

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Brooks County Courthouse in the Courtroom, located at 100 East Screven Street; Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Myra Exum; and Mr. Lee Larko. Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman and Mr. Willie Cody were not present. Others present were Ms. Jessica J. McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels; Human Resources; County Attorney, Mr. Jason Kemp; and various residents.

Public Hearing – Vice Chairman called public hearing to order.

A sign-in sheet was provided for those in attendance who wish to speak.

Vice Chairman stated the purpose of the hearing was to allow citizen input on the proposed FY2023-2024 Budget; and are allowed five minutes to speak.

Mr. Gene Mathis addressed his concern of possible tax increase; stating his property value has increased. He provided information on the Taxpayer Bill of Rights and the Rollback. Vice Chairman informed Mr. Mathis there will not be a tax increase and the County is following all the procedures he stated in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Mr. Mathis stated that is why he is here to see if there will be a tax increase and was very delighted and thankful to the Board that taxes will not increase, and the Board is using the Rollback to lower the millage rate.

Mrs. Peggy Howard commented on the County not having grants written; and there is no reason not to because they help everybody. Mrs. Howard extended a thanks to the Board.

Ms. Nancy McGhee inquired about what is the percentage of the budget over last year. The budget last year was \$13,556,108.80, Mr. Larko stated there is an increase or 11.92% for FY2023-2024 Budget.

Vice Chairman closed the public hearing at 5:20 p.m.

Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Jessica J. McKinney, Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk