

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Schley County Board of Commissioners today announces its intentions to increase the 2026 property taxes it will levy this year by 12.48 percent 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 a rollback millage rate 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 reassessment occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Schley County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the Turner 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 Schley County Courthouse at 47 N. Pecan Street, Ellaville, Georgia, 31806 on October 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., and on October 15, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The **Schley County Board of Commissioners** has tentatively adopted a 2026 millage rate which will require an increase in property tax of **12.48** percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on the tax increase to be held at the Schley County Courtroom at 47 N. Pecan Street, Ellaville, GA 31806, on **October 8, 2026 at 9 a.m.**

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Schley County Courtroom at 47 N. Pecan Street, Ellaville, GA 31806, on **October 15, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of **13.094** mills, an increase of **1.453** mills. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than **11.641** mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of **\$175,000** is approximately **\$101.71** and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of **\$125,000** is approximately **\$72.65**.

NOTICE

The Schley County Board of Commissioners does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Schley County Courtroom, 47 N. Pecan St., on October 15, 2026 at 6:45 p.m.. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

COUNTY WIDE		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
C o u n t y w i d e	Real & Personal	147,022,423	176,706,318	183,392,387	185,899,624	202,004,885	219,933,580
	Motor Vehicles	2,862,370	2,633,930	2,634,640	2,401,130	2,329,450	2,290,460
	Mobile Homes	1,324,851	1,469,478	1,535,189	1,773,110	2,048,187	1,967,212
	Timber - 100%	3,484,430	5,889,911	6,328,013	3,939,465	3,106,716	3,368,516
	Heavy Duty Equipment						
	Gross Digest	154,694,074	186,699,637	193,890,229	194,013,329	209,489,238	227,559,768
	Less Exemptions	42,197,005	45,538,082	49,382,230	41,736,758	58,300,218	67,388,935
	NET DIGEST VALUE	112,497,069	141,161,555	144,507,999	152,276,571	151,189,020	160,170,833
	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	13.9807	12.2570	12.3555	12.9189	15.5427	15.4435
	Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	1.7237	1.739	1.8085	2.3649	2.4487	2.3495
TAX	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	12.2570	10.518	10.547	10.554	13.094	13.094
	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$1,378,877	\$1,484,737	\$1,524,126	\$1,607,127	\$1,979,669	\$2,097,277
	Net Tax \$ Increase	\$30,078	\$105,861	\$39,389	\$83,001	\$372,542	\$117,608
	Net Tax % Increase	2.23%	7.68%	2.65%	5.45%	23.18%	5.94%

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