

## NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Effingham County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a 2019 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by **3.67** percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Administrative Complex, 601 North Laurel Street, Springfield, GA 31329 on **July 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm**  
Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Administrative Complex, 601 North Laurel Street, Springfield, Ga 31329 on **August 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM**

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of **6.558 mills**, an increase of **0.232 mills**. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than **6.326 mills**. The proposed tax increase for home with a fair market value of **\$150,000** is approximately **\$13.92** and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of **\$100,000** is approximately **\$9.28**

## PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Effingham County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2018 property taxes it will levy this year by 3.67 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 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 digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the Effingham 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 the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Administrative Complex, 601 North Laurel Street, Springfield, Georgia on July 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM and on August 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM.