

Where do our tax dollars go?

Every fall, property owners receive a statement in the mail notifying them of the amount due for their property taxes for that year. To avoid penalties, they must make a check out for the total amount due to Josie Dean, Coke County Tax Assessor/Collector by January 31 of the following year.

What often is not considered is that, although the check is made out to Coke County, Coke County is not the recipient of the entire amount. In fact, only approximately one fifth of all property taxes paid in Coke County actually go into the county's budget. The remaining is distributed to the other taxing entities in the county.

The county's school districts claim the largest percentage of each side's tax dollar - Robert Lee ISO at .53 or Bronte ISO at .42 of every property tax dollar paid in Coke County.

The cities of Bronte and Robert Lee each claim .18 of every property tax dollar paid by those owners of property within their city limits.

The Hospital Districts on each side vary in their tax rates. West Coke County Hospital District receives approximately 10 cents of every property tax dollar paid by a west side owner. East Coke County Hospital District receives approximately .15 of every dollar paid by an east side owner.

Every property taxpayer in Coke County gives a penny, or a portion thereof, to the Coke County Underground Water District. East side taxpayers also give .03 to the Kickapoo Water District.

Every August, each entity has to review the valuations (value of the property to be taxed) and set a tax rate. This will determine how much money they will have for their budget year. They have the option to lower the rate, leave it the same, take the effective rate (the rate which would give them the same total taxes as the year

before), or increase the rate. However if they set a rate too high, the taxpayers can start

rollback procedures and force a lower rate.

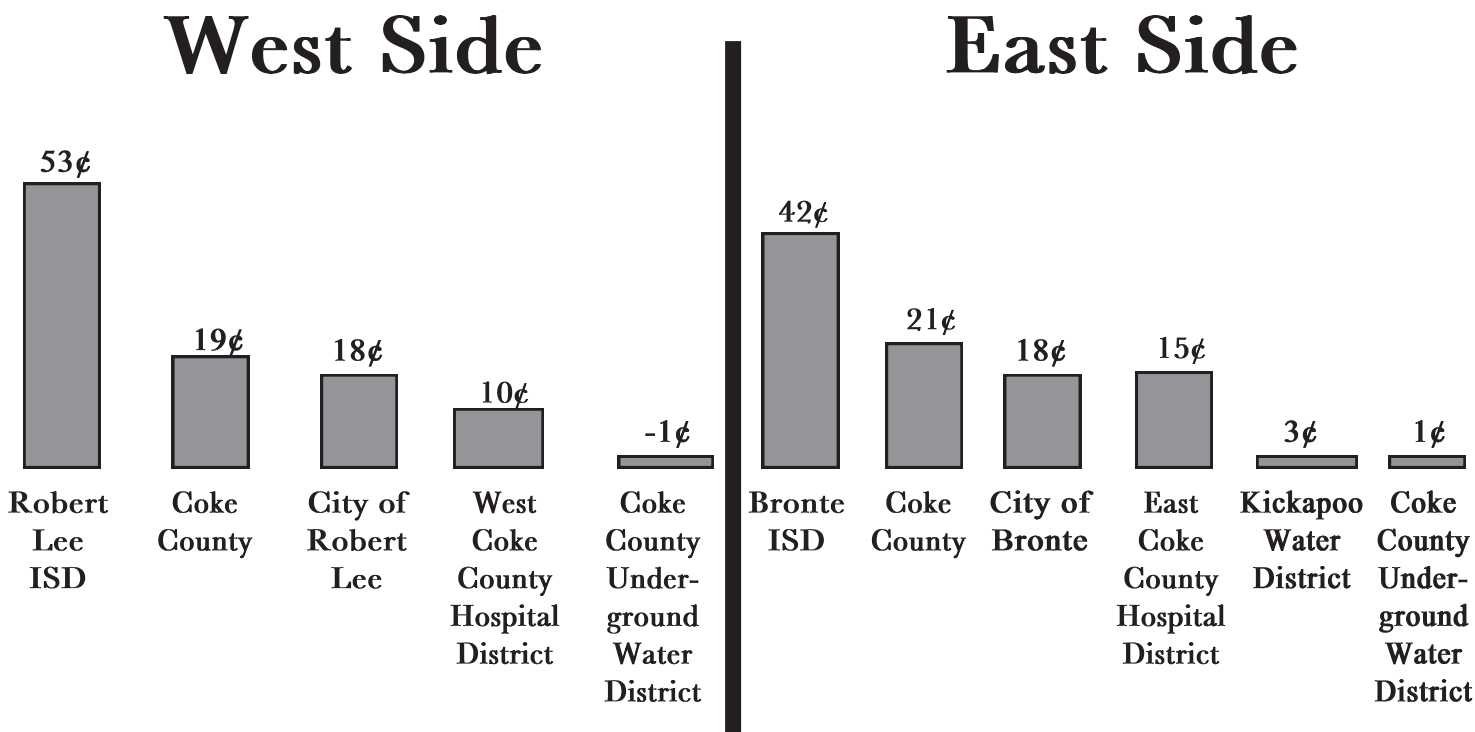
The last few years have shown gains in the entities' taxable valuations after a couple of bad years with substantial losses in

the taxable valuations. Much of the improvement in the valuations can be attributed to the windmill tax abatements expiring and new pipeline construction being completed

and these pipelines added to the tax rolls. The certified values chart looks at the total taxable values of each entity for 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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Breakdown of Property Tax Dollar



The West Side table is based upon a combined tax rate of 2.602517.

The East Side table is based upon a combined rate of 2.369354.

All figures were rounded to nearest decimal and based upon this year's tax rates.

Not every Coke County resident lives within a city and pays city taxes. Some residents who live in Coke County pay school taxes to Water Valley ISD or Blackwell CISD instead of Bronte ISO or Robert Lee ISO. Also, a few Coke County taxpayers live within the Blackwell city limits and pay taxes to the City of Blackwell.

Only property owners pay the taxes which support our schools, cities, county, nursing homes, and water districts. People who live in a rental property and do not own real property within the county do not directly contribute to the support of these local entities. In addition to property taxes, the cities receive a rebate from the state on sales tax collected within their borders and the schools receive additional state and federal funding.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is funded predominantly by income taxes on individuals and corporations.

STATE GOVERNMENT in Texas is funded predominantly by sales taxes and registration and fees collected.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT is funded predominantly by property taxes by property owners.

Certified Values

Jurisdiction	2016 Total Taxable Values	2018 Total Taxable Values	2019 Total Taxable Values	2020 Total Taxable Values
Coke County	\$256,767,609	\$369,226,786	\$418,291,351	\$430,632,627
Coke County FMFC	\$254,001,389	\$366,368,106	\$415,417,831	\$427,736,847
Coke Co. Underground Water	\$373,056,709	\$422,704,446	\$432,494,121	\$445,029,167
West Coke Co. Hospital District	\$263,474,630	\$285,305,549	\$278,682,521	\$287,047,157
East Coke Co. Hospital District	\$107,248,369	\$135,958,517	\$151,438,150	\$155,566,590
Kickapoo Water District	\$ 51,483,740	\$ 54,550,779	\$ 56,299,470	\$ 54,530,460
City of Robert Lee	\$ 29,136,260	\$ 31,074,390	\$ 31,120,271	\$ 30,596,362
City of Bronte	\$ 28,393,580	\$ 30,733,819	\$ 30,727,390	\$ 30,845,760
Bronte ISD	\$ 76,186,089	\$100,189,937	\$104,595,410	\$105,171,240
Robert Lee ISD & M & O	\$149,958,000	\$253,753,059	\$253,420,926	\$247,577,152
Robert Lee ISD I & S	\$103,694,400	\$253,753,059	\$253,420,926	\$247,577,152