

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
August 20, 2024
Warner Robins, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in a special called session at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia, with Chairman Perdue presiding and Commissioners Byrd, Gottwals, Robinson, and Talton present. County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Robbie Dunbar, and Director of Operations Brian Jones were also present.

Chairman Perdue spoke about how the tax rate in Houston County is structured. He mentioned that we are bound by a tax cap that limits our millage rate. This cap is intended to ensure that if our overall tax digest rises too quickly, we must lower the millage rate. He also highlighted that the County is obligated to evaluate its unfunded mandates, as these are not included in the tax cap's guidelines. He explained that we are returning to a rollback rate, which is the rate at which the current set of properties does not generate any extra property tax revenue compared to the previous year. He pointed out that while new construction and development can increase property tax revenue, existing properties will not provide any additional tax income. He clarified that this does not mean individual property owners will not see higher taxes; rather, when viewed as a whole, the existing properties will not produce any extra tax revenue this year compared to last year.

He stated that the 2023 millage rate of 9.561 would be decreased by 1.06 mills to the proposed 2024 millage rate of 8.501 mills. Chairman Perdue gave the incorporated Houston County millage as 20.220 which is comprised of 8.501 County millage and 11.719 Board of Education millage. He concluded his comments about the 2024 millage, he advised that the unincorporated County millage rate as 21.397 which is made up of the same 8.501 County millage, 11.719 Board of Education millage and 1.177 mills to cover fire protection in unincorporated Houston County.

Chairman Perdue thanked all of the County employees for their work on the 2024 millage rate, and expressed how pleased he was to be able to present a proposed roll back rate on the 2024 millage.

Chairman Perdue closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened a Public Hearing.

There being no comments Chairman Perdue closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular portion of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Perdue signing the resolutions setting the Houston County Tax Levy for 2024 at 20.220 mills in the incorporated areas and 21.397 mills in the unincorporated areas as hereby specified:

Incorporated		Unincorporated	
8.501 mills	General County Purposes	8.501 mills	General County Purposes
11.719 mills	Educational Purposes	11.719 mills	Educational Purposes
<u>0.000</u> mills	State Levy	0.000 mills	State Levy
20.220 mills		<u>1.177</u> mills	Fire Levy
		21.397 mills	

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Motion to adjourn by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all. Meeting adjourned.

Robbie Dunbar
Director of Administration

Chairman

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