

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
MILLAGE HEARING  
Thursday, September 19, 2024 - 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Clay Griner

Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall was not present.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Millage Rate**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black presented a millage presentation noting the advertised 7.84 mills and discussed options. Commissioner Orenstein asked what the increase in tax revenues were to the school boards with the growth in the digest and their proposal to not roll back all the way? Ms. Black answered she would verify that information and send it to him. Mr. Alan Watson spoke in opposition to the advertised millage increase. Mr. Watson mentioned several items on the property tax bill belonging to his parents. Chairman Slaughter stated the current year values are set as of January 1, 2024. Mr. Watson continued with complaints regarding the increase with the property tax bill. Chairman Slaughter reiterated this opposition is for the advertised millage increase and any questions related to a property tax bill could be addressed with the Board of Assessors' Office, at a later date. No one spoke in favor of this request.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.