## Certified Values

Jurisdiction	2013 Total Taxable Values	2014 Total Taxable Values	Difference
Coke County	\$395,479,990	\$377,848,061	-\$17,631,929
Coke County FMFC	\$392,713,130	\$375,093,621	-\$17,619,509
West Coke Co. Hospital District	\$416,373,800	\$388,716,880	-\$27,656,920
East Coke Co. Hospital District	\$130,254,720	\$130,342,630	-\$87,910
Coke Co. Underground Water	\$549,008,110	\$521,470,400	-\$27,537,710
Kickapoo Water District	\$58,911,110	\$64,566,460	\$5,655,350
City of Robert Lee	\$26,405,660	\$27,464,870	\$1,059,210
City of Bronte	\$25,519,450	\$26,317,180	\$797,730
Bronte ISD	\$99,720,150	\$99,532,450	-\$187,700
Robert Lee ISD M & O	\$265,833,320	\$245,435,500	-\$20,397,820
Robert Lee ISD I & S	\$393,917,250	\$362,989,180	-\$30,928,070)

## ... Tax Dollars

(Continued from page 1) approximately .17 of every dollar paid by an east side

Every property taxpayer in Coke County gives a portion of a penny to the Coke County Underground Water District. East side taxpayers also give a larger portion of a penny 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

This year, most taxing entities are having to deal with substantial losses in their taxable valuations. A great portion of these losses can be attributed to lower production in the oil fields near Silver with new production in the county not yet being online. The chart on the opposite page compares the top taxpayers on the Mineral Roll and their 2013 and 2014 values. above chart looks at the total taxable values of each entity for last year and this year. On this chart, Coke County is broken down by Coke County General and Coke County FMFC (Farm to Market, Flood Control explained as commissioners funds). Also Robert Lee ISD is broken down as RLISD Maintenance and Operations and RLISD Interest and Sinking Fund. The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of Robert Lee ISD.

Beginning now is a description of the responsibilities and/or the purpose for each entity. Below each description is the amount of the 2013 taxes levied.

Coke County Underground Water District and Kickapoo Water District

All groundwater conservation districts try to maintain a balance between protecting the

rights of private landowners and the responsibility to protect the water resource. Most districts direct their efforts toward preventing waste, collecting data, educating people about

conservation water preventing irreparable harm to the aquifer. Bottom line, our water districts maintain local control of our underground water.

2013 Taxes Levied Kickapoo - \$11,369 CCUWD - \$42,800

(+/-5% for adjustments) Coke County

Major responsibilities

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by -6.85 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 public hearing will be held on August 18, 2014, at 9:30 pm at ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER, CONFERENCE ROOM, 307 W 8TH, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

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

FOR:

MARY BESSENT PATSY CASON

DESSIE KENDALL SARAH GREEN

AGAINST:

PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year was \$58,730. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.249923 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$146.78.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year is \$60,896. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.268299 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$163.38.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.249923 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$152.19.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.