

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ADOPTING 2023 TAX RATE**

STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF NEWTON

OF NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS

On this the 26th day of September 2023, the 2023 tax rate for Newton County, Texas came to be considered, and the Court further finding that at least four members of the Commissioners' Court are now present, as required by law.

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court did consider the following:

ORDER ADOPTING A TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2023

WHEREAS Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Tax Code 26.05 provides that the Newton County Commissioners Court shall adopt the tax rates for the current year; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to levy ad valorem taxes on each \$100 valuation of all taxable property in Newton County, Texas for the Tax Year beginning January 1, 2023, in order to meet 2024 budget requirements of the County, and to pay the expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the services and improvements provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Newton County Commissioners Court has complied with all the requirements set forth in the Tax Code, NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Newton County Commissioners Court, by the record vote set out herein below, hereby adopts the following ad valorem tax rates:

Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate is hereby set at \$.709575 per \$100 of valuation.

2023 Total Ad Valorem Tax Rate is hereby set at \$.709575 per \$100 of valuation.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE IS THE TAX RATE FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR THAT WILL RAISE THE SAME AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR NEWTON COUNTY FROM THE SAME PROPERTIES IN BOTH THE 2022 TAX YEAR AND THE 2023 TAX YEAR.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Newton County Commissioners Court levy taxes in accordance with the foregoing tax rates and the provisions of the law and direct the Newton County Tax Assessor/Collector to the Assessment and Collection thereof.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that if for any reason, the action of the Newton County Commissioners Court setting tax rates or levying taxes should be held ineffective by a court of competent jurisdiction, that this Order shall serve as evidence of the good faith of Newton County in attempting to comply with the law in as substantial fashion as could be done under the circumstance, and as evidence that Newton County would have lawfully adopted a tax rate but for the conditions completely beyond control of Newton County.

ORDERED and **APPROVED** this the 26th day of September 2023.

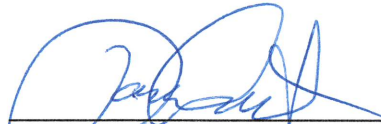
Court Members Voting:



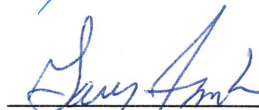
Ronald J. Cochran, Newton County Judge



Danny Bentsen, Commissioner Pct. #1



Phillip A. White, Commissioner Pct. #2

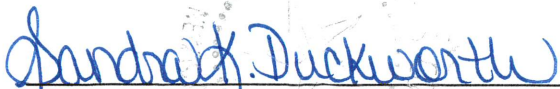


Gary Fomby, Commissioner Pct. #3



Leanord E. Powell, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:



Sandra K. Duckworth, County & Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioner's Court
Newton County, Texas