

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CALLED SESSION - PUBLIC HEARING I**

August 2, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Andrew Zuerner, Bobby Irons, Becky Langston. Commissioners Absent: Rob Grant, Susan Andrews. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk. Also in attendance: Wayne Morris, Tax Assessor; Clint Chastain, Chief Financial Officer.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Zuerner called the Called Session to order.
2. **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE ON THE COUNTY'S 2022 MILLAGE LEVY - To hold a Public Hearing as required by State Law on the County's intent to levy a millage rate that differs from the calculated "rollback" millage rate for ad valorem tax purposes.** Chairman Zuerner called the Public Hearing to order and said that the purpose of this meeting is regarding the notice of intent to increase the property tax and that this is the first of three hearings the County is required to hold regarding same; and that there will be two more Public Hearings before the millage rate is set. Chairman Zuerner said that the County has tentatively adopted a 2022 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 2.93 percent County Wide less West Point and by 2.35 percent in the West Point area; that this tentative increase will result in a millage of 9.13 mills.

Chairman Zuerner asked if anyone wished to comment on the millage rate.

Warren McCutchen, citizen who lives on McKee Road, appeared before the Board and stated that he was glad that they considered reducing the millage rate; that he believed that as you should get a tax break after a certain age; that as you get older that you have the same obligations with less money; and that burdens are greater as you get older.

George Clark, citizen who lives on GA Highway 103, appeared before the Board and made comments that taxes and the UDC bothered him; that his and everyone's home was reappraised; and that the budget went up and taxes went up on homes.

There being no further comments, Chairman Zuerner closed the Public Hearing.

3. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further discussion, Chairman Zuerner adjourned the meeting and reminded everyone that the next Public Hearing will be tonight at 6:30 PM.

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Andrew Zuerner, Chairman

Attest:

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Andrea R. Dzioba, County Clerk