

Called Meeting
September 8, 2021 5:00pm
Minutes
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lamar Paris at 5:05 pm.

Commissioner Paris stated that he was prepared to approve Resolution R-2021-10 to set the 2021 Millage Rate for Union County's maintenance and operation at 6.024 mils. The gross maintenance and operation millage rate for Union County was set at 9.159 for 2021 and was then decreased by 3.135 due to the Local Option Sales Tax or LOST as it is most often referred to. This gives a total millage rate for 2021 of 6.024 mils which is a decrease of 1.154 mils from the 2020 millage rate. LOST is one cent on every dollar that is spent in Union County and is collected as part of the sales tax. This money is then given back to Union County from where the state collects it for the sole purpose of offsetting property taxes.

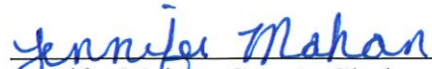
The Commissioner then distributed two forms to all the attendees. The first form was the five-year history of the mil rate for Union County. Commissioner Paris stated that in the lower right corner there is a number of 10.63% labeled Net Tax Increase. He wanted attendees to understand that this number is not indicating an increase of anyone's property taxes but is simply referring to the amount the county will collect off of new properties developed, new homes, new additions or new business properties. This number has absolutely nothing to do with the amount properties were adjusted during the revaluation.

The second form Commissioner Paris distributed is called a PT-31 and in the lower right corner of this form it shows the percentage Tax Increase as 0.00%. This means that the county did not see an increase in property tax collections based on the revaluation of all the county properties. The revaluation did not increase the county revenue on its own. This is why the county did not care what the revaluation of property was as it was not going to provide the county with any additional operational funds. It was simply that the State of Georgia requires that property is equally valued and to the best of their ability that is what GMASS did for Union County.

Commissioner Paris then approved Resolution R-2021-10 to set the 2021 Millage Rate for Union County's maintenance and operation at 6.024.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jennifer Mahan, County Clerk

Approved this 16th day of September, 2021



Lamar Paris, Commissioner