

**Board of Commissioners of Candler County
Called Meeting
August 10, 2018
9:00 A.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County held a called meeting on Friday, August 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. The purpose of the called meeting was to authorize the Advertisement of Public Hearings Requiring a 1 Mill Increase. Those attending the meeting were Candler County Commission Chairman, Glyn Thrift; Candler County Vice-Chairman, Brad Jones and Commissioners Donny Wells, David Robinson and Wayne Culbertson; Candler County Administrator, Bryan Aasheim; Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank. Guest included Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser representative. Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross, was unable to attend this called meeting.

Call to Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Wells delivered the invocation followed by Chairman Thrift leading the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

To Authorize the Advertisement of Public Hearings Requiring a 1 Mill Increase

Mr. Aasheim presented the 2018 Tax Digest packet explaining a need for a 1 mill increase to avoid further erosion of the County's General Operating Fund.

Vice-Chairman Jones made a motion seconded by Chairman Thrift to authorize the advertisement of Public Hearings on the proposed a 1 Mill increase as outlined in the 2018 Tax Digest packet. The motion passed with a four to one vote with Chairman Thrift, Vice-Chairman Jones, Commissioners Wells and Culbertson voting in favor while Commissioner Robinson voted against the motion.
(See Exhibit A)

Executive Session – Personnel

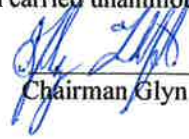
No executive session was needed during this called meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Culbertson made a motion at 9:14 a.m. seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Maranda K. Lank, Clerk
Attest



Chairman Glyn Thrift

Exhibit A

Press Release

Metter, GA: Friday, August 10, 2018

County proposes one mil increase in taxes

The Candler County Board of Commissioners have proposed to increase the countywide millage rate from 11.854 to 12.854. This millage rate will result in a tax increase of 8.44% in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. The overall net effect is a countywide zero percent net tax change based on reassessed property. All tax growth in the county will be from new growth in the personal property segment. This growth and increase in the millage rate will provide new tax dollars based on real growth, not reassessed value.

The proposed tax increase will aid the county in providing services to all citizens in the incorporated and unincorporated areas. Additionally, the proposed increase will slow the erosion of the county's fund balance and help ensure consistent delivery of those services.

The County will hold hearings on the proposed millage rate on August 23, 2018 at 9:00 AM and again on August 30, 2018 at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. All concerned citizens are invited to participate in these hearings.

The County is required to roll back the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) proceeds for the entire county resulting in a 2.3 mill tax reduction for the County based on sales tax collections.

Notice of Property Tax Increase

The Candler County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 8.44%.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Commissioners Meeting room 1075 E. Hiawatha Street Metter, GA 30439 on August 23, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Times and Places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Commissioner's meeting room 1075 E. Hiawatha Street Metter, GA 30439 on August 30, 2018 at 9:00AM and at 6:00PM.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 12.854 mills, an increase of 1.0 mills. Without this tentative tax increase the millage rate will be no more than 11.854 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$38.00 and the proposed tax increase for non- homesteaded property with a fair market value of \$75,000 is approximately \$30.00.

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The Commissioners will adopt the 2018 levy at a called meeting to be held immediately after the third and final public hearing.

Exhibit A

**TAX DIGEST AND 5-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY**

The Candler County Board of Commissioners do hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Commissioners' office located at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia, 30439 on August 30th immediately following the third and final public hearing starting at 6:00pm and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 do 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.

INCORPORATED	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Real & Personal	\$ 81,888,513	83,833,825	77,266,198	76,943,019	80,042,431	84,233,513
Motor Vehicles	6,902,590	5,578,970	4,143,600	3,313,600	2,479,360	2,003,230
Mobile Homes	291,503	297,317	299,501	286,071	298,289	278,609
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	65,072	12,566
Heavy Duty Equipment	59,224	99,060	0	0	181,676	291,280
Gross Digest	89,141,830	89,809,172	81,709,299	80,542,690	83,066,828	86,819,198
Less M&O Exemption	4,873,033	4,282,356	3,585,494	4,363,490	4,418,558	6,662,677
Net M&O Digest	84,268,797	85,526,816	78,123,805	76,179,200	78,648,270	80,156,521
FLPA Reimbursement Value	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted Net Digest	\$ 84,268,797	85,526,816	78,123,805	76,179,200	78,648,270	80,156,521
Gross M&O Millage	17.189	16.759	16.813	17.117	14.336	15.161
Less Rollbacks	5.437	5.490	5.478	5.704	2.511	2.307
Net M&O Millage	11.752	11.269	11.335	11.413	11.825	12.854
Net Taxes Levied	\$ 990,327	963,802	885,533	869,433	930,016	1,030,332
UNINCORPORATED						
Real & Personal ⁽¹⁾	\$ 163,127,586	175,315,198	175,219,756	175,687,020	212,479,196	216,852,402
Motor Vehicles	16,782,980	13,354,110	9,843,360	7,521,410	5,592,500	4,412,240
Mobile Homes	1,928,797	1,953,483	1,956,612	1,858,247	2,046,265	1,879,622
Timber - 100%	2,517,973	3,284,634	4,623,471	4,608,334	3,249,099	4,408,501
Heavy Duty Equipment	33,516	0	0	45,200	113,594	94,406
Gross Digest	184,390,852	193,907,425	191,643,199	189,720,211	223,480,654	227,647,171
Less M&O Exemption	38,662,928	45,813,843	44,534,160	43,262,823	43,445,972	43,171,786
Net M&O Digest	145,727,924	148,093,582	147,109,039	146,457,388	180,034,682	184,475,385
FLPA Reimbursement Value	2,082,410	2,326,035	2,407,693	2,457,717	2,463,937	2,521,201
Adjusted Net Digest	\$ 147,810,334	150,419,617	149,516,732	148,915,105	182,498,619	186,996,586
Gross M&O Millage	17.189	16.759	16.813	17.117	14.336	15.161
Less Rollbacks	4.843	4.771	4.809	5.034	2.511	2.307
Net M&O Millage	12.346	11.988	12.004	12.083	11.825	12.854
Net Taxes Levied	\$ 1,824,866	1,803,230	1,794,799	1,799,341	2,158,046	2,403,654
Total County Value	\$ 232,079,131	235,946,433	227,640,537	225,094,305	261,146,889	267,153,107
Total County Taxes Levied	\$ 2,815,193	2,767,032	2,680,332	2,668,774	3,088,062	3,433,986
Net Taxes \$ Increase(Decrease)	\$ 503,584	(48,161)	(86,700)	(11,558)	419,288	345,924
Net Taxes % Increase(Decrease)	17.888%	(1.711%)	(3.133%)	(.431%)	15.71%	11.20%