

**Public Hearing
August 30, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County held a public hearing on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia.

The purpose of the hearing was to obtain citizen input regarding the increase of the tentatively adopted millage rate of 8.44% for both the incorporated and the unincorporated areas.

Those attending were Glyn Thrift, Chairman; Brad Jones, Vice-Chairman; Wayne Culbertson, Commissioner; David Robinson, Commissioner; Donny Wells, Commissioner; Bryan Aasheim, Administrator; Maranda K. Lank, Clerk; Kendall Gross, County Attorney; and Carvy Snell, The Metter Advertiser. Guests attending were Candler County Sheriff Captain Justin Wells; Citizens attending the Public Hearing were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Slater, Wayne Rivenbark, Sue Allen, Dixie Odom, Jason Grimes.

After introductory remarks by Chairman Thrift, he opened the floor for comments from the citizens.

- Wayne Rivenbark approached the Board to express his concern of a tax increase. He then requested information if this is because of the Hospital assistance. Chairman Thrift stated that it was not related to the hospital.
- Dixie Odom asked if there is a break for senior citizens or break for citizens who own multiple properties. She then asked if there was a way to tax the vehicles instead of the landowners. She then requested information on who placed the speed bumps. She closed her comments with questions as to why the dirt road in front of the Metter Animal Shelter was not paved.
- Alton Slater spoke again reiterating his comments from the morning Public Hearing. He then expressed concern of local business hiring employees outside the County. The then stated the citizens need a new grocery store.
- Sue Allen stated she wants a job to pay her increased taxes. Do we have approved budget? Chairman Thrift stated the County has adopted the FY2019 Budget.

The third Public Hearing concluded at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maranda K. Lank,
County Clerk