

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 28, 2017
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 John W. Pethel, Sr.
District 5 Commissioner Jim R. Escoe, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitcham, Madison County Journal
Kelsy Dawsey, Grady NewsSource

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda S. Wooten, County Clerk

The public hearing started at 6:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Scarborough stated that this is the third public hearing on the millage rate and the vote will take place on Wednesday, August 30th at 4:00. 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.

Henry Hicks, Edwin Croy, Robert Kelley, Bob Havener, Nancy Schillo and Leslie Trumpower-Brown addressed the Board with questions and comments regarding the tax increase. Chairman Scarborough and other members of the Board responded and engaged in conversation with each citizen.

Item No. 2. Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Allen and second by Commissioner Strickland the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.