2019 millage and property rate increase as advertised in the legal organ of the County on July 25, 2019 and August 1, 2019. The Board held its first Public Hearing on August 6, 2019. Mr. Geddings stated that the Oconee County was proposing adoption of a millage rate of 6.686 (unincorporated) and 7.626 (incorporated). The Property Digest reflects an increase due to an increase in assessed property values of \$133,366,603.00. The resulting Tax Digest countywide is \$2,145,653,423.00. Due to the increase in assessed property values, the proposed county millage rates are considered by state law to be tax increases of approximately 6.46% (unincorporated) and 7.93% (incorporated). The increases result in the addition of \$1.357 million to the Tax Digest. The rollback rate increase is 0.406 mill (unincorporated) and 0.560 mill (incorporated). The unincorporated proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$350,000 is approximately \$56.03 and for an incorporated homestead property with a fair market value of \$350,000, it is approximately \$77.28.

*The Public Comment period was opened.*

Robert B. Ward, Jr., Tarpley Lane, asked how the increased funds will be used. Chairman Daniell responded the funds will be used for employees (health care, cost of living adjustment, step pay) and \$500,000 has been allocated for road work.

*The Public Comment period was closed.*

Chairman Daniell reminded the public that the third Public Hearing for the tax millage rate would be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 and action regarding the millage rate adoption will be considered at the Board’s Agenda Setting Meeting on the same day at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:03 a.m.

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John Daniell, Chairman

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Kathy Hayes, County Clerk

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Date