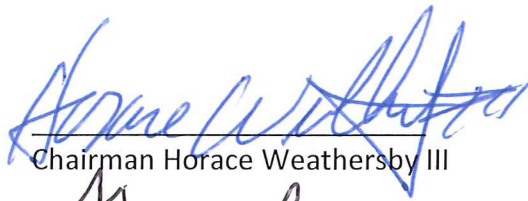
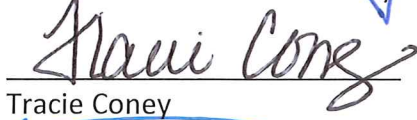


Public Hearing #3 Minutes (Millage)
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, October 9, 2025
6:30 P.M.

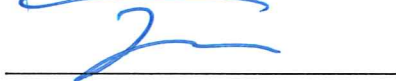
1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for Public Hearing #3 (Millage) on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Tracie Coney, Mike Chance, Jonathan Powell, and Pamela Dwight. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, Mrs. Cindy Ballew, Mr. George Wright, Mr. Sandy Miller, Ms. Susie Quarterman, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, Ms. Mae Harris, Ms. Martha Sea, Mrs. Gwen Watson, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, Ms. Paula Dock-Bass, Ms. Genesis Bass, Mr. Hiller Spann, Ms. Etwill Mills, Ms. Tyrella Davis, Ms. Julia Sea, Ms. Lottie Pierce, Ms. Bernell Branch, and Ms. Marsha Godbee.
2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.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. One citizen asked why the millage rate was going up. Chairman Weathersby explained that the County had budgeted for a deficit to try to keep the millage rate down and that the deficit had now been realized. He stated that property taxes was the County's major revenue stream. Chairman Weathersby read a list of notable items of increases in the County Budget. He stated that operating costs have substantially increased across the board over the last several years. One citizen wants to be able to review the budget when they come into the office. The budget is available at all times. Mrs. Gwen Watson asked if Jenkins County had a 5,10,15,20 year plan for where Jenkins County wants to be in those time frames. She suggested a "Blue Ribbon Committee" of citizens with a vision. Mrs. Watson stated that she had committed her personal time to help find grants for Jenkins County. She was also concerned about the possibility of tax exemptions for widows and the elderly. Another citizen was preparing letters for Senator Max Burns and Representative L.C. Miles regarding seniors having to pay taxes. She wanted the Board members to sign the letters. Mrs. Watson asked why the County didn't meet with the City and School Board. Chairman Weathersby stated that the Board does meet with the City, but not the School Board. Mrs. Watson stated that she felt that people will agree to vote for the FLOST. Another citizen asked if this proposed tax increase would be voted on by the citizens. Another posed a concern about raises and Christmas Bonuses. Mrs. Watson inquired about training opportunities in the local schools and on the job training (earn while you learn). Chairman Weathersby thanked everyone for coming and stated hopefully the FLOST would pass so the County would be able to roll back the millage.
4. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:01 P.M.



Chairman Horace Weathersby III



Tracie Coney



Jonathan Powell



Mike Chance



Pamela Dwight



Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator