

SPECIAL SESSION COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Monday, August 30, 2010 8:30 a.m.

Public Hearing

Members of the Court Present:

Charles Watson	County Judge
Keith Clark	Commissioner Pct. #1
Jimmy McDaniel	Commissioner Pct. #2
Doyle Dickerson	Commissioner Pct. #3
Fayne Warner	Commissioner Pct. #4
Janice McDaniel	County Clerk

Judge Watson called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dickerson led the Court in prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #1-Proposed Tax Rate

Judge Watson said the proposal is to raise the tax rate one (1) cent. This would generate approximately \$44,000 dollars at a 95 percent collection rate. This would increase taxes on a \$100,000 home by \$10.00 per year. He asked if anyone present would like to speak.

Maurice Patterson said he doesn't believe the increase is enough.

Judge Watson said that the tax rate has been raised a little each year for the past 3 years. We don't want to hit the people with a big raise at one time. The rate was either lowered or left at the same rate for several years so we have the second lowest tax rate in the 12 County DETCOG area.

Martha Stone, Tax Assessor, said that the tax rate was actually lowered 3 years in a row several years ago according to the paperwork she has in her office.

Mr. Patterson said the Court needs to explain why taxes go up but this doesn't help fix the roads. People do not understand that no ad valorem taxes go into the R&B budget.

The Court said they tell people but some just do not believe them.

Commissioner McDaniel said we may have to use ad valorem tax money to help fund R&B if the money we receive from the Forest Service runs out in 2012.

No further comments were made by the public.

Judge Watson adjourned the public hearing on the tax rate .

Charles E. Watson CHARLES WATSON

Keith Clark KEITH CLARK

Jimmy McDaniel JIMMY MCDANIEL

Doyle Dickerson DOYLE DICKERSON

Fayne Warner FAYNE WARNER

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

Janice McDaniel JANICE MCDANIEL

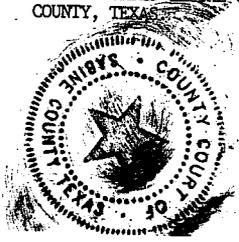
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County Of Sabine

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JANICE MCDANIEL COUNTY CLERK

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