

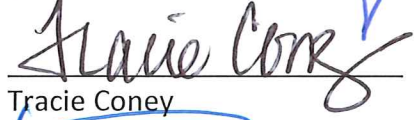
Public Hearing #2 Minutes (Millage)
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, October 9, 2025
10:30 A.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for Public Hearing #2 (Millage) on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 10:30 A.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Tracie Coney, Mike Chance, Jonathan Powell, and Pamela Dwight. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Mr. James Henry, Mr. Sandy Miller, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, Mr. Dobson Gay, Jr., and Mrs. Angela DeLay. There were others in attendance that did not sign in.
2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the Public Hearing to order at 10:30 A.M. He stated that the purpose of this hearing was to hear and respond to Public concerns regarding the proposed millage rate increase. He stated that the Public Hearing would last for 30 minutes.
3. Mr. Sandy Miller asked if the Budget was available to the Public. Chairman Weathersby stated that the finalized budget would be approved later today and would be available for review. Mr. Miller stated that constituents would like to be able to see the finances in order to develop points of discussion. Mrs. Cheryl Tatum asked how much the millage rate was affected by the Board of Education. Chairman Weathersby stated that the Board of Education lowered its millage rate from 14.00 to 12.906. She stated that she doesn't like tax increases, but sometimes these increases are a necessary evil. Commissioner Powell stated that the use of reserves has caught up with the County. The County had used reserves over the last several years to keep the millage rate as low as possible. Mr. James stated he was not pleased with the tax increase. He also stated that the County should review the contract with Atlantic Waste to ensure the County is protected in case something happens. The County needs to have access to the pledged funds for the post-closure of the landfill. Mr. Henry believes that Atlantic Waste should provide a discount for hauling the County's garbage. Mr. Saxon stated that the biggest increases have occurred in both property insurance and health insurance. Mrs. Tatum stated that the insurance on her church had increased by 23%, so everyone is feeling the pinch. Mr. James Henry also inquired if the county had a policy for training and retention, requiring employees to commit to a specific time frame before being able to voluntarily leave for another job. Chairman Weathersby stated that the County was looking into a FLOST to help reduce some of the tax burden placed on property owners. Attorney Gross will check on the requirements for the FLOST for the coming year. Mr. Dobson Gay asked how much money the County provided for the hospital. Chairman Weathersby stated that the County does not currently provide any financial support for the hospital.

4. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the Public Hearing at 11:00 A.M.



Chairman Horace Weathersby III



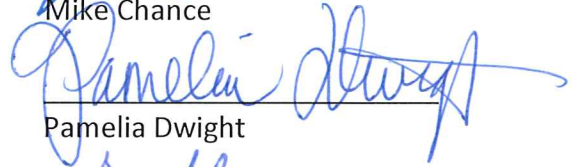
Tracie Coney



Jonathan Powell



Mike Chance



Pamela Dwight



Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator