

## **PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2019 property taxes it will levy this year by 1.93 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 indicates 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 digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Habersham County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the Habersham 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 following dates and times:

June 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. as part of a called Commission Meeting at the Administration Building

June 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. as part of a called Commission Meeting at the Administration Building

June 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. as part of a called Commission Meeting at the Administration Building

The Administration Building is located at:  
130 Jacob's Way (Next to the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center)  
Clarkeville, GA 30523

All meetings will be held in the Commission Conference Room on the Main Floor