

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214



MINUTES

December 8, 2025
5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Your participation in County government is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL SESSION:

Call to Order

Chairman Lee Hearn called the December 8, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting to order. A quorum of the Board was present. Commissioner Oddo and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Lee Hearn gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Final Public Hearing for consideration of Resolution 2025-13 adopting the 2025 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Chief Financial Officer Sheryl Weinmann made a brief presentation to the Board outlining changes that required the County to readvertise the 2025 Property Tax Millage Rate. She continued, stating that this was the third public hearing discussing the 2025 Property Tax Millage Rate due to changes made to the Digest by the Tax Commissioner's Office. As a result, what was originally advertised as a 1.87% increase was now a 1.92% increase. She noted that the hearings were required to be advertised at least one week prior, and they were appropriately advertised. Notices were posted in the Fayette County News [local paper] and on the County website. She noted that there was only a slight change in the 2025 Tax Digest from what was previously presented at the original set of 2025 Property Tax Millage Rate public hearings in October 2025. As a result of an increase in reassessments of 6.63%, she noted that changes made to the exemptions resulting in a decrease, which caused an increase in the tax digest. Ms. Weinmann stated that the total digest increased by \$19,879. She stated that this increase was reflected in the change in taxable digest and the taxable digest variances. Ms. Weinmann stated that the millage rate remained the same, with the proposed 2025 millage rate of 3.763 for the General Fund Maintenance & Operations, Fire Services (2.82), which was a decrease, Emergency Medical Services (1.000), which was an increase, and 911 Services (0.210) as outlined at the October 2025 public hearings. She

highlighted that there was a slight increase in the tax bill but only by a few cents. The increase now was \$13.84 (for the General Fund Maintenance & Operations), and the previous annual change in tax bill was \$13.45. The total tax bill, using a home valued at \$500,000 with a taxable value of \$200,000 and the standard homestead exemption of \$5,000, was \$62.59. Ms. Weinmann continued, stating that using a floating homestead exemption, the increase now was \$13.84 (for the General Fund Maintenance & Operations), resulting in a total change to the tax bill of \$58.40. Ms. Weinmann stated that Fayette County remained one of the lowest counties for millage rates. Ms. Weinmann offered examples of a residential tax bill for a \$500,000 home value for unincorporated Fayette County, Town of Brooks, Peachtree City, City of Fayetteville, and Town of Tyrone, showing the distribution of each to the Board of Education, County M&O, Fire District, EMS District, and 911 District, respectively. She noted that there was a slight change in the millage rate history because the City of Peachtree City rolled back and was now 5.840. She noted that the cumulative effect of the rollback since 2014 remained the same and was \$121.9 million in savings, or about \$3,058 for residents.

Ms. Weinmann concluded the presentation and asked the Board to adopt the resolution 2025-13 to levy the County property tax.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to adopt the resolution 2025-13 to levy the County property tax. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Oddo and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Gibbons moved to adjourn the December 8, 2025 Special Called Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Maxwell seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Oddo and Commissioner Rousseau were absent.

The December 8, 2025 Special Called Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Lee Hearn, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 8th day of January 2026. Attachments are available upon request at the County Clerk's Office.

Marlena Edwards, Chief Deputy County Clerk