

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
*August 16, 2016*

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The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd – Vice Chair, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Jamie Deloach and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in a Special Called meeting 9:00 am on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Commissioner Loper was not present for the meeting.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Edward Newberry - County Attorney, Mr. Toss Allen – County Administrator, Mrs. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mrs. Joanna Wright – Finance Director, Mrs. Janis Bevill – Chief Tax Appraiser, Mrs. Linda McDaniel -Tax Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

Chairman Kessler gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Chairman Kessler led the Pledge.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON MILLAGE**

Chairman Kessler explained this is the first public hearing on the millage rate.

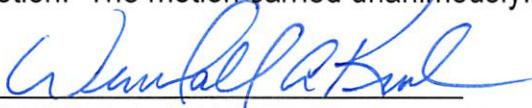
Finance Director Wright explained each year we are required by law to set the millage in resolution form for the County, Industrial Development Authority, Hospital and Board of Education. A budget was approved in the amount of \$28,146,223.57. Staff recommends that we maintain our current millage rate opposed to the rollback rate. The millage is currently at 8.337. The proposed rates for the Hospital is 2.31, Industrial Development Authority - 2.0, Board of Education 15.991, State of Georgia is 0. The total millage is 28.638. Last year's millage was 28.799.


Chairman Kessler opened the public hearing. There was no one present from the public for comment. Tax Appraiser Bevill and Tax Commissioner McDaniel were present for the hearing.

There was a brief discussion among the Board and Staff regarding service delivery and special tax districts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no public comment or other business to address, at 9:16 pm, Vice Chairperson Floyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
WENDALL A. KESSLER, CHAIRMAN

  
STEPHANIE JOHNSON, COUNTY CLERK