



2023 Cherokee County Millage Rate

June 20, 2023

Key Property Tax Digest Points

- M&O Net Digest Increase 13.88% , 10.69% Inflation, 3.19% Growth
- Fire Net Digest Increase 22.59%, 16.73% Inflation, 5.86% Growth
- Parks Bond Digest Increase 22.04% , 14.89% Inflation, 7.15% Growth

- 62% Property Owners have the Homestead Freeze
- 2023 Home Median Value \$481,960

2023 M&O Forecast

	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Forecast	FY2023 Variance
Property Tax Revenue	\$62,049,323	\$69,568,253	\$69,101,692	(\$466,561)
Non – Property Tax Revenue	\$73,590,540	\$62,710,737	\$66,325,230	\$3,614,493
Total Revenue	\$135,639,863	\$132,278,990	\$135,426,922	\$3,147,932
Note: FY2022 Revenue includes \$10M from ARPA				
Expenditures	\$121,423,643	\$140,553,638	\$136,900,689	\$3,652,949
Use of Fund Balance	\$0	(\$8,274,648)	(\$1,473,767)	\$6,800,881
Fund Balance	\$66,683,909	\$58,409,261	\$65,210,142	
Fund Balance Change	\$14,215,751	(\$8,274,648)	(\$1,473,767)	\$6,800,881
Months of Expenditures	6.59	4.99	5.72	0.73

GFOA Recommends at a minimum 2 months of regular operating expenditures

2023 M&O Millage Rate Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
2023 Digest-Estimate after Appeals	\$15,879,586,805	\$15,879,586,805	\$15,879,586,805	\$15,879,586,805
Current Millage Rate	4.995	4.995	4.995	4.995
Total Rollback Rate	4.526	4.526	4.526	4.526
Expenditures				
Expenditures	\$152,691,588	\$152,691,588	\$152,691,588	\$152,691,588
Non - Property Tax Revenue	\$67,078,988	\$67,078,988	\$67,078,988	\$67,078,988
Use of Reserves	(\$6,445,668)	(\$6,945,668)	(\$7,445,668)	(\$7,945,668)
Required Property Taxes	\$79,166,932	\$78,666,932	\$78,166,932	\$77,666,932
Required Millage Rate				
Required Millage Rate	4.985	4.954	4.922	4.891
Rate Change	-0.010	-0.041	-0.073	-0.104
Millage Rate % Change	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.5%	-2.1%
Fund Balance				
Fund Balance	\$58,764,474	\$58,264,474	\$57,764,474	\$57,264,474
Fund Balance Change	(\$6,445,668)	(\$6,945,668)	(\$7,445,668)	(\$7,945,668)
Months of Expenditures	4.62	4.58	4.54	4.50
AD: Notice of Increase in Property Taxes	10.15%	9.46%	8.76%	8.06%
Tax increase Home \$375K	\$66.56	\$62.06	\$57.42	\$52.93
Tax increase non homestead \$350K	\$64.26	\$59.92	\$55.44	\$51.10

Notice of Property Tax Increase AD

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate, which will require an increase in property taxes by 8.06% percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Cherokee County Administration Building and Conference Center, 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton at the indicated times: July 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM, August 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM and August 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

This tentative increase will result in a millagerate of **4.891**, an increase of **.365 mills**. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 4.526.

The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$375,000 is **\$52.93**, and the proposed tax increase for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$350,000 is **\$51.10**.

2023 Fire Forecast

	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Forecast	FY2023 Variance
Property Tax Revenue	\$29,922,516	\$33,512,355	\$33,295,427	(\$216,928)
Non- Property Tax Revenue	\$10,399,126	\$11,099,430	\$11,623,594	\$524,164
Total Revenue	\$40,321,642	\$44,611,785	\$44,919,021	\$307,236
Expenditures	\$39,339,414	\$46,798,506	\$46,941,014	(\$142,508)
Use of Fund Balance	\$0	(\$2,186,721)	(\$2,021,993)	\$164,728
Note: One Time Fund Balance Use of \$1.2M in FY2023 for Station Alerting				
Fund Balance	\$11,617,598	\$9,430,877	\$9,595,605	\$164,728
Fund Balance Change	\$982,228	(\$2,186,721)	(\$2,021,993)	\$164,728
Months of Expenditures	3.54	2.42	2.45	0.03

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2023 Fire Millage Rate Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
2023 Digest-Estimate after Appeals	\$13,777,293,167	\$13,777,293,167	\$13,777,293,167	\$13,777,293,167
Current Millage Rate	2.984	2.984	2.984	2.984
Total Rollback Rate	2.577	2.577	2.577	2.577
Expenditures				
Expenditures	\$50,513,044	\$50,513,044	\$50,513,044	\$50,513,044
Non - Property Tax Revenue	\$11,938,457	\$11,938,457	\$11,938,457	\$11,938,457
Use of Reserves	\$0	(\$250,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$750,000)
Required Property Taxes	\$38,574,587	\$38,324,587	\$38,074,587	\$37,824,587
Required Millage Rate				
Required Millage Rate	2.800	2.782	2.764	2.745
Rate Change	-0.184	-0.202	-0.220	-0.239
Millage Rate % Change	-6.2%	-6.8%	-7.4%	-8.0%
Fund Balance				
Fund Balance	\$9,595,605	\$9,345,605	\$9,095,605	\$8,845,605
Fund Balance Change	\$0	(\$250,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$750,000)
Months of Expenditures	2.28	2.22	2.16	2.10

Homeowner Tax Impact - Current Millage Rate vs Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
General M&O				
Current Rate	4.995	4.995	4.995	4.995
Option Rate	4.985	4.954	4.922	4.891
Rate Difference	-0.010	-0.041	-0.073	-0.104
Fire				
Current Rate	2.984	2.984	2.984	2.984
Option Rate	2.800	2.782	2.764	2.745
Rate Difference	-0.184	-0.202	-0.220	-0.239
Parks Bond				
Current Rate	0.354	0.354	0.354	0.354
Option Rate	0.319	0.319	0.319	0.319
Rate Difference	-0.035	-0.035	-0.035	-0.035
Total				
Current Rate	8.333	8.333	8.333	8.333
Option Rate	8.104	8.055	8.005	7.955
Rate Difference	-0.229	-0.278	-0.328	-0.378
Percentage Change	-2.74%	-3.34%	-3.94%	-4.53%

2022 Rate Change 6.77%

Cherokee County Millage Rate Process

Millage Rate
Presentation

June 20th

Advertise M&O Rate
Saturday, June 23rd
Cherokee Tribune

Public Hearing

Tuesday,
July 18
6:00 pm

Public Hearings

Tuesday,
August 1st
11:00am
6:00 pm

Adopt the Millage Rate

Millage Rate Package to
Tax Commissioner
August 2nd





Supplemental Information

2024 General Fund Assumptions

Expenditures

FY2023 Budget vs FY2024 Budget

- Expenditures Increase \$12.1M
- Expenditures Increase 8.6%
- 9 New Positions \$465K
- 4% COLA \$4.4

Revenue

FY2023 Forecast vs FY2024 Budget

- Property Tax Growth rate 12.4% compared to FY23 Forecast
- Non – Property Tax Growth rate 1.1% compared to FY23 Forecast
- Total Revenue Growth of 11.5% compared to FY23 Forecast

2024 General Fund Expenditures

➤	Pre Budget-Meeting Increase	\$17.5M
➤	Budget Cuts 31%	\$5.4M
➤	Total Budget Cuts	
▪	Salary/Benefits	\$2.4M
▪	Health Insurance	\$.9M
▪	Transfers	\$.5M
▪	Professional Services	\$.5M
▪	Non-Asset Computer Equip	\$.2M
▪	Guardian Ad Litem	\$.1M
▪	Other Items	\$.9M
➤	Total Budget Increase 8.6%	\$12.1M

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➤	COLA	\$4.4M
➤	Inmate Medical	\$2.1M
➤	Health Insurance	\$1.6M
➤	Transfers	\$1.4M
➤	Other Items*	\$1.1M
➤	Elections	\$.5M
➤	Judicial Mandates	\$.5M
➤	Headcount	\$.5M
•	Includes one-time items	
–	Automobiles \$300k, Software \$300k	

General Fund Analysis

	FY2022 Actual	ARPA	FY2022 Adjusted	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Forecast	FY2024 Budget
Property Tax	\$62,049,323		\$62,049,323	\$69,568,253	\$69,101,692	\$77,666,932
Non-Property Tax	\$73,590,540	(\$10,000,000)	\$63,590,540	\$62,710,737	\$66,325,230	\$67,078,988
Total Revenue	\$135,639,863	(\$10,000,000)	\$125,639,863	\$132,278,990	\$135,426,922	\$144,745,920
Property Tax	45.7%		49.4%	52.6%	51.0%	53.7%
Non-Property Tax	54.3%		50.6%	47.4%	49.0%	46.3%
Growth Rate						
Property Tax					11.4%	12.4%
Non-Property Tax					4.3%	1.1%
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Expenditures	\$121,423,643			\$140,553,638	\$136,900,689	\$152,691,588
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FY2023 Forecast vs FY2022 Actual 12.7% growth, FY2024 Budget vs FY2023 Forecast 11.5% growth

Fund Balance Use	\$14,215,751	\$10,000,000	\$4,215,751		(\$1,473,767)	(\$7,945,668)
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Non – Property Tax Revenue



	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Forecast	FY2024 Budget	FY23 Forecast vs FY22 Actual Change	FY23 Forecast vs FY24 Budget Change	Notes
Non-Property Tax Revenue:	\$63,590,540	\$62,710,737	\$66,325,230	\$67,078,988	4.3%	1.14%	
TAVT	\$18,813,511	\$21,478,636	\$19,331,631	\$19,800,000	2.8%	2.42%	FY24 Budget Increase in line with FY23
Insurance Premium Tax	\$13,789,717	\$12,733,963	\$12,733,963	\$14,500,000	-7.7%	13.87%	Receive actual in Oct., 5% inc. over FY22
Landfill Fees	\$5,301,491	\$4,943,856	\$5,090,106	\$4,945,000	-4.0%	-2.85%	Slight decrease from FY23 Forecast
Fines & Forfeiture	\$5,203,235	\$4,952,698	\$5,559,955	\$5,660,706	6.9%	1.81%	Flat growth
Commissions on Tax Collections	\$4,587,509	\$4,500,000	\$4,985,490	\$5,000,000	8.7%	0.29%	Function of Tax Receipts
Intangible Taxes	\$2,915,517	\$2,800,000	\$1,534,568	\$1,400,000	-47.4%	-8.77%	Forecasting slower refinancing, higher rates
Building Inspection	\$2,583,839	\$2,100,000	\$2,824,364	\$2,600,000	9.3%	-7.94%	Forecasting slower building growth
Franchise Tax - TV Cable	\$1,995,104	\$1,900,000	\$1,919,765	\$1,900,000	-3.8%	-1.03%	Flat growth
Interest Income	\$683,298	\$59,511	\$4,660,218	\$4,000,000	582.0%	-14.17%	ARPA spend down, less principal balance
Total	\$55,873,222	\$55,468,664	\$58,640,059	\$59,805,706			Major Non-Property Tax Revenue
% of Total	87.9%	88.5%	88.4%	89.2%			Percentage Make up of Non-Property Tax Revenue

Fire 2024 Expenditures Assumptions

- Expenditures Increase \$3.7M
- Expenditures Increase 7.94%
- 17 New Positions \$127K
- 4% COLA \$1.4M

Cherokee County State Property Tax Rebate

		State Exemption	Current	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
County M&O	Millage Rate	18.000	4.995	4.985	4.954	4.922	4.891
	Amount		\$89.91	\$89.73	\$89.17	\$88.60	\$88.04
Fire M&O	Millage Rate	18.000	2.984	2.800	2.782	2.764	2.745
	Amount		\$53.71	\$50.40	\$50.08	\$49.75	\$49.41
Total County	Millage Rate	18.000	7.979	7.785	7.736	7.686	7.636
	Amount		\$143.62	\$140.13	\$139.25	\$138.35	\$137.45
School	Millage Rate	18.000	16.450	16.450	16.450	16.450	16.450
	Amount		\$296.10	\$296.10	\$296.10	\$296.10	\$296.10
Total Cherokee County Millage for 2023 State Rebate			24.429	24.235	24.186	24.136	24.086
Total Cherokee County State Rebate			\$439.72	\$436.23	\$435.35	\$434.45	\$433.55