

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The County of Van Zandt will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by (7.5064%) 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 August 24th, 2010, Tuesday, at 9:00 AM at County Courthouse, County Court room, 2nd Floor.

The second public hearing will be held on August 30, 2010, Monday, at 6:00 PM at County Courthouse, County Court-room, 2nd Floor.

Van Zandt County Commissioners' court voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Hon. Rhita Koches, County Judge Hon. Virgil Melton, Jr., Commissioner Pct. No.2 Hon. Duanne Harvey, Commissioner Pct. No.3
AGAINST:	Hon. Ricky LaPrade, Commissioner Pct. No. 1
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	Hon. Ron Carroll, Commissioner Pct. No. 4

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Van Zandt County last year, 2009, was \$96,786 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older.) Based on last year's rate of \$0.40343 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$390.46 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Van Zandt County this year, 2010, is \$97,402 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.3971485 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$386.83 (tax on average value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.42696 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$415.87 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older.)

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