

**Board of Commissioners Public Hearing
Courthouse Commission Chambers
August 27, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
Minutes**

**PUBLIC HEARING
TAX MILLAGE LEVY**

Members Present:

Commissioner Mark Thomas
Commissioner Chuck Horton
Commissioner William E. “Bubber” Wilkes
Commissioner Mark Saxon

Member Absent:

Chairman John Daniell

Staff Present:

Justin Kirouac, County Administrator
Kathy Hayes, County Clerk
Wes Geddings, Finance Director
Paula Nedza, IT Director
Diane Baggett, Communications Manager
Tracye Bailey, Deputy Clerk
Jody Woodall, Public Works Director

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Mark Saxon called the meeting to order.

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 first Public Hearing was held on August 6, 2019, and the second Public Hearing was held at 11:00 a.m. on August 27, 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 a homestead property in the incorporated areas a fair market value of \$350,000, it is approximately \$77.28

Chairman Daniell reminded the public that action regarding the millage rate adoption will be considered at the Board’s Agenda Setting Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Public Comment period was opened and there was none.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:32 p.m.

Mark Saxon, Vice-Chairman

Kathy Hayes, County Clerk

Date