

Press Release

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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.