

## Your Taxes Could Be Going Up

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The budget negotiations are not sitting well with many county executives across the state. county executives are concerned that state spending is increasing. Over the last ten years, the state government's average spending has been 6.6%.

In Chemung County, the average is only 1.4%. Chemung County Executive Tom Santulli says the county has been doing their job. Now, the state needs to do theirs. "Three other states have similar problems to us and they've cut their budget by millions and billions. What does New York do? Go out and spend 5% more. It's disgusting and disgraceful" said Santulli.

Santulli said the Governor's budget this year asks for counties to pick up a greater share of costs for welfare programs and youth detention facilities.

The budget also shows a cut in state aid. Those changes in the budget pass on \$874,000 dollars to Chemung County. To make up the difference, Santulli said your property taxes will need to go up about 3.5%.

You can watch Chemung County Executive Tom Santulli's full interview on WETM 18 NEWS at six by clicking on the video link.



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