

## PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2018 property taxes it will levy this year by **12.54** percent in the Incorporated area and by **13.21** percent in the Unincorporated Area 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 within the incorporate and unincorporated areas of 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 year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the McDuffie County Board of Commissioners requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the McDuffie Count 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 hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Thomson-McDuffie County Government Center, Administration Building, 210 Railroad Street, Thomson, GA on August 14, 2018 at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm and August 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm.