

**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES FOR MILLAGE RATE**

CALL TO ORDER: David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION &
PLEDGE:** Chuck Hart, Post III Commissioner

PRESENT: David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Ron Davis, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Chuck Hart, Post III; Brian Stover, Post IV; Frank Baker, County Administrator; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

MINUTES: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing on proposed millage rate increase:

Chairman Carmichael opened the public hearing on the proposed millage rate increase and asked Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director to speak. Ms. Pollard presented a power point presentation and handouts to the attendees. She explained the Tax Payers Bill of Rights requires the County have Public Hearings on the millage rate if there was not a rollback. She further explained the budget process, and the proposed millage rate and how that would affect citizen's taxes. Ms. Pollard gave a breakdown of where the taxpayer's dollars go and the percentage of each area.

Chairman Carmichael asked for public comments.

Sue Wilkins inquired about if the IBA would use the funds from the sale of the Atlanta Film Studio to pay their outstanding bonds.

Jayson Phillips, County Attorney, stated that he was aware of the closing but wasn't aware of the price, he believes that it is being considered. He also stated that he wasn't sure if it was appropriate for this board to provide an answer as part of the Budget Hearing.

Chairman Carmichael suggested Ms. Wilkins have a private discuss with him and another member of the IBA to avoid misunderstanding and confusion by anyone watching at home or in the audience.

Sue Wilkins stated that it is a public issue. She also stated according to the IBA amendment to the Georgia Constitution, you are legally obligated to apply moneys brought in through lease or sale of properties and use for the outstanding bonds.

Chairman Carmichael suggested that she bring it up at an IBA meeting. He also explained that if the IBA invests money into something, it will get returns on it and that can be used to lower the taxes of the citizens.

Ron Davis, Commissioner Post I, asked Mr. Phillips to get verification of the legal requirements for the payback of bonds and to also share his legal opinion with the board. Mr. Davis also asked if the Chairman would lobby on the Board of Commissioners behalf for the return of that money to pay these bonds, because he is also a part of the IBA board.

Hearing no further comments Chairman Carmichael Closed the Public Hearing.

CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS

ADJOURN: Chuck Hart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Davis; motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

David L. Carmichael, Chairman