

McIntosh County Board of Commissioners  
Public Meeting Minutes  
August 31, 2023  
6:00pm

A Public hearing was held August 31, 2023 at 6:00pm at the McIntosh County Courthouse for Public Comments concerning the millage rate.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00m by Vice-Chairman Kate Karwacki.

Present were Vice-Chairman Kate Karwacki, Commissioner Roger Lotson, County Manager Patrick Zoucks, County Attorney Ad Poppell, Deputy County Manager Shawn Jordan, and County Clerk Sherrell Davis.

Vice-Chairman Kate Karwacki opened the floor for public comment.

County Manager Zoucks stated the budget has gone from \$15,000,000.00 last year to \$17,000,000.00 if the Commissioners approve the budget next month. Some of the changes attributed to the increase in our budget included a 5% cost of living raise to retain staff, our liability insurance went up 33%, and other factors.

The public present were:

Jeff Miller, 1038 Shellfish Drive, Darien, GA 31305

Nicole Miller, 1038 Shellfish Drive, Darien, GA 31305

Nicole Miller questioned whether their taxes were going to increase. County Manager Zoucks stated if you have a floating homestead, your taxes should be the same as last year.

Jeff Miller had a question about what would make the value of your property go up.

Vice-Chairman Karwacki stated that adding a structure that can be heated or cooled, a swimming pool or any items like that would cause the property to increase in value.

Nicole Miller asked to explain what the term digest means. Jeff said does that mean when a new business comes in the revenue generated goes into a digest?

County Manager Zoucks said that the digest is all the properties and all their values into one document and the reason for the digest increase this year is because we had new construction but most of all we had a reevaluation.

County Manager Zoucks stated we encourage citizens to come to the meetings to get the correct information and ask questions.

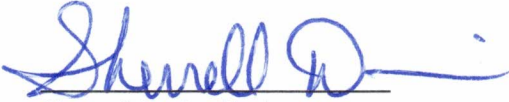
Vice-Chairman Karwacki closed the floor for public comment.

Meeting adjourned 6:11pm



David S. Stevens, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sherrell Davis, Clerk

