

## SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

August 28, 2023 10:00 AM

Albany-Dougherty Government Center 222 Pine Ave, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701

## **AGENDA**

The public will also have access to the live meeting by accessing the Dougherty County Georgia Government Facebook page at facebook.com/Dougherty.ga.us or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

- 1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Lorenzo Heard.
- 2. Roll Call.
- 3. Tax Public Hearing. (Those wishing to speak for or against this item should sign the Sign Up sheet located on the table in the rear of the Chamber).
  - a. 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.
- 4. Additional Business.
  - a. Consider for action 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. ACTION:
- 5. Adjourn.

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## 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.

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia is hereby desirous of assessing the rate of taxation for County purposes on all taxable property in Dougherty County and on all taxable property in the Special Services District of Dougherty County for the year 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia and it is hereby resolved by Authority of same as follows:

**SECTION I** 22.702 mills on the dollar or \$22.702 on the thousand is hereby fixed as the rate of taxation for County General Fund purposes for the year 2023 with this rate of taxation being reduced by the equivalent millage of 3.633 mills on the dollar or \$3.633 on the thousand through funds received from the Local Option Sales Tax in calendar year 2022 leaving a net tax of 19.069 mills on the dollar or \$19.069 on the thousand levied or fixed as the rate of taxation for County General Fund purposes on all taxable property in Dougherty County for the year 2023.

**SECTION II A** net tax of 9.173 mills on the dollar or \$9.173 on the thousand is hereby levied on all taxable property in the Special Services District of Dougherty County, Georgia.

**SECTION III A** net tax of 17.993 mills on the dollar or \$17.993 on the thousand is hereby levied as the annual equivalent mill rate to be paid and distributed for maintenance and operation of the Dougherty County School System.

**SECTION IV A** net tax of 0.00 mills on the dollar or \$0.00 on the thousand is hereby levied for State of Georgia purposes as prescribed by law.

**SECTION V** The County Clerk is hereby requested to have this Resolution entered into the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners with a copy to be furnished to the Dougherty County Tax Director, to the Dougherty County School System and to the Revenue Commissioner of the State of Georgia and that the same be advertised if required by law.

**SECTION VI** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 28th day of August 2023.

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	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
	BY:
	Lorenzo L. Heard, Chairman
ATTEST:	
County Clerk	
ADOPTED:	

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended in 1970 provided that; "The Fiscal Authority of the several counties shall levy a tax for the support and maintenance of education not less than five mills nor greater than twenty mills (As recommended by the County Board of Education) upon the dollar of all taxable property in the county located outside independent school system..." and,

WHEREAS, The Dougherty County Board of Education has taken in consideration the needs for operating the public schools of the said county for the term 2023-24 and finds that the taxable digest of said county, including public utilities, will amount to approximately \$2,067,214,962.00 and in adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2023-24, it is found necessary to levy an education tax of 17.993 mills on all property returned in Dougherty County.

**BE IT RESOLVED** That the Dougherty County Board of Education does hereby recommend that the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County levy an education tax of 17.993 mills.

DOUGHERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

By:

Melissa Strother, Chair

Attest:

Kenneth Dyer, Superintendent