

Press Release

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**County equalizes countywide millage rate.**

The Candler County Board of Commissioners have tentatively adopted a countywide millage rate of 11.825. This millage rate will result in a **tax decrease of 1.85%** for the unincorporated area of the county which represents 70% of the total digest and an **tax increase of 3.81%** for the smaller incorporated 30% segment of the digest. 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 will provide new tax dollars based on real growth not reassessed value.

This equalization of the millage rate is required to insure that all county residents pay the same tax rate to provide countywide services and will result in no new tax dollars based on reassessment or equalization. The County will hold hearings on the proposed millage rate on August 17 at 10:00 AM and again on August 24 at 10:00AM and 6:00PM. All concerned citizens are invited to participate in these hearings.

Having an equalized rate is the fairest method of taxation and will result in a net tax decrease for the largest segment of the county and a fair share tax rate for the incorporated area of the county. The County is required to roll back the LOST proceeds for the entire county resulting in a 2.5 mill tax reduction based on sales tax collections.

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