

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Truth in Taxation**  
**Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase**  
**For Mercer County, Illinois**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing to receive public input on a proposed property tax increase for Mercer County for the fiscal year 2018 will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Aledo VFW, 106 SW 3rd Ave, Aledo, Illinois.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$2,949,688. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied 2018 are \$3,260,741. This represents a 10.55% increase over the previous year.

The property taxes extended for Public Building Commission leases for 2017 were \$981,077. The estimated property taxes to be levied for Public Building Commission leases for 2018 are \$1,075,253. This represents a 9.6% increase over the previous year.

The total property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$3,930,765. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$4,404,493. The sum of all residential, commercial, industrial and farmland assessment represents a 12.05% increase in levied property taxes over the previous year.

Any person, or agency representative, desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact County Clerk Sara Blaser at the Mercer County Clerk's Office or by telephone (309) 582-7021 or may register their desire to appear at least 15 minutes prior to the hearing at the location of the hearing.

Time allotted for the presentation of testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes per the standard practices of the Mercer County Board.

Written testimony may also be submitted in writing to the County Clerk, and will be entered into the record of the hearing.