

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

July 20, 2021

5:45 PM

Board Members Present: Andrew Zuerner, Susan Andrews, Rob Grant, Becky Langston. Board Member Absent: Bobby Irions. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Russell Britt, County Attorney; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

Others Present: Vickie Jamerson (Tax Commissioner), Wayne Morris (Tax Assessor), Clint Chastain (CFO).

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Zuerner called the meeting to order and said the purpose was to discuss the options regarding the millage rate for 2021.

CONSIDERATION OF 2021 MILLAGE RATE. Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed the two options being proposed in order to set the millage rate. He said that Option 1 was for Non-Rollback; that if the Board decides to adopt the current millage of 9.38 and not roll back to 9.225, it would trigger the need for three required public hearings to advertise a 1.68% tax increase; that the 9.38 millage will generate \$13,108,982 in tax revenue at a 100% collection rate or \$12,715,712 at the customary 97% collection rate; that the West Point portion in non-rollback would remain at 5.628 with a rollback rate of 5.599 or a 0.52% tax increase; and that only property owners whose property value increased would see a slight increase in taxes. He said that Option 2 was for Rollback; that if the Board decides to adopt the rollback rate of 9.225, there would not be a need for the three public hearings; that the 9.225 rate would generate \$12,892,362 at 100% collection rate or \$12,505,591 at the 97% collection rate; and that the West Point portion rollback rate would be 5.599. Following discussion, consensus was to go with Option 1 and the three public hearings.

ADJOURNMENT