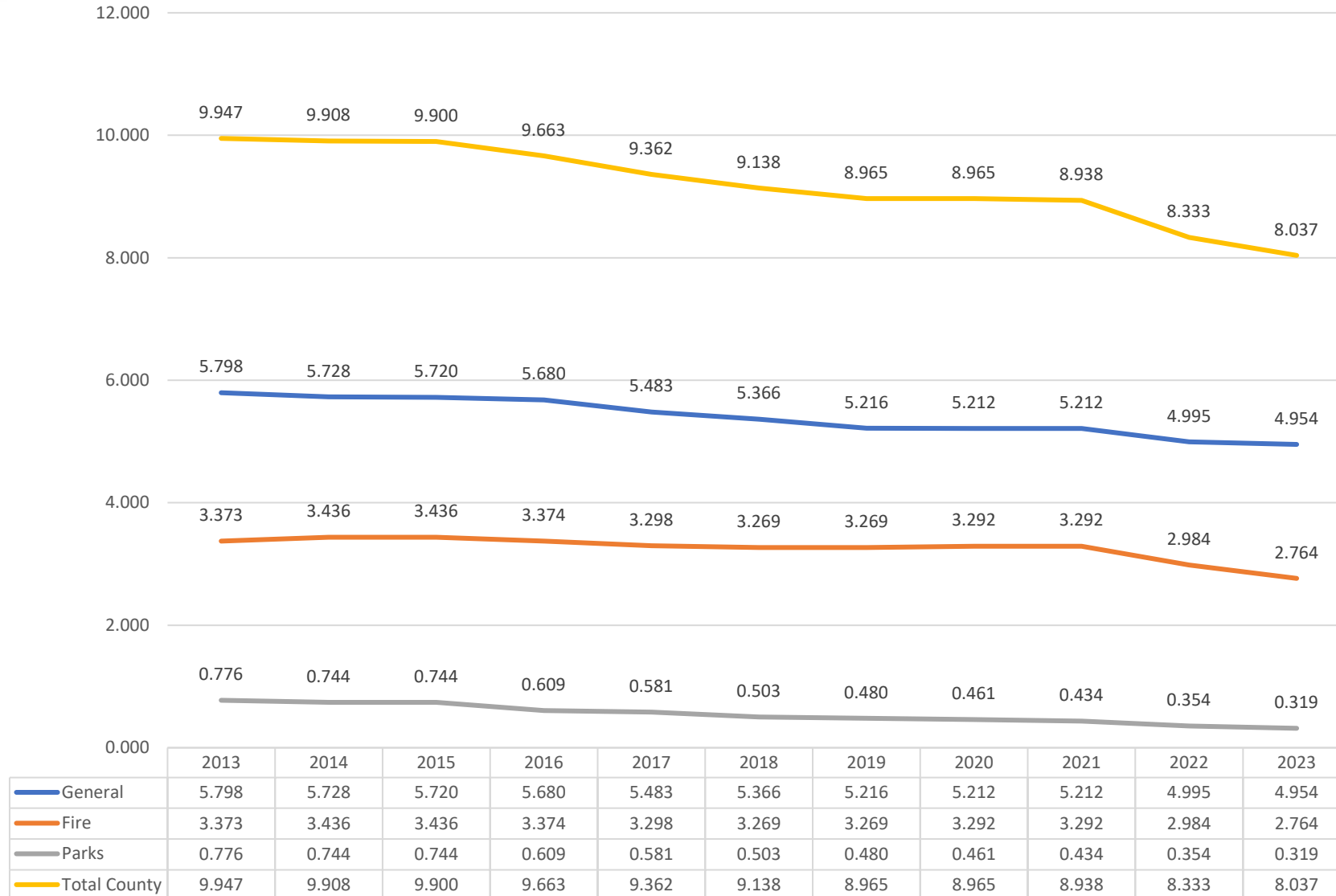


Cherokee County Board of Commissioners 2024 Millage Rate

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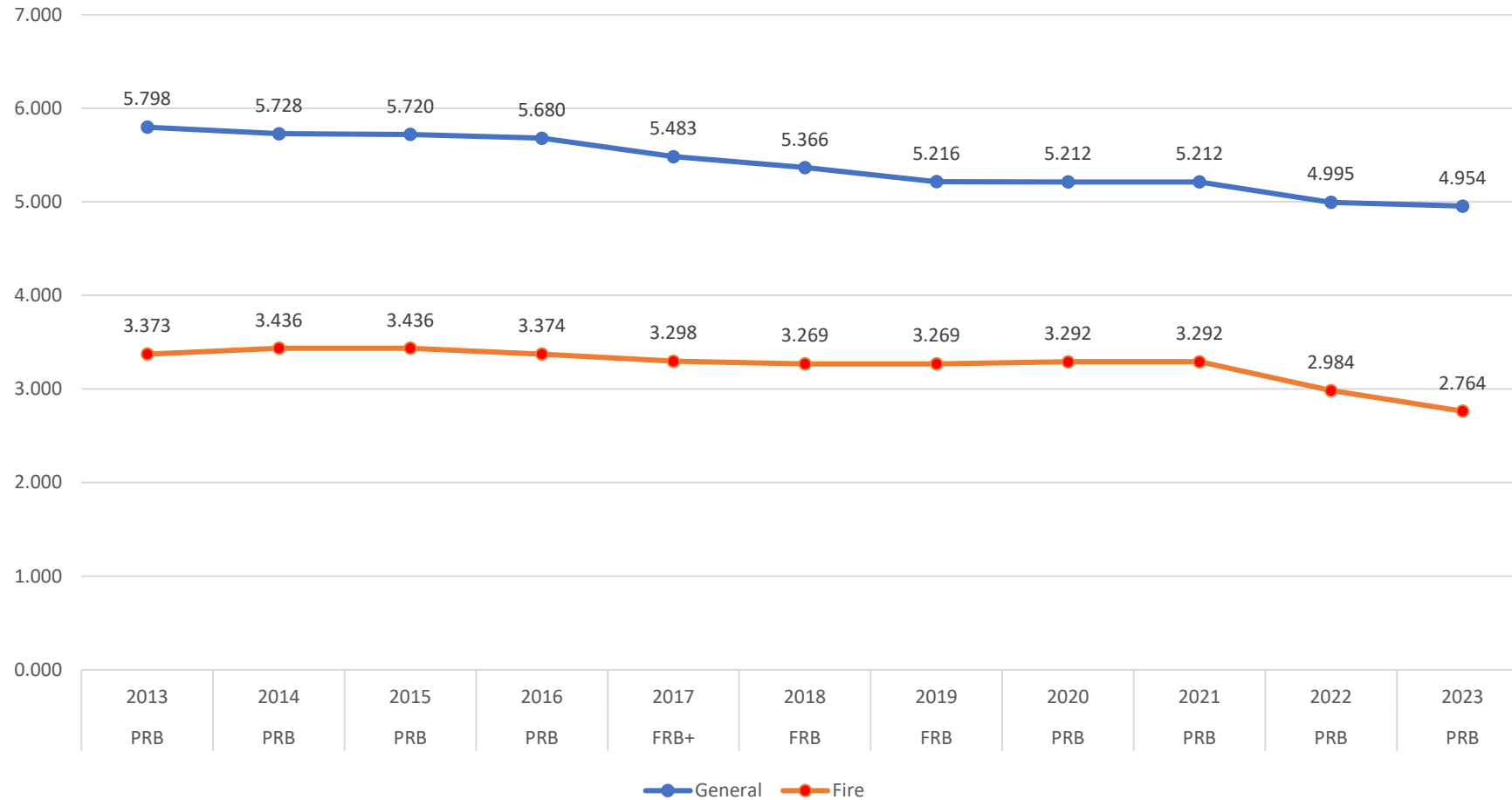
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Cherokee County Millage Rate History – 10 years



2023 Millage Rate	
% Reduction	
General	0.82%
Fire	7.37%
Parks	9.89%
Total	3.55%

General and Fire Rate History - 10 years



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

➤ The 2-year average decrease in Millage Rates:
 ○ M&O 2.49%
 ○ Fire 8.36%

2023 Metro Area Tax Rate Comparison

County	Unincorp	Fire	EMS	Emergency Services	Uninc Dev/Code	Enf	Police	Rec	Bond	Ec Dev	Total	Prior Yr	Change
Dekalb	17.494	2.837							0.479		20.810	20.810	0.000
Rockdale	18.690										18.690	18.690	0.000
Clayton	12.360	4.146									16.506	19.246	(2.740)
Gwinnett	6.950	3.20				0.360	2.900	1.000		0.300	14.710	14.710	0.000
Henry	8.357	1.791					2.156	0.429			12.733	13.492	(0.759)
Douglas	12.313										12.313	12.563	(0.250)
Cobb	8.460	2.990									11.450	11.450	0.000
Fulton	8.870								0.180		9.050	9.070	(0.020)
Cherokee	4.954	2.764							0.319		8.037	8.333	(0.296)
Forsyth	4.791	2.175							0.930		7.896	7.896	0.000
Fayette	4.034	3.070	0.500		0.210						7.814	7.814	0.000

HOST Impact

- The M&O rate would decrease to 1.854 and the total rate would decrease to 4.714.
 - This assumes 80% Rollback and 20% Capital

The Financial Road Ahead

Key Financial Indicators

2024

Key Financial Indicators

National Indicators

- **Inflation**
 - April 2024 3.4% vs 4.9% April 2023
- **Inflation Trend**
 - 2023 Jan-Apr 5.6%
 - 2024 Jan-Apr 3.3%
- **Interest rate cuts**
 - The Federal Reserve has not cut rates to date. Forecast 1 to 2 possible cuts in 2024

County Indicators

- **SPLOST Receipts Growth Rate**
 - Recent 3-month average growth rate of 4.27%
- **TAVT Growth Rate**
 - Recent 3-month average growth rate of 10.3%
- **Intangibles Growth Rate**
 - Recent 3-month average growth rate of 4.7%

Key Assumptions

- **Interest revenue**
 - Rate forecasted at 4.3% for FY2025 compared to 5.3% in FY2024
- **SPLOST and TAVT**
 - Growth rates continue at current rates
- **COLA 4%**
 - Prevent turnover and keep salaries competitive with the market

Service

COST



2024 Millage Rate Proposal

2024 Real Property Growth/ Inflation

Inflation

+2.94%

Growth

+3.69%

Total Digest Increase

+6.63%

Cherokee County 2024 Mill Values

M&O	
Mill	Tax Value
1.00	\$16,919,797
0.50	\$8,459,898
0.25	\$4,229,949
0.10	\$1,691,980
0.05	\$845,990
0.03	\$507,594
0.01	\$169,198
0.005	\$84,599

Fire	
Mill	Tax Value
1.00	\$14,587,685
0.50	\$7,293,843
0.25	\$3,646,921
0.10	\$1,458,769
0.05	\$729,384
0.03	\$437,631
0.01	\$145,877
0.005	\$72,938

Parks	
Mill	Tax Value
1.00	\$22,142,924
0.50	\$8,459,898
0.25	\$4,229,949
0.10	\$1,691,980
0.05	\$845,990
0.03	\$507,594
0.01	\$169,198
0.005	\$84,599

General Fund FY2025 Budget Highlights

➤ Initial Department Budgets Requests -		\$164.3M
➤ Department Budget Cuts – 3%		
• Sheriff 28 Positions	(\$2.6M)	
• Other Items	<u>(\$2.2M)</u>	
		(\$4.8M)
➤ COLA 4% -		\$4.2M
➤ Defined Benefit increase -		\$1.2M
➤ ARPA Funded Items now funded by the General Fund		
• Salaries	\$1.4M	
• Sheriff Axon Body Cameras	<u>\$.845M</u>	
		<u>\$2.2M</u>
➤ Proposed FY2025 Budget		\$167.1M

General Fund FY2025 Budget Increase Analysis

(Millions)

FY2024 Budgeted Expenditures		\$153.4
COLA @4%	\$4.2	
Salaries funded by ARPA	\$1.4	
EMS Transfer	\$1.4	
DB Increase to 17.5%	\$1.3	
Sheriff Technical & Capital	\$0.9	
Sheriff Body Cameras ARPA items	\$0.9	
7 New Positions	\$0.6	
Sheriff Inmate Medical	\$0.5	
Other Items	\$0.5	
Library	\$0.4	
Payments to Other Agencies	\$0.3	
Health Insurance	\$0.3	
Recycling	\$0.3	
Vehicles	\$0.3	
Clerk of Superior Court	\$0.2	
Indigent Defense	\$0.2	
IT Capital	\$0.1	
Total Increase		\$13.7
FY2025 Budgeted Expenditures		\$167.1

FY2025 General Fund New Positions

Department	Position	Salary	Full Cost	Employees	Final
Tax Assessor	Field Appraiser	\$40,616	\$65,938	2	\$131,875
Solicitor	Assistant Solicitor	\$73,000	\$107,499	1	\$107,499
Animal Shelter	Community Resource Coordinator	\$50,000	\$77,637	1	\$77,637
Juvenile Court	Deputy Clerk	\$37,918	\$62,650	1	\$62,650
Probation Services	Administrative Assistant II	\$36,840	\$61,312	1	\$61,312
Recycling	Recycling Operator	\$35,788	\$60,007	1	\$60,007
Total New Positions		\$274,162	\$435,043	7	\$500,980

FY2025 General Fund

(Millions)

Assumes millage rate unchanged @ 4.95

	FY2024 Budget	FY2025 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Personnel	\$99.42	\$101.75	\$2.34	2.3%
Operating	\$29.92	\$33.27	\$3.35	11.2%
Capital	\$0.48	\$0.68	\$0.20	41.7%
Non-Operational	\$4.74	\$5.41	\$0.67	14.1%
Debt Service	\$0.26	\$0.13	(\$0.14)	-52.2%
Non-Department Managed	\$5.74	\$6.17	\$0.43	7.5%
Interfund Transfers	\$12.79	\$14.25	\$1.46	11.4%
Total Department	\$153.35	\$161.66	\$8.31	5.4%
Define Benefit Increase to 17.5%		\$1.27	\$1.27	
COLA @ 4%		\$4.18	\$4.18	
Total Expenditures	\$153.35	\$167.10	\$13.75	9.0%
Property Tax Revenue	\$78.85	\$83.82	\$4.97	6.3%
Non-Property Tax Revenue	\$67.18	\$72.92	\$5.74	8.5%
Total Revenue	\$146.03	\$156.74	\$10.71	7.3%
Use of Fund Balance	\$7.32	\$10.36	\$3.04	
Months of Fund Balance	4.9	3.9		

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 **1.89% 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 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM, July 16, 2024, at 11:00 AM and July 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 4.954, an increase of .092 mills. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 4.862.

The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$475,000 is **\$17.02**, and the proposed tax increase for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$425,000 is **\$15.64**.

Fire Fund FY2025 Budget Highlights

- **Initial Department Budget - \$55.1M**
- **COLA 4% - \$1.6M**
- **Defined Benefit increase - \$.5M**
- **14 New Positions - \$1.2M**
- **New Positions are identified in the Strategic Plan to staff 4th battalion.**

Fire Fund FY2025 Budget Increase Analysis

(Millions)

FY2024 Budgeted Expenditures		\$51.5
COLA @4%	\$1.6	
New Headcount	\$1.2	
Overtime	\$0.8	
DB Increase to 17.5%	\$0.5	
Healthcare	\$0.4	
Bunker Gear	\$0.3	
Vehicle Maint.	\$0.3	
Other Items	\$0.2	
Workers Comp	\$0.2	
Equipment Service Agreements	\$0.1	
Repairs & Maint.	\$0.1	
Professional Services	\$0.1	
Professional Services Medical	\$0.1	
Total Increase	\$5.6	
FY2025 Budgeted Expenditures		\$57.1

FY2025 Fire Fund New Positions

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| ▶ 13 Fire Fighter entry Level (start date 12/24) | \$1.1M |
| ▶ Fire Safety Educator | \$87.4 |
| ▶ Total New Positions | \$1.2M |

FY2025 Fire Fund

(Millions)

Assumes increase of millage rate from 2.764 to 3.010, an increase of 0.246 mills.

	FY2024 Budget	FY2025 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Personnel	\$43.58	\$46.53	\$2.96	6.8%
Operating	\$5.29	\$6.24	\$0.95	17.9%
Capital	\$0.96	\$0.40	(\$0.56)	-58.6%
Non-Operational	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Non-Department Managed	\$1.43	\$1.66	\$0.23	16.3%
Interfund Transfers	\$0.21	\$0.22	\$0.01	4.0%
Total Department	\$51.47	\$55.05	\$3.58	7.0%
Define Benefit Increase to 17.5%		\$0.48	\$0.48	
COLA @ 4%		\$1.58	\$1.58	
Total Expenditures	\$51.47	\$57.11	\$5.64	11.0%
Property Tax Revenue	\$38.29	\$43.90	\$5.61	14.7%
Non-Property Tax Revenue	\$12.09	\$13.21	\$1.12	9.3%
Total Revenue	\$50.38	\$57.11	\$6.73	13.4%
Use of Fund Balance	\$1.1	(\$0.0)	(\$1.1)	
Months of Fund Balance	2.5	2.1		

Cherokee County 2024 Proposed Millage Rates

	2023 Millage Rate	2024 Millage Rate	Change
General Fund M&O	4.954	4.954	0.000
Fire Fund	2.764	3.010	0.246
Parks Bond	0.319	0.270	-0.049
Total	8.037	8.234	0.197

❑ The average home value in Cherokee County is \$487,500

❑ Assume there is no inflation From 2023 to 2024 on the home

❑ Assume the following Millage Rates:

- M&O - Unchanged
- Fire - Increase 0.246 mills
- Parks Bond – Lower .046 mills

❑ Annual Tax Impact is a \$38.42 tax increase to the homeowner

	2023	2024 CR	2024 AR
Home Value	\$487,500	\$487,500	\$487,500
Assessed %	40%	40%	40%
Assesed Value	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000
Homestead Exemption (M & O only)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)
GF Value	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Fire/Parks Bond Value	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000

0.00% Inflation

	2023	2024 Current Rate	2024 Proposed Rate	Change
<u>Millage Rate</u>				
General M&O	4.954	4.954	4.954	0.000
Fire Fund	2.764	2.764	3.010	0.246
Parks Bond	0.319	0.319	0.270	-0.049
Total Rate	8.037	8.037	8.234	0.197
Difference Rate				
Difference %				
<u>Dollar Impact</u>				
General M&O	\$941.26	\$941.26	\$941.26	\$0.00
Fire Fund	\$538.98	\$538.98	\$586.95	\$47.97
Parks Bond	\$62.21	\$62.21	\$52.65	-\$9.56
Total Rate	\$1,542.45	\$1,542.45	\$1,580.86	\$38.42
Difference %				2.49%

Function	DEPT % Of Total	YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO TO:
Public Safety	54.14%	\$509.61
Judicial	20.52%	\$193.16
General Administration	15.27%	\$143.70
Culture and Recreation	4.46%	\$41.94
Public Works	3.20%	\$30.13
Health and Welfare	1.93%	\$18.20
Housing and Development	0.48%	\$4.51
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	100%	\$941.26

How will the County spend FY2025 M&O Tax Dollars?

