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Additional Public Hearing on Millage Rate

Georgia state law requires the County advertise and hold three public hearings when a millage rate in excess of the rollback millage rate is proposed for adoption. The County previously advertised and held two public hearings on August 14, 2020, and a third public hearing on August 20, 2020, and the Board of Commissioners adopted the proposed millage rate on August 20, 2020 at its regularly scheduled meeting, in accordance with Georgia state statute 48-5-32.1.

During the Department of Revenue's review of the County's tax digest, it was noted that the Department of Revenue has an additional requirement over and above the State law that requires at least five business days between two of the public hearings. The Finance Department was not aware of this additional requirement and there were only four business days between the County's public hearings held August 14th and August 20th. The Department of Revenue has rejected the County's property tax digest stating we were not in compliance with their additional regulations of the five business day time frame, therefore we are required to re-advertise, hold an additional public hearing, and vote on adoption of the millage rate again in order for the property digest to be accepted.

The advertisement of the final public hearing will appear in the Brunswick News on Thursday, September 3rd, with the public hearing, adoption of the millage rate and rescinding of the previously adopted millage rate taking place at a Special Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the W. Harold Pate Building located at 1725 Reynolds Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room 224, Brunswick, GA 31520. This meeting will be a teleconference meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams with simultaneous public access provided and streamed live for public viewing at the Glynn County Board of Commissioners Youtube page at the following web address: <https://www.youtube.com/user/glynnboc/live> . Members of the public are welcome to come to the W. Harold Pate Building. The County will have a Microsoft Teams connection set up in the conference room for persons wishing to participate in the public hearing. Social distancing will be practiced. Due to the current public health crisis, concerned citizens that wish to comment but do not feel comfortable attending in person may email written comments to commissioners@glynncounty-ga.gov . These comments are sent directly to the Board, will become public record and will be attached to the support documentation on the agenda. Please reference "Millage Rate Public Hearing" in the email. The deadline to submit written comments is Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:00 pm.