

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The County of Eastland will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.7 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 3, 2013 4:30 p.m. at Eastland County Courthouse, 100 W. Main Street, Suite 203, Eastland, TX

The second public hearing will be held on September 9, 2013 9:00 a.m. at Eastland County Courthouse, 100 W. Main Street, Suite 203, Eastland, TX.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Judge Rex Fields, Commissioners Andy Maxwell, Larry Campbell, Robert Rains

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: John "Buzzy" Rutledge

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Eastland County last year was \$42,924. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.58 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$248.96.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Eastland County this year is \$54,055. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.513415 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$277.53.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.5275 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$285.14.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Special Provisions

Criminal Justice Mandate:

The Eastland County Auditor certifies that Eastland County has spent \$0.00 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 2012, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Eastland County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:

The County of Eastland spent \$0.00 from August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 0.00.