

Minutes of Public Hearing  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 12:00 Noon

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the 2020 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 7.76% in the unincorporated portion of the county and 8.92% in the incorporated portion of the county.

Mr. Thomas stated with additional staffing for the EMS Department due to the COVID-19 crisis, additional expenditures for the Fire and Road Departments and capital expenses to maintain county facilities, an increase in the budget is necessary; therefore, a 1 mill increase is being requested.

Mr. Martin Bagwell and Mr. Max Black commented on the millage rate increase.

There were no other comments.

6:00 PM

Mr. Daniel Graves, Chairman of the Hospital Authority, stated he wanted it to be on public record that each member of the commission and the public understands that the hospital is fully aware of the difficult circumstances the community and taxpayers finds themselves in. He stated he wanted to make it clear that the hospital is aware of the county's intention to withdraw 1 mill of support that the hospital received last year and the hospital is 100% fully supportive of the county's using that mill. The remaining .8 mill does represent a vital source of unrestricted cash for the hospital and hopes the commission will continue this support.

There were no other comments.