

Press Release Announcing A Proposed Property Tax Increase

The Elbert County Board of Commissioners is announcing its intention to increase 2023 property taxes this year by 24.21% for the unincorporated district and 28.04% for the incorporated district over the rollback millage rate.

The Elbert County Board of Commissioners wishes to set the millage rate for unincorporated district at 9.978 and the incorporated district at 10.602. Both rates are a .228 mill increase from last year.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred. Accepting the rollback rate of 8.033 for unincorporated and 8.280 incorporated would result in the county general fund budget being reduced by \$1,664,615.

The past couple of years, Elbert County has decreased the millage rate while the cost of providing services has increased. This has caused Elbert County to go into a larger deficit from previous years. Without this tentative tax increase, Elbert County will not be able to continue providing the same level of services to citizens including EMS, Sheriff, and Fire Services.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Elbert County Board of Commissioners Government Complex located at 45 Forest Avenue, Elberton, GA on September 27, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. and September 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and October 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.