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Hunterdon Board Director Seeks County Tax Rate Freeze Again In 2022

Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Director John E. Lanza, at the Board's February 1st meeting, called for the Board's Budget Committee to work towards freezing the county tax rate again in 2022, for the fourth year in a row.

Lanza said, "Today, with costs rising all around us – higher food prices, higher gasoline prices, utilities and other costs going up, here at the county I believe we should strive to not add to the present inflation driven cost increase burden on our taxpayers.

Therefore, I am calling on the Board's Budget Committee to continue the county's conservative fiscal philosophy and work towards a 2022 budget that again freezes the county tax rate for the fourth consecutive year."

Lanza stated, "I recognize that county operations face some of the same cost escalation issues that our hard-working residents do.

However, I also know that we have an experienced team in Commissioners Matt Holt and Shaun Van Doren, who make up the Budget Committee, and who understand budget issues better than most, share the same conservative fiscal philosophy as the other members of the Board, and are committed to economy in government.

I ask my colleagues on the Budget Committee to do all that they can to bear down during their work on the budget and help our taxpayers by freezing the tax rate again this year."

Hunterdon County's tax rate of 31.5 cents per \$100 of property valuation has been the same rate since 2018.