

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$.46937 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of DeWitt County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.46937 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.53555 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.55597 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for DeWitt County from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that DeWitt County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that DeWitt County **is not** proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 24, 2020 at 09:00 A.M. in the DeWitt County Courtroom at 307 N. Gonzales St., Cuero, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, DeWitt County is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting members of the DeWitt County Commissioners Court at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:

FOR:

Daryl L Fowler
James Kaiser

James B Pilchick, Sr.
Richard Randle

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Curtis G Afflerbach

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by DeWitt County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by DeWitt County this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.46937	\$0.46937	decrease of \$0.00000 OR 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$96,263	\$100,132	increase of 4.01%
Tax on average homestead	\$452	\$470	increase of \$18 OR 4.01%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$29,018,989	\$25,483,212	decrease of -\$3,535,777 OR -12.18%

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The DeWitt County spent 283,190 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$41,083. This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by \$.00075.

State Criminal Justice Mandate

The DeWitt County Auditor certifies that DeWitt County County has spent \$110,925 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. DeWitt County Sheriff has provided DeWitt County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs. This increased the voter-approval tax rate by \$.00065/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The DeWitt County spent \$ 193,054 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$159,546 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$33508. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$.00014 /\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for DeWitt County at 361-275-0879 or dctax@co.dewitt.tx.us, or visit www.co.dewitt.tx.us for more information.

