

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.85000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Dickens County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.85000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.89667 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.96405 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Dickens County from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Dickens 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 Dickens County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 13, 2021 AT 8:45 am AT Dickens County Annex 508 Crow Dickens Tx.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Dickens 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 the members of the Judge Kevin Brendle of Dickens County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

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

FOR the proposal: Jerry Alexander, Judge Kevin Brendle, Mike Smith, Dennis Wyatt

AGAINST the proposal: Charlie Morris

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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 Dickens County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Dickens County this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.85000	\$0.85000	No change 0, or - 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$22,521	\$25,474	increase of 2,953, or 13.11%
Tax on average homestead	\$191	\$216	increase of +25.00, or 13.08%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,093,116	\$2,047,447	decrease of -45,669, or -2.18%

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The Dickens County spent \$32,211 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 on indigent health care compensation expenditures 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 \$21,180. This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by \$0.00882/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Dickens County spent \$8,249 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$4,625. This increased the no-new-revenue tax rate by \$0.00007/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Dickens County at 806/623-5216 or dickenst@caprock-spur.com, or visit www.co.dickens.tx.us for more information.