

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE 2019 MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING (3 OF 3) &

REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a 2019 Millage Public Hearing (3 of 3) and a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, County Attorney Mary Jane Henneke, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Dean Dyer provided the invocation.

Ms. Jodi Ligon presented the proposed 2019 millage rate.

**White County
Board of
Commissioners**

**Tax Year 2019
Millage Rate**

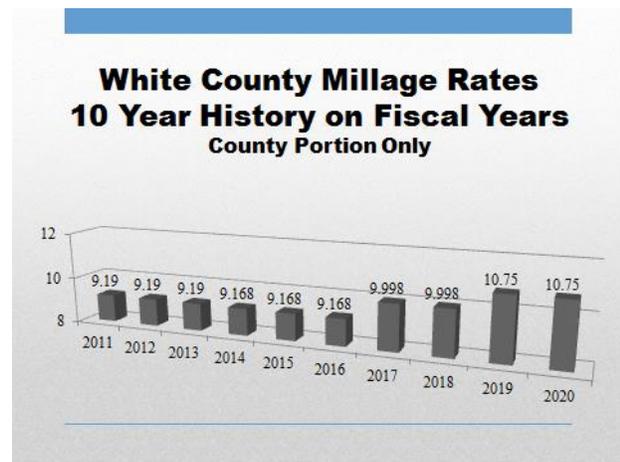
August 5, 2019

Millage Rate

- Percentage figure applied to the value of your property to calculate your property tax liability. A "mill" equals one dollar of tax on every thousand dollars of taxable value. Tax dollars are used to fund the cost of governmental operations and services each year.
- The White County Assessors office determines the fair market value of property, which is then taxed 40% of the value.
- The Tax Commissioner takes the information, applies the millage set by the governing authority, then bills and collects the taxes.

Millage Rate Recommendation

- The Board of Commissioners has announced and advertised a millage rate of 10.75 for the tax year 2019. This remains the same rate as the 2018 tax year.
- FY2020 approved budget totals \$19,190,827. The proposed millage rate of 10.75 will provide \$10,138,766 in property tax revenue.



White County Millage Rates History of Reported Revenues

Fiscal Year	Millage Rate	Revenue Collected
2010	9.19	\$9,560,384
2011	9.19	\$9,386,738
2012	9.19	\$8,919,309
2013	9.19	\$8,059,536*
2014	9.168	\$7,567,792*
2015	9.168	\$7,451,893*
2016	9.168	\$7,794,738*
2017	9.998	\$8,545,208*
2018	9.998	\$8,782,572*
2019	10.75	\$9,883,003* (Pre-Audit)

*As per personal audit figures (AVI and AVII) are not part of closed figures and not included on this report

Impact on Average Homeowner County Portion Only - Tax Year 2019

Home Value	\$300,000	\$500,000
40% Assessed Value	\$120,000	\$200,000
Rate	10.75	10.75
Estimated County Tax	\$1,290.00	\$2,150.00

Allocation of Tax Dollars Estimate

\$300,000 Home Value

40% value = \$120,000

Year	10.75 County	17.481 School	28.231 Total
2019	\$1,290.00	\$2,097.72	\$3,387.72

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real & Personal	906,810,169	960,222,701	971,182,849	987,613,788	1,046,232,819	1,081,709,010
Motor Vehicles	68,666,640	46,627,480	36,167,490	28,372,660	23,926,300	21,090,910
Mobile Homes	6,879,044	6,217,064	6,131,908	5,849,084	6,920,336	6,863,688
Timber-100%	21,872	62,440	36,730	111,239	77,663	108,670
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	69,900	37,176	0	17,870	8,936
Gross Digest	970,379,716	1,006,299,686	1,013,646,163	1,021,846,771	1,076,176,388	1,109,774,020
Less M&O Exemptions	137,694,286	146,645,728	149,922,607	161,614,639	164,468,394	166,633,017
Net M&O Digest	832,786,430	859,766,887	863,623,646	870,232,082	911,716,494	943,141,003
Gross M&O Millage	0.011666	0.011694	0.012643	0.012664	0.015496	0.015684
Less Rollbacks	0.002597	0.002416	0.002646	0.002666	0.002746	0.002834
Net M&O Millage	0.009169	0.009168	0.009998	0.009998	0.010760	0.010760
Net Taxes Levied	\$7,634,977	\$7,975,074	\$8,634,608	\$8,700,680	\$9,800,962	\$10,133,766
Net Taxes % Increase	-47.067	238.097	761.454	66.072	1,100.372	337.814
Net Taxes % Increase	-0.6166%	3.1186%	9.6714%	.7562%	12.6471%	3.4467%

**Questions
or
Comments**

Following the presentation, Chairman Turner opened the floor of public comment.

There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was adjourned.

At 4:45 p.m., Chairman Turner called the Regular Meeting to order.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adopt a resolution (County Resolution 2019-12) setting the 2019 millage rate for White County (County & School) thereby providing authorization for the Chairman to execute:

- PT 32.1 Form – Computation of millage rate rollback and percentage increase in property taxes – 2019;
- PT 35 Form – County millage rate certification for tax year 2019;
- Certification of use of insurance premium tax in the unincorporated area of White County; and
- Certification of pending appeals.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE YEAR 2019 MILLAGE RATE

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners is the Taxing Authority of White County; and

WHEREAS, the digest for the taxable year 2019 has been established; and

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, wherein there is included a portion of revenues to be derived from property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Education has approved an M&O millage rate for the taxable year 2019, along with no school bond millage rate;

NOW, THEREFORE, the White County Board of Commissioners hereby sets the taxable year 2019 millage rate for the incorporated and unincorporated areas as follows:

County portion - 10.75;
State portion - .00;
School portion - 17.481;
School Bond portion - 0.0; and
Total 28.231

RESOLVED, this 5th day of August 2019.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

s/Shanda Murphy

s/Travis C. Turner
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Called Meeting held June 17, 2019, the Called Meeting held July 2, 2019 (including Executive Session minutes), the Millage Public Hearing (a.m.) & Called Meeting held July 18, 2019 (including Executive Session minutes), and the Millage Public Hearing (p.m.) held July 18, 2019.

Mr. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, presented the monthly SPLOST Status Report (see attached).

Mr. Will Wagner, Chairman of the White County Historical Preservation Committee, provided an update on the committee's progress, as required by the resolution which established the committee. He began by thanking the many different organizations and individuals who had assisted the committee. He stated that the committee had met monthly for the past several months, hosted a community open house at Hardman Farm in order to obtain public input on desired historic preservation efforts, and would be hosting a second open house on September 5 at the Historic Courthouse. He indicated that the committee would be working on an overlay which would be presented as part of the land use plan and that some of the recommended measures were protection of view sheds, restrictions on light pollution, development of a noise ordinance, and an advisory committee for voluntary reconstruction of historical structures. Mr. Wagner informed the Board that the committee would be asking for an extension to the initial twelve (12) month timeline they were given to address the various features of historic preservation. He stated the first open house concentrated mostly on the Sautee Nacoochee Valley and the second open house would be more focused on county wide resources including church campgrounds and historic cemeteries. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Wagner and the other members of the committee for their work.

Mr. Dave Cangemi, Director of Public Works, presented bids received for the deep patching and overlay of Truelove Road and the deep patching of Post Road and Old 75 South.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a vote to award the bid for deep patching and overlay of Truelove Road and the deep patching of Post Road and Old 75 South to Precision Paving in the amount of \$81,608.34 to be funded from SPLOST. Commissioner Bryant abstained from the vote due to a business conflict. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote. The Board emphasized that this repair work needed to be completed in 2019.

Mr. Dave Cangemi advised the Board that through surplus sell of equipment he had generated \$55,000.00 in revenue and he requested that those funds be allocated to the purchase of a bucket truck for the Road Department. He advised the Board on the need for the equipment and provided examples of used bucket trucks available for purchase.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to authorize Mr. Melton to approve a down payment on a used bucket truck once located (up to \$5,000.00) with the final purchase of the truck to be brought before the Board for approval.

Mr. Cangemi provided an update on the paving of Joe Franklin Road. He provided photos depicting the issues encountered with groundwater on the road and the measures taken in order to remediate those issues. He stated that he did not recommend paving the road at this time and would like to monitor the groundwater until spring 2020. He provided a cost analysis which details the original road preparation at \$101,351.35 – however he stated that a change order would need to be processed for an additional \$51,856.58 related to the work done due to address the groundwater issues for a total preparation cost of \$153,207.93 – with paving estimated at \$93,689.70 for a total project (if paved) at \$246,897.63. There was a consensus to move forward with completing the current prep work and allow Mr. Cangemi adequate time to monitor the groundwater on Joe Franklin Road.

Mr. Robert Hamrick, Director of Information Technology, presented a quote to the Board for the purchase and installation of 22 security cameras at the Yonah Preserve Ballfield Complex. He provided a diagram of the camera coverage areas throughout the park and advised that the recording capacity was 30 days. Following discussion the Board advised to add camera coverage at the bridge gate, the parking area at the Asbestos Road park, the gym, the pickle ball courts, and the pool. It was noted that this project would require sealed bids.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to designate Chairman Turner as the 2019 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate.

Ms. Jodi Ligon presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

During County Manager comments there was a consensus that the Board wanted to move forward with the addition of an American Flag to the military monument at Freedom Park. The Board also asked Mr. Melton to follow up with Sheriff Walden on previously discussed issues with code enforcement duties.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public participation.

Dr. Scott Malinconico, 2870 Panorama Drive Sautee Nacoochee, GA asked for an update on the county's progress on a consent agreement with Mr. Robert Sloane related to his violation of the Mountain Protection Ordinance – as Mr. Malinconico's property neighbors Sloane's property and a portion of the violation occurred on Mr. Malinconico's property. Following discussion it was agreed that Mr. Malinconico and Mr. Melton would meet in order to discuss the status of the agreement as relates to his property.

Chairman Turner closed the floor.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss litigation.

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the August 5, 2019 Millage Public Hearing and Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 26th day of August, 2019.

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s/Travis C. Turner

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Terry D. Goodger

Terry D. Goodger, District 1

s/Lyn Holcomb

Lyn Holcomb, District 2

s/Edwin Nix

Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant

Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk