

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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August 28, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on August 28, 2023. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. County Attorney Alex Shalishali participated via teleconference. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, Deputy County Clerk Bristeria Hope and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated in person and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel. Commissioner Russell Gray was absent.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for the proposed tax increase of .57% for the County-Wide Digest and the proposed tax increase of .17% for the Special Services Digest. The millage rates remain the same as last year. The County-Wide millage rate is 19.069 and the Special Services millage rate is 9.1730. There being no individuals present in support of or opposition to the proposed tax public hearing, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the approval of the 2023 Millage Rates for the County-Wide General Fund, Special Services District Fund, Dougherty County School System and State of Georgia.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Under discussion and upon the request of Commissioner Edwards, the Chairman provided consent for citizen Graham Edwards to provide comments. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-041 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION ASSESSING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR
COUNTY PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ON ALL TAXABLE
PROPERTY IN THE SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA FOR 2023; REPEALING PRIOR
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK