

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CALLED SESSION - PUBLIC HEARING I

August 11, 2020

11:00 AM

Commissioners Present (in person): Becky Langston, Susan Andrews. Commissioners Present (via telephone): J. Harry Lange, Andrew Zuerner. Commissioner Absent: Rob Grant. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk. Also in attendance: Wayne Morris, Tax Assessor; Vickie Jamerson, Tax Commissioner.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Langston called the Called Session to order.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING I: NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES.** Chairman Langston called the Public Hearing to order and said that the purpose of this meeting is regarding the notice of intent to increase the property tax and that this is the first of three hearings the County is required to hold regarding same; and that there will be two more Public Hearings before the millage rate is set. Chairman Langston said that the County has tentatively adopted a 2020 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 0.83 percent County Wide less West Point and by 0.04 percent in the West Point area; that this tentative increase will result in a millage of 9.38 mills, an increase of 0.077 mills in the County wide less West Point area and without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 9.303 mills; that the proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$225,000 is approximately \$6.93 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$4.62; that in the West Point area, this tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 5.628 mills, an increase of .002 mills and without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 5.626 mills; that the proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$0.12 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$0.08. She also said that there is a quorum of Commissioners present due to Commissioners Lange and Zuerner being present by phone.

Chairman Langston asked if anyone wished to comment on the millage rate. There being none, she closed the Public Hearing.

3. **ADJOURNMENT.** The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Chairman Langston, and passed unanimously. Chairman Langston reminded everyone that the next Public Hearing will be tonight at 6:30 PM.

Becky Langston, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk