

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Candler County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2022 property taxes it will levy this year by 5.18% over the rollback millage rate.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property within the county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicate 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 adjust the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

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

The budget adopted by the Candler County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the Candler County Board of Commissioners may set the final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County continue to work to preserve the public's tax dollars and to use them efficiently and effectively to deliver both constitutionally mandated and desired services. The Board has been able to increase efficiencies during the past three years and has adopted the rollback millage rate for each of 2019, 2020, and 2021; keeping taxes stable. Just as the current economic pressures and inflation impact citizens day to day lives, these same conditions impact the ability of the county government to provide service to the county. The Board does not take this proposed action lightly and will continue to strive to minimize the tax burden on the County's citizens where possible.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Candler County Administration Building, 1075 E Hiawatha St, Metter, Georgia on:

August 1, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

August 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

August 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.