



2022 Cherokee County Millage Rate

June 7, 2022

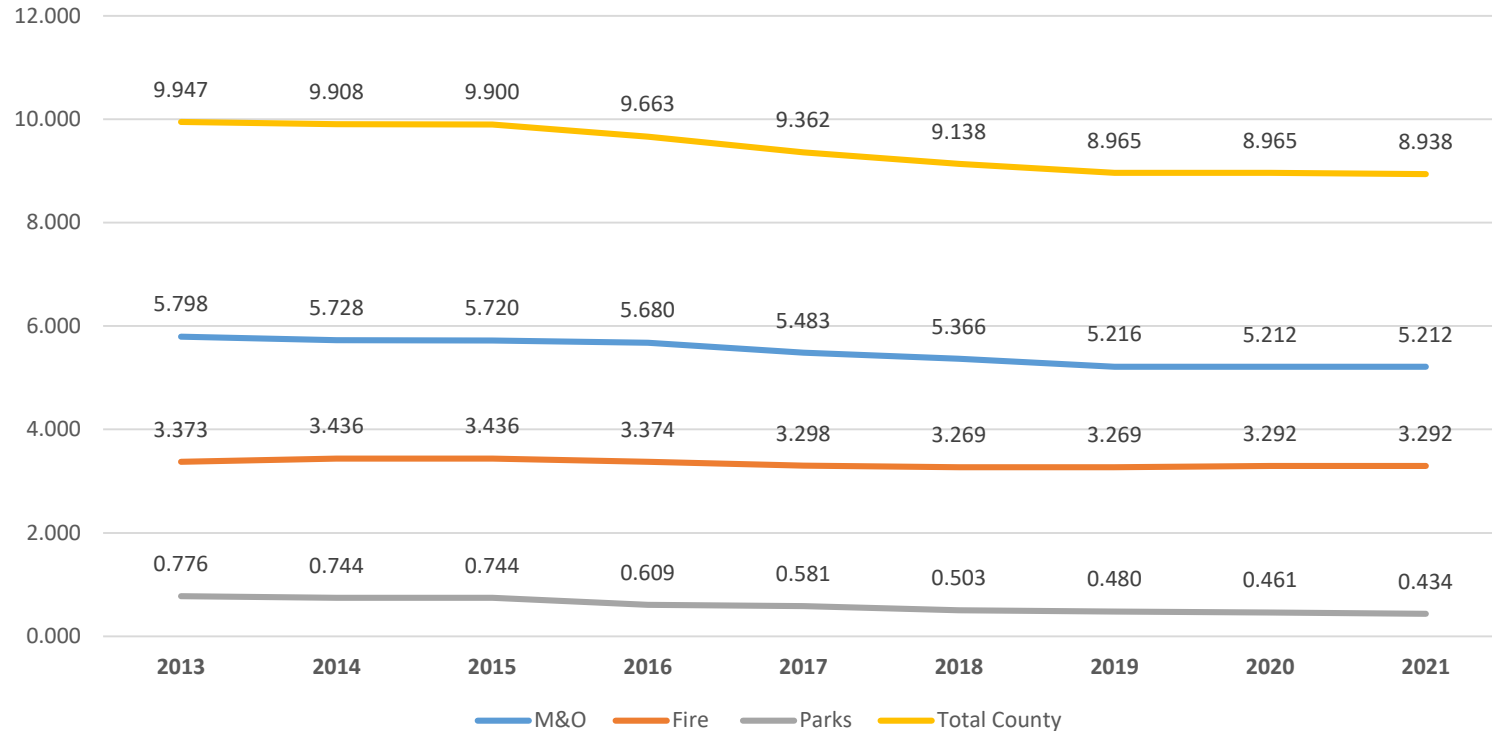
Calculating The Millage Rate

Departments submit a Zero-Based Budget for review by Finance and the County Manager

Finance prepares a forecast of all Non-Property Tax Revenues considering current run rates and future Economic indicators

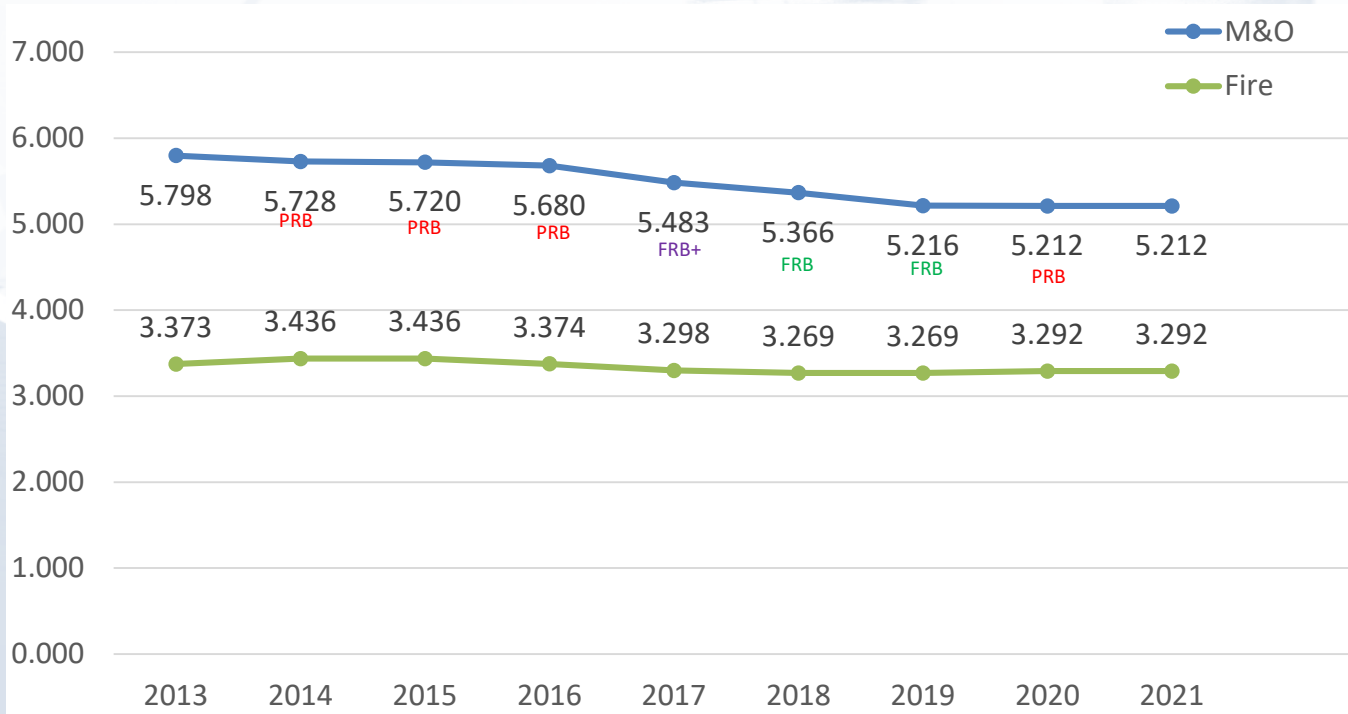
Calculate the 2022 Millage Rate using the Latest Tax Digest
$$\text{Expenditures} - \text{Non Property Tax Revenues} = \text{Property Taxes}$$

Cherokee County Millage Rate History & Forecast



The total Millage Rate has decreased 11.3% from 2013 to 2021

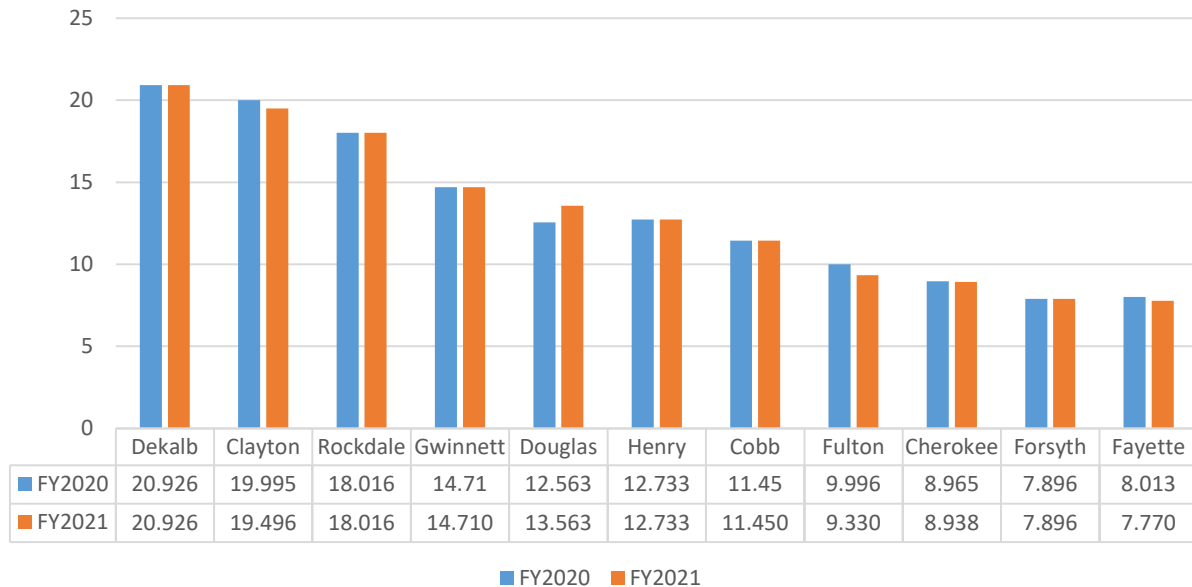
Cherokee County M&O & Fire Millage Rate History



FRB+ = Full Roll Back +
FRB = Full Roll Back
PRB = Partial Roll Back

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County Comparisons of Total Millage Rates

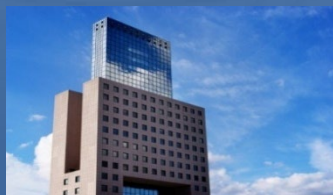


Total Millage Rates

	FY2020	FY2021	Change	%
Dekalb	20.926	20.926	-	0.0%
Clayton	19.995	19.496	(0.499)	-2.5%
Rockdale	18.016	18.016	-	0.0%
Gwinnett	14.71	14.710	-	0.0%
Douglas	12.563	13.563	1.000	8.0%
Henry	12.733	12.733	-	0.0%
Cobb	11.45	11.450	-	0.0%
Fulton	9.996	9.330	(0.666)	-6.7%
Cherokee	8.965	8.938	(0.027)	-0.3%
Forsyth	7.896	7.896	-	0.0%
Fayette	8.013	7.770	(0.243)	-3.0%

M&O 2022 Tax Digest

Description	2021 Digest	2022 Digest	\$ Change	% Change	Inflation	Growth
Real	13,591,634,782	16,856,591,963	3,264,957,181	24.02%		
Personal	579,559,133	637,550,052	57,990,919	10.01%		
Motor Vehicles	97,858,520	89,146,610	(8,711,910)	-8.90%		
Mobile Homes	15,972,188	17,426,112	1,453,924	9.10%		
Timber	1,085,620	566,521	(519,099)	-47.82%		
Gross Digest	14,286,110,243	17,601,281,258	3,315,171,015	23.21%	17.33%	5.87%
Exemptions	2,277,700,384	3,663,150,708	1,385,450,324	60.83%	37.93%	22.89%
Net Digest	12,008,409,859	13,938,130,550	1,929,720,691	16.07%	13.42%	2.65%



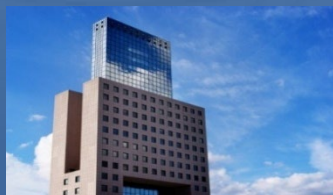
Fire 2022 Tax Digest

Description	2021 Digest	2022 Digest	\$Change	% Change	Inflation	Growth
Real	9,095,425,419	11,314,411,147	2,218,985,728	24.40%		
Personal	333,018,396	363,759,763	30,741,367	9.23%		
Motor Vehicles	78,964,600	71,771,750	(7,192,850)	-9.11%		
Mobile Homes	15,853,800	17,311,205	1,457,405	9.19%		
Timber	1,085,620	566,521	(519,099)	-47.82%		
Gross Digest	9,524,347,835	11,767,820,386	2,243,472,551	23.56%	18.85%	4.71%
Exemptions	405,283,315	449,941,047	44,657,732	11.02%	0.00%	11.02%
Net Digest	9,119,064,520	11,317,879,339	2,198,814,819	24.11%	19.68%	4.43%



Parks Bond 2022 Tax Digest

Description	2021 Digest	2022 Digest	\$Change	% Change	Inflation	Growth
Real	13,591,634,782	16,856,591,963	3,264,957,181	24.02%		
Personal	579,559,133	637,550,052	57,990,919	10.01%		
Motor Vehicles	97,858,520	89,146,610	(8,711,910)	-8.90%		
Mobile Homes	15,972,188	17,426,112	1,453,924	9.10%		
Timber	1,085,620	566,521	(519,099)	-47.82%		
Gross Digest	14,286,110,243	17,601,281,258	3,315,171,015	23.21%	17.33%	5.87%
Exemptions	455,205,745	518,790,449	63,584,704	13.97%	0.00%	13.97%
Net Digest	13,830,904,498	17,082,490,809	3,251,586,311	23.51%	17.90%	5.61%



Cherokee County Net Tax Digest History

	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Actual 2022
M&O							
Growth	3.56%	4.71%	3.69%	4.55%	3.86%	3.38%	2.65%
Inflation	3.07%	3.73%	2.26%	3.01%	2.77%	4.11%	13.42%
Total	6.63%	8.44%	5.95%	7.56%	6.63%	7.49%	16.07%
Fire							
Growth	3.57%	3.73%	3.08%	3.78%	2.76%	3.12%	4.43%
Inflation	3.14%	5.12%	3.13%	4.74%	4.10%	6.12%	19.68%
Total	6.71%	8.85%	6.21%	8.52%	6.86%	9.24%	24.11%
Parks							
Growth	3.96%	4.87%	3.74%	4.47%	4.33%	4.25%	5.61%
Inflation	3.93%	4.96%	3.42%	4.93%	3.29%	6.42%	17.90%
Total	7.89%	9.83%	7.16%	9.40%	7.62%	10.67%	23.51%

General Fund FY2023 Budget Highlights

FY2022 Budgeted Expenditures \$124,015,206

31 New Positions	\$2,271,774
Salary Mkt Adjustments	\$958,746
Health Insurance	\$1,996,480
One Time Expenditures	\$1,114,120
Sheriff Software	\$1,000,000
Liability Insurance	\$453,519
Park Transfer	\$305,538
EMS Transfer	\$301,740
Library Transfer	\$221,944
Other Items	\$64,671
Elections Building	(\$1,100,000)
RRDA Payments	<u>(\$2,765,644)</u>

Total Department Increases	\$4,822,888
COLA 7%	\$5,736,222
Market Adjustment Reserve	\$3,134,810

Total Expenditure Increase \$13,693,920

FY2023 Total Budgeted Expenditures \$137,709,126

COLA:

Public Safety \$3,497,641

Non Public Safety \$2,238,581

FY2023 11% increase in Expenditures

31 Headcount Additions

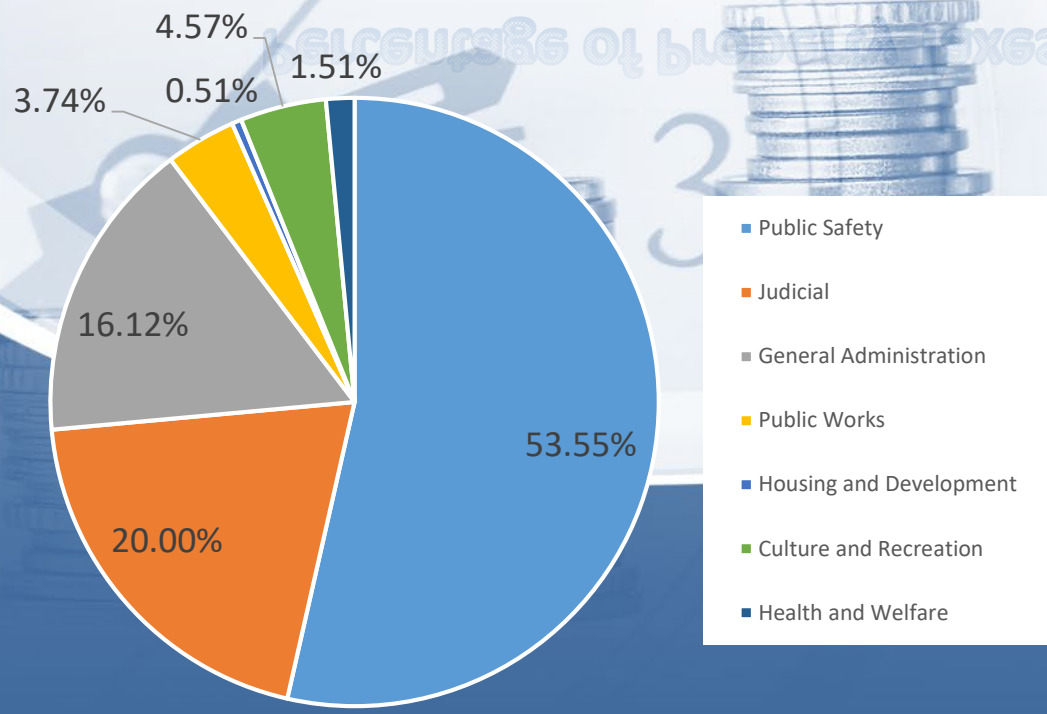
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|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| • Animal Control | 1 | • IT | 1 |
| • Clerk of Court | 4 | • Magistrate Court | 1 |
| • Staff Attorney | 1 | • Planning & Zoning | 2 |
| • Court Administration | 2 | • Procurement | 1 |
| • District Attorney | 4 | • Property Management | 5 |
| • Elections | 1 | • Risk Management | 1 |
| • Engineering | 1 | • Solicitor | 1 |
| • Finance | 1 | • Superior Court | 2 |
| • Grants | 1 | • SW Engineering | 1 |

Cost of Adding a 4th Superior Court Judge

	Court Administration	Clerk of Courts	District Attorney	Indigent Defense	Total
Payroll/Benefits	\$337,936	\$101,076	\$323,661		\$762,673
Technical Services	\$1,320			\$36,000	\$37,320
Rental Equipment	\$931				\$931
Communications	\$3,120				\$3,120
Postage	\$6,000				\$6,000
Travel	\$720				\$720
Dues	\$470				\$470
Training & Education	\$1,200				\$1,200
Supplies	\$8,000				\$8,000
Books & Periodicals	\$775				\$775
Computers	\$13,800	\$10,630			\$24,430
Furnishings	\$39,000				\$39,000
Total General Fund	\$413,272	\$111,706	\$323,661	\$36,000	\$884,639
ARPA Funding D.A. 11 Employees			\$1,068,852		\$1,068,852
Total Annual Cost	\$413,272	\$111,706	\$1,392,513	\$36,000	\$1,953,491
Additional Headcount					
General Fund	4	2	4		10
ARPA			11		11

FY2023 Proposed Budget

Percentage of Property Taxes by Service Area



73.55% of Property Taxes Funds Public Safety and Judicial Services

General Fund Historical Fund Balance Trends

	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2020	Actual FY2021	Forecast FY2022
Expenditures	\$96,513,614	\$100,752,567	\$109,028,246	\$122,015,206
Fund Balance	\$36,243,590	\$45,360,299	\$52,467,685	\$61,841,682
Fund Balance % of Expenditures	37.55%	45.02%	48.12%	50.68%
Months of Fund Balance	4.51	5.40	5.77	6.08
Fund Balance Change		\$9,116,709	\$7,107,386	\$9,373,997

Beginning Fund Balance	\$52,467,685
Operating Revenue	\$3,000,000
ARPA Revenue	\$10,000,000
Expenditures	\$2,000,000
FY2022 Budgeted Use of Reserves	<u>(\$5,626,003)</u>
Fund Balance Increase	\$9,373,997
FY2022 Forecasted Fund Balance	\$61,841,682

2022 M&O Millage Rate Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Department Expenditures	\$128,838,094	\$128,838,094	\$128,838,094	\$128,838,094
COLA 7% Public Safety	\$3,497,641	\$3,497,641	\$3,497,641	\$3,497,641
COLA 7% Non Public Safety	\$2,238,581	\$2,238,581	\$2,238,581	\$2,238,581
Salary Market Adjustment Reserve	\$3,134,810	\$3,134,810	\$3,134,810	\$3,134,810
Total Expenditures	\$137,709,126	\$137,709,126	\$137,709,126	\$137,709,126
Non property tax revenue	(\$62,321,790)	(\$62,321,790)	(\$62,321,790)	(\$62,321,790)
Use of Reserves:				
One Time items + 50% unfilled positions	(\$3,039,010)	(\$3,039,010)	(\$3,039,010)	(\$3,039,010)
BOC Discretionary Reserves	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
Total Use of Reserves	(\$3,039,010)	(\$4,039,010)	(\$6,039,010)	(\$8,039,010)

2022 M&O Millage Rate Key Stats

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Expenditures	\$137,709,126	\$137,709,126	\$137,709,126	\$137,709,126
Fund Balance	\$58,802,672	\$57,802,672	\$55,802,672	\$53,802,672
Fund Balance % of Expenditures	42.70%	41.97%	40.52%	39.07%
Months of Fund Balance	5.12	5.04	4.86	4.69
Fund Balance Change	(\$3,039,010)	(\$4,039,010)	(\$6,039,010)	(\$8,039,010)
Required Millage Rate	5.212	5.139	4.995	4.851
Rollback Rate	4.609	4.609	4.609	4.609
Property Tax Increase	13.1%	11.5%	8.4%	5.3%
Required Millage Rate	5.212	5.139	4.995	4.851
Current Millage Rate	5.212	5.212	5.212	5.212
Millage Rate Change	0.000	-0.073	-0.217	-0.361
Tax Increase on \$325,000 Home				
Homestead over Roll Back Rate	\$75.38	\$66.25	\$48.25	\$30.25
Non Homestead over Roll Back Rate	\$78.39	\$68.90	\$50.18	\$31.46

Fire Fund FY2023 Budget Highlights

FY2022 Budgeted Expenditures		\$40,362,206
New Positions	\$820,033	
Salary Mkt Adjustments	\$0	
Health Insurance	\$675,240	
One Time Expenditures	\$0	
Liability Insurance	\$130,877	
Other Items	<u>\$302,592</u>	
Total Department Increases		\$1,928,742
COLA 7%		\$2,123,082
Market Adjustment Reserve		\$1,167,500
Total Expenditure Increase		\$5,219,324
FY2023 Total Budgeted Expenditures		\$45,581,530

11 Headcount Additions

Recruiter	1
Special Projects	1
Warehouse Specialist	1
Fire Inspector	1
Fire Inspector/Plans Review	1
General Office Clerk	1
Firefighter Entry Level	5
Total Additons	11

Fire Fund Historical Fund Balance Trends

	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2020	Actual FY2021	Forecast FY2022
Expenditures	\$31,988,025	\$35,263,211	\$36,371,181	\$40,362,206
Fund Balance	\$6,625,004	\$10,005,241	\$10,635,370	\$11,293,598
Fund Balance % of Expenditures	20.71%	28.37%	29.24%	27.98%
Months of Fund Balance	2.49	3.40	3.51	3.36
Fund Balance Change		\$3,380,237	\$630,129	\$658,228

FY2022 Forecasted Fire Fund Balance

Operating Revenue	\$325,433
Expenditures	\$800,000
Total Budget Variance	\$1,125,433
FY2022 Budgeted Use of Reserves	(467,205)
Fund Balance Increase	\$658,228

2022 Fire Millage Rate Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Department Expenditures	\$42,290,948	\$42,290,948	\$42,290,948	\$42,290,948
COLA 7%	\$2,123,082	\$2,123,082	\$2,123,082	\$2,123,082 S
Salary Market Adjustment Reserve	\$1,167,500	\$1,167,500	\$1,167,500	\$1,167,500
Total Expenditures	\$45,581,530	\$45,581,530	\$45,581,530	\$45,581,530
Non property tax revenue	(\$11,023,886)	(\$11,023,886)	(\$11,023,886)	(\$11,023,886)
Use of Reserves:				
One Time items + 50% unfilled positions	(\$631,297)	(\$631,297)	(\$631,297)	(\$631,297)
BOC Discretionary Reserves		(\$200,000)	(\$400,000)	(\$600,000)
Total Use of Reserves	(\$631,297)	(\$831,297)	(\$1,031,297)	(\$1,231,297)

2022 Fire Millage Rate Key Stats


	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Expenditures	\$45,581,530	\$45,581,530	\$45,581,530	\$45,581,530
Fund Balance	\$10,662,301	\$10,462,301	\$10,262,301	\$10,062,301
Fund Balance % of Expenditures	23.39%	22.95%	22.51%	22.08%
Months of Fund Balance	2.81	2.75	2.70	2.65
Fund Balance Change	(\$631,297)	(\$831,297)	(\$1,031,297)	(\$1,231,297)
Required Millage Rate	3.002	2.984	2.967	2.949
Rollback Rate	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77
Property Tax Increase	8.4%	7.7%	7.1%	6.5%
Required Millage Rate	3.002	2.984	2.967	2.949
Current Millage Rate	3.292	3.292	3.292	3.292
Millage Rate Change	-0.290	-0.308	-0.325	-0.343
Tax Increase on \$325,000 Home				
Non Homestead over Roll Back Rate	\$30.15	\$27.85	\$25.55	\$23.25

Homeowner Tax Impact - Current Millage Rate vs Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
General M&O				
Current Rate	5.212	5.212	5.212	5.212
Option Rate	5.212	5.139	4.995	4.851
Rate Difference	0.000	-0.073	-0.217	-0.361
Fire				
Current Rate	3.292	3.292	3.292	3.292
Option Rate	3.002	2.984	2.967	2.949
Rate Difference	-0.290	-0.308	-0.325	-0.343
Parks Bond				
Current Rate	0.434	0.434	0.434	0.434
Option Rate	0.354	0.354	0.354	0.354
Rate Difference	-0.080	-0.080	-0.080	-0.080
Total				
Current Rate	8.938	8.938	8.938	8.938
Option Rate	8.568	8.478	8.316	8.154
Rate Difference	-0.370	-0.460	-0.622	-0.784
Dollar Impact				
General M&O	\$0	-\$9	-\$27	-\$45
Fire Fund	-\$38	-\$40	-\$42	-\$45
Parks Bond	-\$10	-\$10	-\$10	-\$10
Total Rate	-\$48	-\$59	-\$80	-\$100
Difference %	-4.1%	-5.1%	-7.0%	-8.8%

Home Value	\$325,000
Assessed %	40%
Assessed Value	\$130,000
Homestead Exemption (M&O) Only	(\$5,000)
M&O Value	\$125,000
Fire/Parks Bond Value	\$130,000

Cherokee County Millage Rate Process



Advertise Proposed
M&O Rate in
Saturday, June 25th
Cherokee Tribune

Public Hearing
Tuesday,
July 5th
6:00 pm

Public Hearings
Tuesday,
July 19th
11:00am
6:00 pm

Public Hearing and
Adoption of all
Millage Rates
July 19th
6:00 pm