

# Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The NEWTON 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 3.977220 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 27, 2013 at 8:00 AM at Commissioners Courtroom, 3rd Floor Newton County Courthouse.

The second public hearing will be held on September 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Commissioners Courtroom, 3rd Floor Newton County Courthouse.

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

FOR:	Truman Dougharty, County Judge Thomas T Gill, Commissioner Precinct 2 Prentiss L Hopson, Commissioner Pct 3 Leanord Powell, Commissioner, Pct 4
AGAINST:	NA
PRESENT and not voting:	NA
ABSENT:	William L Fuller, Commissioner, Pct 1

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in NEWTON COUNTY last year was \$53,226. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.591349 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$314.75.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in NEWTON COUNTY this year is \$54,794. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.569443 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$312.02.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.592091 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$324.43.

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.