

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2017 property taxes it will levy this year by 1.25 percentage over the rollback millage rate for the unincorporated area and .92 percentage over the rollback millage rate for the incorporated area.

Each year, the Brooks County Board of Tax Assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in 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 that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's new digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget adopted by the Brooks County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Board of Commissioners can set a 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.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Brooks County Administrative Building, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 610 South Highland Road, Quitman, Georgia, on August 17, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., and again on August 24, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.