Fire District Tax Rates
FY2024 Fire District Tax Rate Requests

- 15 districts requesting no change in tax rate for FY2024
- 5 districts requesting tax rates above FY2023 tax rate:
  - Enka-Candler
  - French Broad
  - Jupiter
  - Riceville
  - Upper Hominy
- Primary budget drivers include:
  - Salary & benefit increases
  - New stations; repairs and maintenance to current facilities
  - Vehicle & equipment replacement
### FY2024 Recommended Tax Rates

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Enka-Candler’s Request

• FY2023 Tax Rate = 10.50
• FY2024 Request = 12.00
• The 1.5 cent increase generates an additional $532,631
• County Manager and Budget Office are in support of tax rate increase request.
  – Phasing in new positions to implement new engine company
  – Increase retirement contribution
  – Final year of 3-year plan to get all employees to $15 an hour
  – CIP shows use of fund balance over next few years for planned equipment replacement and maintenance
  – In initial stages of planning for replacement/relocation of main station. Current plans include space for EMS and Sheriff’s Office.
French Broad’s Request

- FY2023 Tax Rate = 17.20
- FY2024 Request = 22.20
- The 5 cent increase generates an additional $200,933
- County Manager and Budget Office are in support of tax rate increase request.
  - Renovations on main station – design already complete
  - Brings firefighters up to $15 an hour
  - Increase retirement contribution
Jupiter’s Request

- FY2023 Tax Rate = 10.75
- FY2024 Request = 12.75
- The 2 cent increase generates an additional $180,620
- County Manager and Budget Office are in support of tax rate increase request.
  - Reduced initial increase request after discussions with Budget Office and County Manager
  - Engine replacement
  - Have purchased land for new substation – time to build. Will reduce fire insurance rating
  - Increasing .5 position to fully staff equipment and meet fire standards on scene
Riceville’s Request

- FY2023 Tax Rate = 14.60
- FY2024 Request = 16.60
- The 2 cent increase generates an additional $200,832
- County Manager and Budget Office are in support of tax rate increase request.
  - Brings everyone up to $15 an hour
  - Engine and ambulance replacements
  - Main station rebuild/redesign
Upper Hominy’s Request

• FY2023 Tax Rate = 16.56
• FY2024 Request = 19.00
• The 2.44 cent increase generates an additional $142,307
• County Manager and Budget Office are in support of tax rate increase request.
  – Reduced initial increase request after discussions with Budget Office and County Manager
  – Provides $1 increase for all employees which gets all full-time staff to at least $15
  – Increased contributions to retirement