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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MILLAGE RATE  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
August 12, 2019  
10:00 a.m.**

**BOC:** Commission Chairman Thomas Bridges  
District 3 Commissioner Ryan Swails

**Media:** Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen

**Staff:** County Manager Beth Thomas  
County Clerk Elaine Evans

Chairman Bridges called the public hearing for the millage rate to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for input from the public.

Lisa Ranley questioned why the taxes were going up, if it was for the Board of Education. Chairman Bridges said the Board of Education sets their own millage rate but the County had a re-evaluation and property values increased so this has to be advertised as a tax increase. Ms. Ranley stated her concern is for the senior citizens who live on a fixed income.

Chairman Bridges said the millage rate for the County is staying the same as last year. Mrs. Thomas explained inflationary growth and tax calculation. She used the example of a home valued at \$100,000 with an increase to \$125,000. Nothing was added to the house, only an increase in the value which is inflation. Mrs. Thomas said the law states that the increase because of the inflation has to be advertised as increased revenue if the millage rate is kept the same. She said the millage rate and the tax calculation are the two components used in setting property taxes.

Tax Commissioner Bobby Martin was also in attendance. He provided clarification on the public hearing requirement.

Chairman Bridges paused the meeting at 10:15 a.m. He closed the millage rate public hearing at 10:30 a.m. without further comments from anyone.



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Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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*Chairman J. Thomas Bridges*

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*Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner*

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*Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner*

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*Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner*

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*Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner*

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*Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk*