



BRYAN COUNTY ROLLS BACK MILLAGE RATE TO CUT TAXES, PARTIALLY REFUNDS GARBAGE FEE

BRYAN COUNTY, GA – August 20, 2021 – During the August Bryan County Board of Commissioners meeting, the commission voted to roll back the 2021 millage rate from 8.314 to 7.999, thus cutting taxes for property owners this year. It marks the fifth consecutive year that the county has rolled back its millage rate after holding steady at 9.150 in 2014, 2015, 2016. The new rate will be reflected on the tax bills property owners will receive this fall.

A millage rate is the amount of tax per \$1,000 of the assessed value, which is 40 percent of the fair market value, of a property, according to the Georgia Department of Revenue. For example, if a property is valued at \$100,000, then \$40,000 of that property is taxed, which would lead to a tax bill of \$163.32. If there is homestead exemption on the property, the tax amount would be even lower.

In addition, the commission voted to refund residents \$20 on the annual garbage pickup fee, which lowers it from \$200 to \$180.

“We are thrilled to find ourselves in a position where we can roll back the millage rate for our citizens. When the commission can save residents money without having to cut back on countywide services – something that is not always possible due to budget constraints – we are eager to go ahead and do it,” County Commission Chairman Carter Infinger said.

Property taxes fund countywide services that are provided to everyone who lives in Bryan County, regardless of whether they are based in the cities of Richmond Hill, Pembroke or unincorporated areas. Those services include the sheriff’s department, the courts system, the county road system, elections, emergency medical services, libraries, recreation, tax assessor, tax commissioner and more.

“We value our taxpayers and are fiscally responsible with the funds we are given. County leaders will continue to watch every cent and implement cost-saving measures when we can to improve services and provide savings to our citizens,” Infinger said.

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