

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING MIINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019
6:00 PM**

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 6:00 PM.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. Jason Deal gave an invocation and Commissioner Randy Dixon 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. Thomas Ammons asked where does the money that matches these grant funds come from? Chairman Bennett shared that the Cason Road matching monies are coming from STIP from GDOT and SPLOST. Mr Ammons asked what is happening in South-West Georgia that we don't have here? He would like to see us spend our money on getting industry here. He would like to see the increase be used for industrial development. Chairman Bennett shared that we are making some improvements in that area with the changes at Southern Ionics increasing jobs by about 100. Commissioner Streat stated that the issue we have is that everybody wants free handouts to bring industry here. Chairman Bennett stated that we want to continue to grow Pierce County.

ADJOURN – Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:15PM