

Information concerning the proposed levies

Levies have to be established by the end of the calendar year. The tentative levy will be set at November meeting and finalized at the December meeting. Since setting levies can be a confusing process, the following background and instructions are provided by the Jackson County Clerk's office.

- Jackson County is a tax capped county. This means that the levy can only increase by the amount of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (or 5%, whichever is lower) plus new properties at the full tax rate.
- If the Makanda Township levies are set higher than legally allowed, it's no problem according to the Clerk's office. They will reduce any levy that is above the legal limit so that the Township is in compliance with Illinois PTELL law.
- A recommendation is to establish the levies to cover the cost of inflation and that new properties are contributing their share of property taxes.
- Levying too little would mean the roads, fire dept., etc., might feel pinched on operating expenses and that future levies are constrained further because the Township didn't raise the levy enough to cover inflation and new properties.
- The Clerk's office suggested that we start with the **Jackson County Total Extension** figure and multiply it by 1.05, then adjust upward for new property. Using that suggestion and rounding up, the tentative levies could be:

Town \$135,000
Fire Protection \$104,000
Road & Bridge \$135,000
New Bridge \$53,000
General Assistance - \$0

These figures are merely a starting point for discussion.

Terms & Definitions

Aggregate Ext. Base – highest extension figure from three previous years

1+Limit – Consumer Price Index for 2020; for 2021 the CPI will be 1.4

Current EAV – Estimated Assessed Valuation from 2020

New Property is still being determined. John Dickson turned in new property totaling EAV of \$238,738 but the Board of Review may make changes.

State Multiplier – established by State of Illinois. Multiplier for 2021 is tentatively 1.0158. Won't be final until after Board of Review completes their work and submits figures to State. State then finalizes multiplier.

