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Proposed Property Tax Increase

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga. – In accordance with the Georgia Tax Payer Bill of Rights, the Glynn County Board of Commissioners announces its intention to increase the property taxes it will levy this year by 1.65 percent over the rollback millage rate for county-wide Districts 1-5. This does not result in an increase for District 6 (Jekyll Island) 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.

Note: Property owners who have filed for a homestead exemption, and are thus eligible for the Scarlett-Williams exemption, will not see an increase in their taxable assessed value, per the Scarlett-Williams Bill. This exemption freezes the valuation of property at the base year valuation for taxing purposes for as long as the homeowner owns and resides on the property and no additions or improvements are made to the property.

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 adopted by the Glynn County Board of Commissioners requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Although the millage rate of 5.673 mills for county-wide Districts 1-5 and 4.981 for District 6 (Jekyll Island) remain the same as last year, a property tax increase must be advertised for Districts 1-5 because the reassessments yield more tax revenue for Glynn County.

The millage rate for Glynn County has remained at 5.673 percent since 2008. In both 2014 and 2015, Glynn County residents paid the 5th lowest millage rate out of the 159 counties in the state.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Glynn County Historic Courthouse, 701 G Street, Brunswick, Georgia, on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at 11:00 a.m. on August 4, 2016 at the Casino Building, Room 114, St. Simons Island and at 6:00 p.m. on August 4, 2016 at the Glynn County Historic Courthouse, 701 G Street, Brunswick, Georgia.

For questions regarding the proposed property tax increase, please contact Kathryn Downs 912-554-7412.

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