

CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 MILLAGE RATE
200 EAST FOURTH STREET, WOODBINE, GEORGIA 31569
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016 AT 5:30 PM

The Camden County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on the Adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers of the Government Services Complex, Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Chairman James H. Starline; Commissioner Chuck Clark; County Administrator Steve Howard; County Attorney John S. Myers; Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender and County Clerk Kathryn Bishop.

- **Adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate**

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender presented a power point presentation regarding the adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate.

He reminded the audience that an additional Public Hearing will be held this evening, Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM followed by the consideration of adoption on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Chairman Starline opened the floor to comments from the public regarding the adoption of the 2017 Millage Rate.

Public Comments:

Steve Brine, Kingsland

Mr. Brine stated that he runs a business and is concerned about the collection rate of 80 % of tax bills due. He explained that he read in the local newspaper that there is uncollected money out there and he understands there is new employee who is more aggressive in collecting overdue taxes. He asked how much in overdue taxes is there; is there anything being done regarding this issue, and he understands that only 7 years prior can be collected.

Chairman Starline stated that he would break from the traditional public hearing format since there is only a few people in the audience. He replied to Mr. Brine and explained that although he is not aware of the exact total of unpaid taxes the County budget is based on a collection rate of 92 % - 94 %. He explained that the Board has no control over the collection of taxes and that duty is strictly the job of the elected Tax Commissioner. He stated that in the past the Board saw a number of statute of limitations, but recently that number has decreased. He stated that the information regarding the total of unpaid taxes is public record.

John Wojcik, Kingsland

Mr. Wojcik stated that he is an appointed member on the Board of Assessors. He explained that he understands the bind the Board is in, and he is here tonight to educate himself in how the process works. He asked about the numbers in the PowerPoint presentation regarding Economic Development, as well as mobile home, timber, and vehicle numbers that decreased from prior years.

Finance & Budget Director Mike Fender responded to Mr. Wojcik and explained that those numbers go through the State.

Chairman Starline explained that the decrease in vehicles is due to the Tavit Tax replacing the ad valorem tax on vehicles.

Adjournment:

Chairman Starline adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:52 PM.