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PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2019 property taxes it will levy by 3.52% percentage over the rollback millage rate for the incorporated districts of the county and by 4.25% percentage over the rollback millage rate for the unincorporated district of the county.

*The Board of Commissioners tentatively adopted the FY2020 budget which assumed a millage rate of 10.813 and 11.960 for the unincorporated and incorporated districts of the county, respectively. This millage rate is **identical** to the millage rate of the prior year as there has not been any net millage rate increase. Due to the state law and advertising requirements, the Board is mandated to publish this year's millage rate as a tax increase due to the calculation of the rollback millage rate.*

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 reassessment occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the Franklin 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 Franklin County Justice Center, Highway 145, Carnesville, Georgia on August 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM; August 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM; and on August 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM.