

Called Meeting
September 8, 2022 5:00pm
Minutes
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lamar Paris at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Paris stated the purpose of this meeting was to set the County Millage Rate.

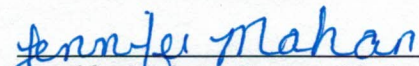
The gross maintenance and operation millage rate for Union County was set at 8.422 for 2022 and was then decreased by 3.309 by the Local Option Sales Tax or LOST as it is most often referred to. This gives a total millage rate for 2022 of 5.113 which is a decrease from last year's millage rate of 6.024. LOST is 1 cent on every dollar that is spent in Union County and is collected as part of Sales Tax then it is used to rollback the millage rate. The Commissioner Paris stated that he thinks this is the lowest millage rate since 1989.

Commissioner Paris went on to explain that people were upset, and rightfully so, when the county did the reassessment. This was no fault of the county or the Commissioner's Office, as it was a requirement set by the State. The company Union County hired worked on the reassessment for three years to revalue all properties in the county. Last year the millage rate went down to 6.024 from the previous years 7.178 and now it is rolled back to 5.113. The 5-year history in the newspaper shows that after this last reassessment the average increase in property values was 22%. The millage rate is now being rolled back to keep property taxes from going up. The only increase for the county is \$312,000 from this year's reassessment. The increases in sales tax is the main reason the millage rate can be rolled back.

Commissioner Paris then asked for questions and there were none. So, the Commissioner then approved Resolution R-2022-21 to set the 2022 Millage Rate for Union County's maintenance and operation at 5.113 mils.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jennifer Mahan, County Clerk

Approved this 15th day of September, 2022



Lamar Paris, Commissioner