

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the Auditorium located at the Brooks County Ag/Extension Building. Commissioners present were: Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman; Mr. Willie Cody; and Ms. Myra Exum. Mr. Patrick Folsom, Vice Chairman was present via telephone. Mr. Rhett Rowe was not present. Others present were: Ms. Jessica J. McKinney, County Administrator; and Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; and various residents.

**1. Public Hearing** – Chairman called public hearing to order. The purpose of the hearing is to set millage rates and fees for FY2020. Chairman inquired if any one present would like to speak?

Ms. Peggy Howard inquired whether the Board was anticipating additional funds when the budget was set? And why the Board accepted the increase? What specifically will the additional funds be used for?

County Administrator advised that there were items requested by departments that were not funded when the budget was set. We had to wait until the digest came in. Ms. McKinney further stated that some of the projects to be funded include the Courthouse renovations, a new Ag Building; and Administration Building.

Chairman closed the public hearing at 5:43 pm; and called the Special Called meeting to order.

## **2. Special Called Meeting**

Chairman called for the vote to adopt/approve the FY2020 Millage Rate. Discussion began on the millage rate for the Development Authority due to the fact they have not accepted the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) presented. Mr. Jack Harrell, Chairman, Development Authority, advised the Board that at their meeting held on August 10, 2020, the Development Authority did not accept the IGA as presented. Discussion continued as to whether or not the millage rate for the Authority would be set at the current rate of 0.393 or the .50 proposed in the IGA. After the discussion, and for more clarification from the Tax Commissioner, the Board tabled adopting the millage rates for the County and the Development Authority, on the motion by Mr. Cody; and seconded by Ms. Exum. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion by Ms. Exum, seconded by Mr. Cody, the Board adjourned the Special Called meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Ms. James Maxwell, Chairman  
Ms. Jessica J. McKinney, Administrator  
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk