SPECIAL SESSION COMMISSIONERS' COURT

PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 8:30 a.m.

Members of the Court present:

| Charles Watson | County Judge |
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| Gene Graham | Commissioner Pct. #1 |
| Jimmy McDaniel | Commissioner Pct. #2 |
| Doyle Dickerson | Commissioner Pct. #3 |
| Fayne Warner | Commissioner Pct. #4 |
| Janice McDaniel | County Clerk |
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Also present:

| Martha Stone | Tax Assessor/Collector |
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| Jo Anna Johnson | Auditor |

Judge Watson called the public hearing to order at 8:36 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1-Proposed 2013 Budget

Judge Watson asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

County Auditor, Jo Anna Johnson, said she and Tricia had gone over the budget and had made some minor clerical changes from the proposed budget. The only material thing that was done to this final budget is the adding of the 3 percent raise which was published in the paper. Everything else is basically the same as the proposed budget. It is ready to be approved and filed with the Clerk.

Sabine County resident, Linda Campbell, asked if the employee raises are the reason our taxes are going up.

Martha Stone, Tax Assessor/Collector, said the tax rate the Court is looking at adopting is the same as last year. If your property value did not change, your taxes will be the same as last year. If you have an increase, it will be from the Hospital or School taxes. The increase that was added is coming from new property values.

Sabine County resident, Linda LaCour, asked how the County evaluates property.

Martha said the Appraisal District is the one that sets the value and they have guidelines from the State that they have to follow. You can call the Appraisal District and ask them to re-evaluate your property. They also send out

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notices to property owners any time there is a change to their property value. They have a protest time that you can go and talk to them.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Graham seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

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ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

Of C HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE RECORDED IN THE COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES DULY

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