Public Hearing and Work Session of the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners were held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Office, Lexington, Georgia.

Members Present: Chairman Jay Paul Commissioner Tracy Norman
Commissioner Will Brown Commissioner Phil Sanders

Commissioner David Clark

Members Absent: Commissioner Andy Saxon

Public Hearings were held for the Proposed Tax Increase and the Proposed Text Amendment to Section 501 of the Unified Development Code.

<u>Minutes</u>: Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Text Amendment</u>: Commissioner Norman made a motion to deny the proposed Text Amendment to Section 501. Seconded by Commissioner Clark with Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Sanders voting in favor of the text amendment. After discussion, Commissioner Brown made a motion to table until the September, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sanders with Commissioner Clark assenting and Commissioner Norman voting in opposition.

Millage Rate: Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the 2021 Tax Resolution, setting the unincorporated millage rate at 7.220 mills and the incorporated millage rate at 8.410 mills to collect \$3,351,167.00 needed in property taxes. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>2022 Operating Budget</u>: Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners 2022 General Fund Operating Budget of \$8,526,463.00. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Permit Application</u>: Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the permit application submitted by Micah Morlock on behalf of Athens Twilight/Georgia Cycle Sport for a recreational cycling event to be held August 21, 2021 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Engine Brake Ordinance</u>: Commissioner Norman made a motion to table the Ordinance and seconded by Commissioner Sanders. After discussion, Commissioner Norman withdrew the motion and had the first reading of the Ordinance with the second reading to be held at the September, 2021 meeting.

Ordinance for the Sale of Distilled Spirits by the Drink at Authorized Catered Functions: Commissioner Clark made a motion to deny. Motion failed for lack of a second. This being the first reading of the proposed Ordinance with the second reading to be held at the September, 2021 meeting.

<u>Emergency Services Commission Bylaws</u>: Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the amended Bylaws for the Emergency Services Commissioner. Second by Commissioner Sanders and unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Financial Report</u>: Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the July 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Commissioner Sanders and unanimously approved by the Board.

Other Business:

Chairman Paul stated the County is updating the Comprehensive Plan and noted there is still a need for citizens to complete the surveys on the county website and encouraged everyone to help inform other citizens.

Chairman Paul addressed the request received from the Oglethorpe County Firefighters Association for additional funds for property and liability insurance coverage for all volunteer fire departments. After discussion, Commissioner Sanders made a motion to amend the 2022 General Fund Operating Budget by increasing the appropriation for volunteer fire departments to \$255,400. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business at 7:08 p.m., the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 7, 2021 unless sooner convened because of an emergency.

| Jay Paul, Chairman | Andy Saxon, Commissioner |
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| David Clark, Commissioner | Will Brown, Commissioner |
| Phil Sanders, Commissioner | Tracy Norman, Commissioner |
| County Clerk | |