

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

SPECIAL CALLED HEARING ACTION AGENDA

October 1, 2026
6:00 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: Vice Chairman Edward Gibbons called the October 1, 2026, Special Called Hearing to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Chairman Lee Hearn was absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Gibbons offered the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda: Commissioner Charles Oddo moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Charles Rousseau seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Hearn was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. First Public Hearing to discuss the 2026 Property Tax Millage Rate.

The October 1, 2026 Special Called Millage Rate Hearing focused on the proposed 2026 property tax millage rates and the significant impact of new personal property values associated with the QTS data center. Chief Financial Officer Sheryl Weinmann presented the 2026 tax digest, noting substantial growth driven by data center-related personal property while recommending that all County millage rates remain unchanged. Commissioners discussed the implications of maintaining the current millage rate rather than adopting a rollback rate, with particular attention given to the uncertainty surrounding future state legislation that could affect locally generated data center tax revenue. County Administrator Steve Rapson explained that anticipated data center revenues would largely be reserved for capital projects and fund balance protection pending legislative decisions and highlighted the upcoming floating homestead exemption referendum as a potential future tax-relief tool for homeowners. Commissioners also discussed Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) programs, legislative advocacy, and public education regarding the floating homestead exemption.

No one spoke in opposition or in favor of the millage rate.

Vice Chairman Gibbons stated that there was a second hearing at 6:00 p.m. and the final hearing would be on October 15 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Oddo moved adjourn. Vice Chairman Gibbons seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Chairman Hearn was absent.

The October 1, 2026, Special Called Millage Rate Hearing adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Tameca P. Smith, County Clerk