



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
OXFORD CITY HALL
MONDAY, FEBUARY 17, 2025, 10:00 am
PUBLIC HEARING
STATEWIDE ADJUSTED BASE YEAR AD VALOREM HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

PRESENT: Councilmember Jeff Wearing, City Manager Bill Andrew

OTHERS PRESENT: None

The purpose of the public hearing was to obtain comments and questions regarding the City of Oxford's pending decision of whether to opt out of the statewide adjusted base ad valorem homestead exemption.

The public hearing was called to order at 10:00 am by Bill Andrew. Mr. Andrew reviewed the spreadsheets prepared by Newton County Chief Appraiser Martie Kinard to illustrate the potential impact of HB 581 to the City of Oxford's budget. Mr. Wearing and Mr. Andrew discussed this potential impact and the development patterns and real estate market in Newton County. No other comments or presentation were made and the Public Hearing was closed at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025, 6:00 pm
PUBLIC HEARING
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PRESENT: Mayor David Eady, Councilmembers George Holt, Jeff Wearing, Mike Ready, Laura McCanless, City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Brooks, Police Chief Mark Anglin

OTHERS PRESENT: Art Vinson, Laurie Vinson, Nick Cole, Kate Verity (Covington News)

The purpose of the public hearing was to obtain comments and questions regarding the City of Oxford's pending decision of whether to opt out of the statewide adjusted base ad valorem homestead exemption.

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor David Eady. Mayor Eady and Bill Andrew summarized the issues and anticipated impacts. Mayor Eady asked if anyone attending had oral or written comments.

Comments:

Nick Cole – No one likes taxes, but he understands the City must pay the bills to maintain services.

Art Vinson – Asked for clarification on the FLOST penny tax for Newton County.

Kate Verity – Commented on rumors regarding Social Circle planning to opt out.

Councilmember Laura McCanless discussed the possible change to adopt a minimum of five acres in HB 92, which is being considered in the State legislature this year as a cleanup bill.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:28 pm.

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