

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2020 property taxes it will levy this year by 2.55 percentage 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 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 years' digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Lamar County Board of Commissioners requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback rate, therefore, before the Lamar County Board of Commissioners may finalize the tentative budget and 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 public hearings on this tax increase to be at the Commissioners meeting room at 326 Thomaston Street, Barnesville, Georgia on August 11, 2020 at 9 AM and 6 PM. A third public hearing will be held in the same location at 6pm on August 18, 2020.