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**FORSYTH COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE APPROVED AT
LOWER THAN PROPOSED RATE**

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted an increase in the county’s millage rate during a special called meeting Thursday, July 22, at a rate lower than the advertised, proposed increase. The vote followed the third of three public hearings held regarding the millage rate.

The approved Maintenance and Operation rate is 4.734 mills, up from 3.834 mills in 2009. The approved Fire rate is 1.975 mills, up from 1.841 mills in 2009. The increase in these rates was approved to help offset projected deficits in the county’s 2011 preliminary budget and the Fire Department’s 2011 preliminary budget.

The approved Bond rate is 0.947 mills, down from 1.196 mills in 2009. The reduced Bond millage rate reflects the debt service requirements for bonds in 2011.

These approved rates represent a total county millage increase of 0.785 mills, compared to the advertised, proposed total increase of 1.48 mills.

The millage rates adopted July 22 will fund the county’s 2011 budget, which will be adopted toward the end of 2010.

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