

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Brooks County Administration Building in the Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 610 South Highland Road; Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Patrick Folsom, Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman; Mr. Willie Cody; and Mr. Lee Larko. Ms. Myra Exum was not present; Others present were Mr. Randall Dowling, Interim County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Mr. Jason Kemp, County Attorney, and various residents.

Public Hearing – Chairman Folsom called public hearing to order.

Chairman read the Press Release Announcing a Proposed Property Tax Increase.

The purpose of the hearing was to allow citizen input on the tentative adopted millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 3.33 percent for the unincorporated area and 5.20 percent for the incorporated area. The tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 12.475 mills; an increase of .402 mills for unincorporated area; and 14.278 mills, an increase of .706 mills for incorporated area. A sign-in sheet was provided for those in attendance who wish to speak.

Mr. John Morrison, resident of 1088 Adel Highway, addressed the Board regarding assistance with homestead exemption, currently he is not receiving full exemption. He stated his health is not good and cannot do somethings he used to do and would appreciate anything the Board can do. The Board discussed creating an exemption for the elderly of Brooks County to assist with their homestead exemption. Tax Commissioner, Mrs. Becky Rothrock, informed the Board that the Board of Education is currently providing this exemption to the elderly. The Board will look into this matter.

The Board closed the public hearing at 1:25 a.m., Mr. Larko motioned, and Mr. Maxwell seconded.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman
Mr. Randy Dowling, Interim County Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk