

Press Release Announcing a Proposed Property Tax Increase

Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners has announced its intention to increase property taxes it will levy this year by 9.57 percentage over the rollback millage rate.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the trend of process on properties that have recently sold in the county indicates there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and increase the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia Law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's new digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessment occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on the tax increase to be held at the following location at the indicated times. July 20th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and July 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Ben Hill County Courthouse Annex, 324 East Pine St., Fitzgerald, GA 31750

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