

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING MIINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019  
8:00 AM**

Commissioners in attendance

Neal Bennett, Chairman

Mike Streat, District 2

Randy Dixon, District 3

David Lowman, District 4

Commissioners not in attendance

Harold Rozier, District 1

Staff in attendance

Franklin Rozier, County Attorney

Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager

Amy Hitt, County Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Bennett called the hearing to order at 8:00 PM.

**PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner David Lowman gave an invocation and Commissioner Mike Streat led the pledge of allegiance.

**2019 MILLAGE RATE** – 2019 Gross Millage Rate to be set at 16.00 mills with a Rollback of 5.164 in the unincorporated area and of 2.579 in the incorporated area for a Net M & O in the unincorporated area of 10.8360 and in the incorporated area of 13.4210. This is an increase over the previous year in the unincorporated area of .495 mills and in the incorporated area of .57 mills.

Chairman Bennett opened the floor for comments. Tommy Cornett, St Johns Church Rd. asked how it is determined the amount of money we collect, do we collect for everybody and how properties are assessed? Chairman Bennett stated we collect for the school board and cities and then the monies are distributed to them from the Tax Commissioner. We have appraisers who work for the county and follow the state guidelines. Commissioner Lowman stated that we have processes to follow to keep us in check. County Manager Ruberbauer stated that he would be happy to meet with Mr Cornett any time to discuss the budget and process. Mr. Cornett stated that he was just trying to get a better understanding of how government works.

**ADJOURN** – Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:48 AM