

# County Board lowers property taxes

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DuPage County, IL -

The DuPage County Board voted Saturday morning to lower the county's property tax levy by \$1 million.

The action was taken during a special call County Board meeting held in order to meet Monday's deadline for lowering 2007 property taxes. The reduction will result in a savings of about \$2.50 for the average taxpayer, county officials said.

The board considered reducing property taxes by as much as \$2.1 million to offset the half-cent sales-tax increase that takes effect Tuesday. A quarter-cent of the new tax will go to fund Chicago-area mass transit, and the other quarter-cent will be used by the county to fund transportation and public-safety needs. The increase was approved by the Illinois General Assembly in January.

"Providing the residents of DuPage County with property tax relief is simply the right thing to do," County Board Chairman Robert Schillerstrom said in a written statement. "DuPage County has always felt that it was important to give money back to taxpayers who are already overtaxed. (Saturday's) action continues that philosophy."

Voting in favor of the abatement were board members Yolanda Campuzano, R-1st District, of Bensenville; Grant Eckhoff, R-4th District, of Wheaton; Paul Fichtner, R-1st District, of Elmhurst; Kyle Gilgis, R-3rd District, of Downers Grove; Linda Kurzawa, R-6th District, of Winfield; JR McBride, R-4th District, of Glen Ellyn; Patrick O'Shea, R-2nd District, of Lombard; Don Puchalski, R-1st District, of Addison; Jeff Redick, R-2nd District, of Elmhurst; Brien Sheahan, R-2nd District, of Elmhurst and Jim Zay, R-6th District, of Carol Stream.

The Board is expected to consider amendments to the 2008 budget at the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 8.

## Comments

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The county's portion of the increased sales tax is \$47 million. And we should be grateful for this \$1 million in property tax abatement?

I'd like the \$47 million back.

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