

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Somervell County 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 25.386313 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 2, 2008 at 9:30 AM at SOMERVELL COUNTY ANNEX COURTROOM.

The second public hearing will be held on September 8, 2008 at 9:30 AM at SOMERVELL COUNTY ANNEX COURTROOM.

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

FOR: James Barnard, Lloyd Wirt, Mike Ford, Zach Cummings & Walter Maynard

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Somervell County last year was \$99,345. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.313000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$310.95.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Somervell County this year is \$99,298. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.271800 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$269.89.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.340800 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$338.41.

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

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.