



On behalf of Coweta County and the City of Newnan, we are pleased to announce that a settlement agreement regarding the distribution of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) for Coweta County, the City of Newnan, and all other municipalities was reached following mediation.

“We are pleased that a fair agreement was achieved which will benefit all citizens of the county,” shares Chairman Bob Blackburn. “The agreement honors our dedication to work alongside our municipalities and ultimately continues to help reduce property taxes.”

“This is a win for the taxpayers and property owners,” shares Mayor Keith Brady of the City of Newnan. “Everyone negotiated in good faith, and I am proud of what was accomplished through our hard work.”

After months of negotiating, Coweta County and the City of Newnan held a called meeting on Monday, October 17 at the Newnan Centre for the purposes of mediation. All parties worked together to come up with a resolution in order to meet the December 30 deadline. In addition to LOST, the settlement agreement also included a distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds contingent upon continuation of this sales tax by the voters.

As background, LOST is 1% of the county sales tax shared with qualified municipalities. Total sales tax is 7% with 4% going to the State of Georgia, 1% LOST, 1% ESPLOST and 1% SPLOST. Local Option Sales Tax revenue is required by law to reduce property taxes as shown on property tax bills and is used for providing local government services. LOST taxes are a significant revenue source for the county and all municipalities.

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