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## Commissioners Vote to Reduce Property Tax Rate in Clinton County

Clinton County, Ohio. The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to lower the millage rate for the general fund portion of property taxes. This action will help mitigate increases in property taxes. The impact is estimated at over \$760,000 of tax relief for property owners in Clinton County.

Brenda K. Woods, President of the Board of Commissioners stated, "We are concerned about the effects of continued inflation which has increased costs to every household. Increased valuations of properties and the resulting property tax add to this burden. We are doing what we can to provide some relief."

The Commissioners previously provided a one-year reduction of 1.5 mills for taxes paid in 2024. Commissioner Mike McCarty stated, "While we will need to review any reduction provided each year, we are setting the reduction at a level which we feel will be sustainable. We plan to make this a multi-year reduction, but it will be necessary to review it each year."

The County currently levies three mills (.30 for each one hundred dollars of valuation). The Resolution passed by the Board reduces this rate from 3.0 to 2.5 mills. The reduced rate will apply to the 2025 tax year which will be collected in 2026.

Commissioner Kerry R. Steed added, "This decrease is possible because of the ongoing strong fiscal management and conservative spending of the county."

Ohio law requires the county auditor to re-appraise the value of every property in the county every six years and to complete a triennial update in the third year of the reappraisal cycle. The revaluation for Clinton County was completed in 2023.

This decrease in the property tax rate applies only to the taxes collected by the general fund which pays for the operations of the county. It does not affect collections for schools, elderly services or various fire and police departments or other levies.