

**Public Hearing on Proposed 2021 Millage Rate
Houston County Annex Building
Warner Robins, Georgia
August 11, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order

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Invocation - County Attorney Tom Hall

Pledge of Allegiance - Director of Administration Barry Holland

1. Presentation on Proposed 2021 Millage Rate
2. Public Comments

Motion for Adjournment

**Public Hearing Talking Points
2021 (Tax Year) Millage Rate
FY2022 Budget Year**

- This public hearing is being held to inform the citizens that the Houston County Board of Commissioners will maintain the 2021 millage rate at 9.935 which funds the FY2022 M&O of general County government and 1.177 mills for Fire.
- We made many statements during the budget process that we would maintain the current 9.935 millage rate and 1.177 for Fire.
- It is misleading to advertise this as a tax increase – but State law requires it. Any individual receiving a tax increase is due to reassessment not by millage. Last reassessment was 12 years ago.
- The total increase in projected revenues from taxes for FY22 is \$2,057,911.
- This requires public hearings advising the public that the County could rollback the millage by 0.465 mills. We exceeded the threshold by 0.465 or less than half of a mill.
- By NOT rolling millage back to 9.47 mills Houston County will gain an additional \$2,057,911 to help support the \$67.9 million General Fund Budget for FY2022.
- I must add this is projected revenue because 100% of taxes would have to be collected to realize the (\$2,057,911).
- Houston millage for 2016 tax year was 9.95, 2017 tax year thru 2020 was 9.935, and 2021 will remain 9.935.
- In 1990 millage rate was 8.97 mills and 31 years later there has been less than (1) mill increase.
- 9.935 is the proposed millage rate for the tax year 2021 for General Fund operations and 1.177 for Fire.