

Primary Propositions, Referenda results announced

In addition to voting for the candidates in the various elections, voters were able to give their input through questions asked (either Republican propositions or Democrat referenda) at the end of the primary ballots. The following, with their results in Coke County and statewide, appear below.

Republican Primary Ballot Propositions

Proposition 1:

Texas should replace the property tax system with an alternative other than an income tax and require voter approval to increase the overall tax burden.

Coke County: 540 for, 222 against
Statewide: 69.46% for

Proposition 2:

Texas cities and counties should be required to comply with federal immigration laws or be penalized by loss of state funds.

Coke County: 438 for, 338 against
Statewide: 62.75% for

Proposition 3:

Texas should prohibit governmental entities from collecting dues for labor unions through deductions from public employee paychecks.

Coke County: 609 for, 142 against
Statewide: 82.94% for

Proposition 4:

Texas and its citizens should strongly assert 10th Amendment Rights guaranteed by the US Constitution which states "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Coke County: 717 for, 41 against
Statewide: 94.72% for

Democrat Primary Ballot Referenda

Referendum 1:

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress pass an economic security and prosperity plan for families that includes higher incomes by raising the state minimum wage to a livable wage, passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to ensure equal pay for equal work, guaranteeing paid family leave to care for a child or ill loved one, fully funding public neighborhood schools, and making a debt-free community college education a reality for hardworking students?

Coke County: 37 for, 11 against
Statewide: 93.99% for

Referendum 2:

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress pass criminal justice reform legislation that ensures equal justice throughout our society without respect to race, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or other factors unrelated to behavior, ensuring as well common sense policies to protect the rights of law enforcement officers, the

community, and defendants in the criminal justice system?

Coke County: 42 for, 7 against

Statewide: 93.95% for

Referendum 3:

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress encourage the transition to renewable, non-polluting energy as a means to slow down climate change and its impact on the planet?

Coke County: 40 for, 7 against

Statewide: 91.87% for

Referendum 4:

Should the United States Congress pass the new Voting Rights Advancement Act to protect all American voters?

Coke County: 41 for, 5 against

Statewide: 92.30% for

Referendum 5:

Should the Texas Legislature allow each public institution of higher education (not only private universities) to opt out of the ability to carry guns on campus?

Coke County: 38 for, 9 against

Statewide: 77.63% for

Referendum 6:

Should the United States Congress pass a just and fair comprehensive immigration reform solution that includes an earned path to citizenship for law-abiding immigrants and their children, keeps families together, protects DREAMers, and provides workforce solutions for businesses?

Coke County: 38 for, 10 against

Statewide: 88.94% for

Farm bill safety net program enrollment now open for COKE

County farmers

It's time once again for Coke County farmers to enroll in farm bill safety net programs at the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

The enrollment period for the 2015 Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs opened Dec. 7 and will remain open through Aug. 1, 2016.

"Many Coke County farmers already made their safety net program selection, but it's important for all of them to go back to the FSA office to enroll their acreage into the program for the new year," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said.

FSA officials encourage farmers to call their local FSA office to make an appointment to enroll before the deadline.

"If Coke County farmers don't enroll, their farms and crops won't be eligible for financial assistance should crop prices or farm revenues fall," John Ross said. "These safety nets are important to ensure American farmers have something, if only the percentage of a crop's original value, to make ends meet in bad years. Without it, many farmers and ranchers would go out of business in times of drought or excessive rain."

For more information, farmers need to visit the local FSA office.



Endangered Blossoms?!

The old saying goes "Thunder in February - Frost (or freeze) in April". If that is true, the blossoming fruit trees in Coke County may not bring forth their fruit this year. Between the spring like temperatures and last month's shower, trees all over the county may be in danger of falling to this old wive's tale.

Thank You
for your support in the
Republican Primary.
Marty Boyd
Constable, Pct. 2
Pd. Pol. Adv. by Marty Boyd

FREE TIRE DISPOSAL
Passenger & Truck Tires - No Rims
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9 am to 2 pm
Robert Lee Convenience Center
101 W. 1st, Robert Lee
SATURDAY, March 12
9 am to 12 noon
Behind the Bronte Depot
265 W. Main, Bronte
Information:
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