

# PUBLIC PROFILES

## County Treasurer • Hal Spain • Elected to Office in 2010

The county treasurer, as the chief custodian of all county funds, including the general fund and special funds, such as those dedicated to a certain purpose and those under the control of an elected official other than the commissioners court. The treasurer has a duty to receive all money received by the county from any source and place it in the appropriate county depository. All county money received by any official must be delivered promptly to the county treasurer for proper handling.

The county treasurer is also responsible for disbursing county funds as directed by the commissioners court consistently with the law. The county treasurer often acts as the chief liaison between the county and all depository banks. In this capacity, he or she maintains records of all deposits and withdrawals, and reconciles all

bank statements, thus assuring their accuracy and the safety of county funds. The county treasurer, who may be designated as the county's investment officer, is required to submit regular reports to the commissioners court about the county's finances.

As with all elected county officials, the treasurer has ultimate authority over the operations of the office, including the authority to hire and fire personnel and direct their daily activities. The treasurer also has authority to determine how to use all other resources allocated to the office during the budget process.

*Treasurer Hal Spain was an accomplished businessman before being elected as Treasurer. Raised in Haskell, he earned his Master of Agricultural Education at Texas Tech University. He began his career with the Texas Extension Service, serving as an ag agent in several communities throughout the state. He next moved to Sonora where he owned Spain's Department Store and served as the President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. He moved to Coke County when he purchased The Observer/Enterprise in 1983. He owned and operated the local newspaper until his election in 2010. An avid horseman, Spain served as a national director and Executive Secretary for national horse organizations. He and his wife Kimberly are active in Robert Lee's Methodist Church. Hal has two children, Wade Spain and Christi Spain Savage. He also has four grandchildren.*



## NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR COKE COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.685409 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of COKE COUNTY. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of COKE COUNTY proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Maintenance and Operations and Salaries.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.685409 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.640837 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.659048 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.711771 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for COKE COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that COKE COUNTY may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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

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

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Josie Dean, PCC  
COKE COUNTY tax assessor-collector  
13 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas  
325-453-2614  
cokecotax@yahoo.com

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 18, 2017 at 9:00AM at 13 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

Second Hearing: August 22, 2017 at 9:00AM at 13 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

## Emergency Siren Signals

*Cities of both  
Bronte and  
Robert Lee*

1 Long Ring -  
Wind Advisory  
over 60 mph

2 Rings - Fire or  
VFD Meeting

Another 2 Ring -  
Call for  
Additional  
Firefighters

3 Rings -  
Tornado Warning

1 Long  
Continuous Ring  
- All Clear for  
Tornado

4 Rings -  
Alarm Test