



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

August 8, 2024
9:00 AM

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Comment on Property Tax Increase**
- **Adjournment**

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. Present were Commissioners Bobby Mayfield, Tucker Greene, and Jeff Moran. Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioner Rhett Stringer were absent.

Public Comment on Property Tax Increase

Jeramy Nye reiterated his comment from the most recent public hearing about not raising property taxes.

Skye McIntyre, resident of 86 Sleepy Hollow Road, had some questions and concerns about the millage rates and the senior tax exemption. She said she has lived here for 42 years along with much of her family. She was curious how we decide on the millage rate, and why Lumpkin County has a senior tax exemption. She also said she heard about a referendum that will be on the ballots in November, and it has something to do with property taxes and how home values will be calculated.

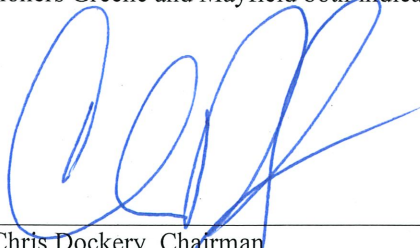
County Manager Alan Ours explained that the homestead exemption and the senior exemption are both State exemptions, but the senior one came about through local legislation. There is a referendum on the ballot this fall. If it passes, property values will only increase by what the State Revenue Commissioner sets according to the cost-of-living index. Mr. Ours also explained that the millage rate is not increasing, but taxes collected may increase due to higher assessed home values. If the referendum passes, your home value will be locked in by the state. Your assessed value is 40% of the Fair Market value, he explained.

Ms. McIntyre asked if Lumpkin County has an income cap on the senior tax exemption, and Mr. Ours replied no. She asked how to initiate the process of having the exemption changed, and Mr. Ours said she would have to speak to our local state representatives, Steve Gooch and Will Wade. Ms. McIntyre asked the Commissioners if they would be open to possibly having an income limit set on the exemption, and Commissioners Greene and Mayfield both indicated they would be open to discussing the possibility.

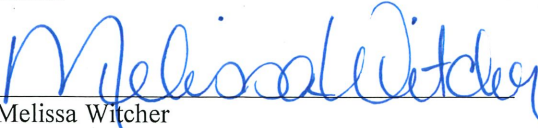
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

September 17, 2024
Date


Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County