

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 17, 2017  
9:00 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commission Chairman John D. Scarborough  
District 1 Commissioner Lee Allen  
District 2 Commissioner Tripp Strickland  
District 4 Commissioner John W. Pethel, Sr.  
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

District 3 Commissioner Theresa Bettis

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk

The public hearing started at 9:00 a.m.

**Item No. 1. Public Hearing on 2017 millage rate.**

Chairman Scarborough explained the budget process that has taken place over the last few months and stated that the means to pay for the budget is through the tax digest, Insurance Premium Tax and Local Option Sales Tax. He said that an additional 2.5 mills is required to make up the needed revenue for the 2018 budget. Chairman Scarborough invited questions and comments from the citizens.

Joe Costyn, John McDowell, Glenn Baxter, Elaine Brown, Ed Culbertson and Randy Holloway addressed the Board with questions and comments regarding the tax increase. Chairman Scarborough and other members of the Board along with Tax Commissioner Lamar Dalton responded and engaged in conversation with each citizen.

**Item No. 2. Adjourn**

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Allen the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 10:20 a.m.