

Newton County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing
July 25, 2023
Historic Courthouse-1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014
6:00 PM

Minutes

Present were Chairman Banes, Commissioners Edwards, Mason, Sanders and Cowan, County Manager Harold Cooper, Attorney Priya Patel and Deputy Clerk Susan Nolley. Other administrative personnel and the media were in attendance.

Chairman Banes called the Public Hearing to Order

Commissioner Cowan gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Edwards.

Chairman Banes turned the floor to the County Manager Harold Cooper.

Mr. Cooper announced we are here for the Public Hearing of the Adoption of the Millage Rate.

Brittany White, Finance Director stated the Tax Increase Statement will be read into record.

LaTonja Hamp read the following Tax Increase Statement into record.

TAX INCREASE STATEMENT

Newton County has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 6.71 percent. This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 8.439 mills, an increase of .531 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.908 mills.

The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$61.60 and the proposed tax increase for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$275,000 is approximately \$58.41.

Three (3) Public Hearing were required. This is the third Public Hearing. The first hearing was held on July 18th at 2:00 p.m. and the second was held on July 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Banes opened the floor for citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

John Dobbs expressed concerns regarding increase in taxes and commented on the number of foreclosures listed in the local newspaper.

The Public Hearing is closed.

Chairman Banes called for a motion to adjourn.

6:04 PM

Adjournment- Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mason and all agreed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan G. Nolley Deputy Clerk

Marcello Banes, Chairman