

**MINUTES – CALLED MEETING  
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

A Called Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023 by Mayor Owens.

Present at roll call: Councilman Burley, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. Participating via phone: Councilman Morgan. Absent: Councilmember Tucker and Councilman Palmer.

City Manager Stroud, Clerk Ford, and Attorney Wiley (via phone) were also present.

**OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

City Manager Stroud gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Sign-In Sheet Attached.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley, the agenda was approved by a 4-0 vote via roll call.

**SPEAKER APPEARANCES**

Willie Mills

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 MILLAGE RATE**

Mayor Owens commented it is the City's intent to consider lowering the current millage rate which will translate to a reduction in property taxes for property owners in the city. What is being proposed is a 15% reduction and the current millage rate is 7.245 and he is recommending the rate be reduced to 6.165 mills. This will be the first reduction in almost twenty years. The public hearing was opened for public comment. Larcene Dawson addressed the Mayor and Council and stated she was grateful for the reduction. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09-21-1 – SET 2023 MILLAGE RATE**

A motion was made by Councilman Burley and seconded by Councilman Morgan to approve Resolution No. 2023-09-21-1. Mayor Owens read the resolution in to the record. Voting in favor of the Resolution to set the 2023 millage rate at 6.165 mills via a roll call vote: Councilmen Burley, Morgan, Collins, and Pollard. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **CONSIDERATION OF TAX COMMISSIONER CONTRACT FOR 2023**

A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Collins to approve a Tax Commissioner Contract with the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners and the Mitchell County Tax Commissioner to bill and collect 2023 ad valorem property taxes. The contract total is \$5,918.00. Voting in favor of the motion via a roll call vote: Councilmen Burley, Collins, Morgan and Pollard. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ROOF REPAIRS FOR SENIORS – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS**

Mayor Owens commented there is a possibility they can use ARPA funds to assist seniors. The Regional Commission recently spoke on the CHIP grant and there are many seniors in the community that are still dealing with damage to roofs from Hurricane Michael. He has also spoken with the city manager about weatherization. He asked for a motion to approve \$40,000 from ARPA funds for roof repairs and/or weatherization for seniors, 60 years or older, in the corporate limits of Camilla, contingent upon if they are able to use ARPA funds for this purpose. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. After further comments regarding the weatherization portion of the repair program, the motion passed 4-0 via a roll call vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

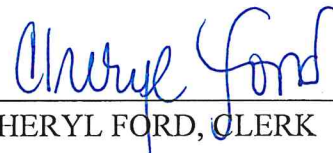
On motion by Councilman Pollard the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

BY:



KELVIN M. OWENS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CHERYL FORD, CLERK

# CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA ~ SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: SEPT 21 2023 TIME: 1:00 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

MEETING: ☒ COUNCIL ☐ WORK SESSION ☒ OTHER: CALED

	NAME	ADDRESS	SPEAKER		TOPIC OF DISCUSSION
			NO	YES	
1	Larcene Danson	199 N. Ellis Street	✓		
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**CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION NO.: 2023-09-21-1**

**RESOLUTION TO SET  
AD VALOREM TAX FOR 2023 TAX DIGEST**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, the millage rate for the ad valorem taxes for the 2023 tax digest was brought before the City Council at a meeting held on September 11, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, all Notices have been given as required by law; and

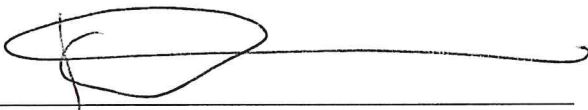
**WHEREAS**, the 2022 millage rate was 7.245; and

**WHEREAS**, after full review of the tax rate and the needs for the City, the Mayor and Council find it appropriate to set the current millage rate at 6.165 mills.

**UPON CONSIDERATION AND VOTE**, the Mayor and Council hereby set the millage rate at 6.165 mills for the City ad valorem tax digest for the year 2023.


**SO RESOLVED**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2023.

CITY OF CAMILLA



Kelvin Owens, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Cheryl Ford, City Clerk

## CITY AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MILLAGE RATE CERTIFICATION FOR TAX YEAR 2023

<http://www.dor.ga.gov>

Complete this form once the levy is determined, report this information in Column 1. E-mail a copy to [local.government.services@dor.ga.gov](mailto:local.government.services@dor.ga.gov) or fax to (404)724-7011 and distribute a copy to your County Tax Commissioner and Clerk of Court. This form also provides the Local Government Services Division with the millage rates for the distribution of Railroad Equipment Tax and Alternative Ad Valorem Tax. Form must be remitted even if levy is zero.



Georgia Department of Revenue  
Local Government Services Division  
4125 Welcome All Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30349  
Phone: (404) 724-7003

CITY NAME <b>CITY OF CAMILLA</b>		ADDRESS <b>30 E. BROAD STREET - P.O. BOX 328</b>		CITY, STATE, ZIP <b>CAMILLA, GA 31730</b>		
FEI # <b>58-6000531</b>	CITY CLERK <b>CHERYL FORD</b>	PHONE NO. <b>229-330-2325</b>	FAX <b>229-336-2224</b>	EMAIL <b>cford@cityofcamilla.com</b>		
OFFICE DAYS / HOURS <b>8 AM-5 PM MON-FRI</b>		ARE TAXES BILLED AND COLLECTED BY THE ( ) CITY OR ( ) COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER? LIST VENDOR, CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NO. <b>BRIAN BROCK, TAX COMMISSIONER (229) 336-2010</b>				
List below the amount & qualifications for each <u>LOCAL</u> homestead exemption granted by the City and Independent School System.						
CITY			INDEPENDENT SCHOOL			
Exemption Amount	Qualifications	Exemption Amount	Qualifications			
If City and School assessment is other than 40%, enter percentage millage is based on _____%. List below the millage rate in terms of mills. EXAMPLE: 7 mills (or .007) is shown as 7.000. PLEASE SHOW MILLAGE FOR EACH TAXING JURISDICTION EVEN IF THERE IS NO LEVY.						
CITY DISTRICTS	DISTRICT NO.	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5
List Special Districts if different from City District below such as CID's, BID's, or DA's	List District Numbers	Gross Millage for Maintenance & Operations	**Less Rollback for Local Option Sales Tax	Net Millage for Maintenance & Operation Purposes (Column 1 less Column 2)	Bond Millage (If Applicable)	Total Millage Column 3 + Column 4
City Millage Rate	1,2	6.165		6.165		6.165
Independent School System						
Special Districts						
**Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds must be shown as a mill rate rollback if applicable to Independent School.						

Name of County(s) in which your city is located:

MITCHELL

I hereby certify that the rates listed above are the official rates for the Districts indicated for Tax Year 2023

21-Sep-23  
Date

KELVIN OWENS, MAYOR

## PT-32.1 - Computation of MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES - 2023

COUNTY: MITCHELL

TAXING JURISDICTION:

CAMILLA

ENTER VALUES AND MILLAGE RATES FOR THE APPLICABLE TAX YEARS IN YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED BOXES BELOW

DESCRIPTION	2022 DIGEST	REASSESSMENT OF EXISTING REAL PROP	OTHER CHANGES TO TAXABLE DIGEST	2023 DIGEST
REAL	87,066,763		12,642,567	99,709,330
PERSONAL	58,106,138		14,845,766	72,951,904
MOTOR VEHICLES	1,943,410		(252,810)	1,690,600
MOBILE HOMES	570,684		86,888	657,572
TIMBER -100%			0	
HEAVY DUTY EQUIP			0	
GROSS DIGEST	147,686,995	0	27,322,411	175,009,406
EXEMPTIONS	10,478,598		(10,478,598)	
NET DIGEST	137,208,397	0	37,801,009	175,009,406
	(PYD)	(RVA)	(NAG)	(CYD)

2022 MILLAGE RATE: 7.245

2023 MILLAGE RATE: 6.165

## CALCULATION OF ROLLBACK RATE

DESCRIPTION	ABBREVIATION	AMOUNT	FORMULA
2022 Net Digest	PYD	137,208,397	
Net Value Added-Reassessment of Existing Real Property	RVA	0	
Other Net Changes to Taxable Digest	NAG	37,801,009	
2023 Net Digest	CYD	175,009,406	(PYD+RVA+NAG)
2022 Millage Rate	PYM	7.245	PYM
Millage Equivalent of Reassessed Value Added	ME	0.000	(RVA/CYD) * PYM
Rollback Millage Rate for 2023	RR - ROLLBACK RATE	7.245	PYM - ME

## CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES

If the 2023 Proposed Millage Rate for this Taxing Jurisdiction exceeds Rollback Millage Rate computed above, this section will automatically calculate the amount of increase in property taxes that is part of the notice required in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1(c) (2)

Rollback Millage Rate	7.248
2023 Millage Rate	6.165
Percentage Tax Increase	-14.94%

## CERTIFICATIONS

I hereby certify that the amount indicated above is an accurate accounting of the total net assessed value added by the reassessment of existing real property for the tax year for which this rollback millage rate is being computed.

*Bernie H. Williams*  
Chairman, Board of Tax Assessors

Date

I hereby certify that the values shown above are an accurate representation of the digest values and exemption amounts for the applicable tax years.

Tax Collector or Tax Commissioner

Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct computation of the rollback millage rate in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1 for the taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2023 and that the final millage rate set by the authority of this taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2023 is \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECK THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH BELOW THAT APPLIES TO THIS TAXING JURISDICTION

If the final millage rate set by the authority of the taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2023 exceeds the rollback rate, I certify that the required advertisements, notices, and public hearings have been conducted in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1 as evidenced by the attached copies of the published "five year history and current digest" advertisement and the "Notice of Intent to Increase Taxes" showing the times and places when and where the required public hearings were held, and a copy of the press release provided to the local media.

If the final millage rate set by the authority of the taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2023 does not exceed the rollback rate, I certify that the required "five year history and current digest" advertisement has been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 as evidenced by the attached copy of such advertised report.

*[Signature]*  
Responsible Party

MAYOR  
Title

9-21-2023  
Date

## NOTICE

The Camilla City Governing Authority does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall on September 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 45-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2023 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY						
COUNTY WIDE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Real & Personal	141,576,392	159,172,620	152,931,850	158,323,664	149,606,623	172,661,234
Motor Vehicles	3,774,880	2,702,740	2,605,020	2,129,050	1,943,410	1,690,600
Mobile Homes	509,428	493,964	489,527	519,338	570,684	657,572
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	15,355	0	0	0
Gross Digest	145,860,700	162,369,324	156,041,752	160,972,052	152,120,717	175,009,406
Less M & O Exemptions	16,023,012	17,436,042	12,400,918	15,527,222	10,478,598	12,083,133
Net M & O Digest	129,837,688	144,933,282	143,640,834	145,444,830	141,642,119	162,926,273
Gross M&O Millage	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245	6.165
Less Rollbacks	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net M&O Millage	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245	7.245	6.165
Total County Taxes Levied	\$940,674	\$1,050,042	\$1,040,678	\$1,053,748	\$1,026,197	\$1,004,440
Net Taxes \$ Increase	(\$300,756)	\$109,368	(\$9,364)	\$13,070	-\$27,551	-\$21,757
Net Taxes % Increase	-24.23%	11.63%	-0.89%	1.26%	-2.61%	-2.12%

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September 13, 2023

Mr. Brian Brock  
Mitchell County Tax Commissioner  
5201 U.S. Highway 19 South  
Camilla, Georgia 31730

RE: 2-21 Freeport Exemptions

This is to certify the City of Camilla has no local or Freeport exemptions for this year.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Ford  
City Clerk



CONTRACT FOR SERVICES TO BILL AND COLLECT AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2023

City of Camilla

Parcels- 2152

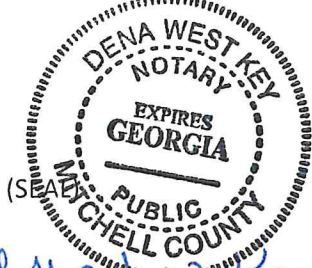
Fee per parcel \$2.75

Total \$5918.00

This contract is between the City of Camilla, Mitchell County Board of Commissioners and the Mitchell County Tax Commissioner. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving 90 days written notice to the other party. If notice of other party is given by either party during an active billing cycle in which the municipal taxes have already been applied to the county bills, then such termination will not occur until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year.

Please send \$ 2959.00 to Brian Brock P.O. Box 373 Camilla, Ga. 31730

Please send \$2959.00 to the Mitchell Co. Bd of Comm. 5201 US Hwy 19 S. Camilla, Ga. 31730



*Dena West Key*  
*6/2/25*



TAX COMMISSIONER OF MITCHELL COUNTY

BY: *Brian Brock*

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: *Benjamin Hayward*

Attest: *Rebecca Reese*

CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA

BY: 

ATTEST: *Cheryl Ford*



*APPROVED: SEPT. 21, 2023*