

## **Tax Rate Freeze For Third Consecutive Year In Proposed Hunterdon Budget**

The Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners' Budget Committee will introduce a 2021 budget, at the regular meeting of the Board on April 20, that proposes to freeze the county tax rate for the third consecutive year, Board Director Susan J. Soloway has announced.

Soloway stated, "The Budget Committee has done an outstanding job in presenting a budget that holds the line on the tax rate again this year. As I stated when I was sworn in as Director in January, putting Hunterdon County first means putting the taxpayers first."

Commissioners Matt Holt and Shaun C. Van Doren have served on the Budget Committee for the past two years.

Commissioner Holt, a long-time member of the Board's Budget Committee, said, "The ability to freeze the rate again in 2021 is the result of a conservative approach, a dedicated financial control system, and long term strategic planning by the Board.

Holding the tax rate steady, despite the demands of the health emergency, is a major achievement. It benefits all property taxpayers and continues to be a key part of the County's plan for economic recovery from the pandemic."

Commissioner Van Doren, who served as Board Director in 2020, noted, "The County Budget does not reflect the use of any funds from the federal government's American Rescue Plan. No funds have been received to date and the rules and regulations for use of the funds have not yet been made available from the U.S. Treasury Department."

The County tax rate since 2018 is 31.5 cents per \$100 of property valuation.