

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2019
PUBLIC HEARING
6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman John D. Scarborough
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland
District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis
District 4 Commissioner Brian Kirk
District 5 Commissioner Derek Doster

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk

The public hearing started at 6:05 p.m.

Item No. 1. Public Hearing on 2019 millage rate

Chairman Scarborough stated the 2020 budget has been approved and this is a public hearing on the millage rate. He said the projected 2020 revenue is \$18,215,511 and the budgeted expenses are \$17,670,704. There is increased tax revenue due to new growth and new development.

Chairman Scarborough asked if citizens would like to comment or ask questions regarding the millage rate.

Frank Strickland addressed the Board regarding the small percentage of the millage rate that could be rolled back if three public hearings were not held.

Bill Fleeman addressed the Board regarding the notice in the paper announcing a tax increase.

Vicki Gibbs addressed the Board regarding the Madison County stigma and the need for more business and industry.

Len Chiu addressed the Board regarding a recommendation of deferred taxes for large corporations in return for the corporation paying to have water and sewer installed.

Ben Gossett addressed the Board regarding the responsibility of the Industrial Development and Building Authority to properly use their portion of the tax revenue.

Bob Fowler addressed the Board regarding a partial revaluation of property that took place around 2005 and generated revenue.

The Chairman and Board responded to each citizen with answers, thoughts and discussion.

Item No. 2. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Doster the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.