

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Brooks County Administrative Building, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 610 South Highland Road, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman, Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Myra Exum; Mr. Willie Cody; and Mr. Lee Larko. Others present: Mr. Buddy Johnson, County Administrator, was not present; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources; Ms. Janice Jarvis, Finance Director; and various residents.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Prayer/Pledge – Mr. Larko lead all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

II. SET MILLAGE RATES & FEES

- a) Set/Approve the Millage Rate
 - Board of Education
 - Adopt/Approve – Resolution to Adopt Combined Millage Rate – Brooks County & Board of Education
 - Development Authority
 - Briggs Fire District

Chairman read the Resolution to Adopt Combined Millage Rate of Brooks County Board of Commissioners and Brooks County Board of Education. The Board adopted its millage rate for the County operations in the amount of 14.079 mills for unincorporated areas and 17.079 mills for incorporated areas of Brooks County. The Board of Education adopted its millage rate of 12.862 mills during a public meeting on August 27, 2025. The combined millage rate for Brooks County shall be set to 27.241 mills for the unincorporated area of Brooks County and a millage rate of 27.241 mills for the incorporated area of Brooks County.

The millage rate for the Briggs Fire District is 0.00 mills and the millage rate for the Development Authority is set at 3.00 mills. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the Combined Resolution 25-R-8 as is, Mrs. Exum seconded. Chairman called for discussion. Mr. Larko stated he thought the rate was going to be .250 mills, they do not have a permanent employee, only a contract, and it would give taxpayers some relief. Chairman stated he had spoken with the Director, Mr. Tucker; and looking at hiring someone young and vibrant in the future; he would hate it if the fees were less than .300 mills. After further discussion, Chairman called for the vote. Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Exum, Mr. Cody, and Chairman voted yes. Mr. Larko voted no. The vote was 4 to 1.

- b) Set/Approve Fees
 - Solid Waste
 - Fire Fee

- Adopt/Approve Resolution to Set Solid Waste Fees and Fire Fees

On the motion by Mrs. Exum, seconded by Mr. Cody, the Board approved the Resolution 25-R-9, to Set Solid Waste Fees and Fire Fees for FY2025-2026, vote was unanimous.

Solid Waste Fee		\$228.00/Per Can Annually
Fire Fee	Unimproved Land Parcels	\$40.00
	Homestead Parcels	\$130.00
	Non-homestead Parcels	\$170.00
	Prebill Mobile Homes	\$130.00
	Commercial Property	\$240.00

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 10:38am, on the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mrs. Exum.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk