

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Brooks County Administration Building in the Commissioners Chambers, located at 610 South Highland Road; Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mrs. Myra Exum, Chair, Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman; Mr. Patrick Folsom; and Mr. Lee Larko. Mr. Cody was not present. Others present were Mr. Buddy Johnson, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Janice Jarvis, Finance Director; and various residents.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Madam Chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

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

II. Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Increase – The purpose of the hearing was to allow citizen input and questions on the tentative adopted millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 1.59 percent for the unincorporated area and 13.75 percent for the incorporated area. The tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 14.079 mills; an increase of .220 mills for unincorporated areas. The proposed millage rate for both unincorporated and incorporated areas is 14.079, which is unchanged from the previous year. The rollback was discussed as being 13.859.

A. Public Comments

Mrs. Peggy Howard, resident, addressed the Board and stated that she lives in an unincorporated area, so she understood that her taxes would remain the same under the proposed rate. She further commended the Board for completing the process with the required timeline and offered no negative comments.

With no further comments regarding the millage rate, a motion was made by Mr. Larko, and seconded by Mr. Folsom, to adjourn the public hearing at 2:19pm.

Mrs. Myra Exum, Chair

Mr. James (Buddy) Johnson, County Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk