

Proposed Budget was approved. All were in favor.

The Budget and Tax Rate Hearing was set for Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 6 pm in the Bronte Board room.

The Board went into Executive session at 9:17 pm and resumed the Regular meeting at 10:06 pm.

The Board approved the Interim Superintendent's and the Interim Secondary Principal's compensations. All were in favor.

July 2014 bills were approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:09 pm. All were in favor.

12th Annual Winters

Dove Fest slated

The 12th Annual Winters Dove Fest will be held Saturday, September 6, 2014, at the Winters Community Center on FM 1770, 3 blocks east of US 83, in Winters.

There will be a Hunters Appreciation barbeque, gun and knife show, motorcycle fun run, arts and crafts, entertainment, clay pigeon shoot, evening dance, parade, and live and silent auctions.

Lunch will begin at 10:30 am. For more information, visit "Winters Dove Fest" on Facebook, or call (325) 977-0958.

24th Fredericksburg

Food & Wine Fest set

The best of Texas wines, food, and entertainment will be showcased at the annual Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest on Saturday, October 25, 2014. All of the fest's activities are located on Fredericksburg's beautiful downtown Marktplatz (Market Square).

Texas wineries will be on hand with over 100 types of wine. Guests will have an opportunity to visit with some of the wine makers. A wide variety of Texas made products will be available for sampling and purchase as well.

The ever-popular Grape Expectations Cooking School will be held starting at noon on Saturday and seating is limited.

More information on the event is available by contacting the Fest Office at 830-997-8515, or by visiting www.fbgfoodandwinefest.com. Proceeds from the fest go towards the continued beautification and upkeep of Marktplatz.

Local Sheriff attends convention

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen recently attended the Sheriffs' Association of Texas 136th Annual Training Conference at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, July 26-29, 2014. Over 1,500 were in attendance.

The first Sheriffs' Association of Texas Conference was in 1878. Held annually in various cities across the state, this event allows Sheriffs, Deputies, Federal, State, and City Law Enforcement Officers to network and discuss different issues that affect law enforcement across the state and nation. This year, participants received training on a variety of topics including: Crimes in Texas/Border Violence,

Criminal Profiling, Homicide Investigations, Mental Health Issues in Jails, Active Shooter Response, State Agency Updates, Public Safety Broadband Program, School Safety, Legislation, Policies, Civil Process, and Human Resources. Participants also had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the latest in crime fighting tools and technology at more than 200 exhibitor booths.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas (SAT) is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of local law enforcement in Texas. Through the support of their members, SAT provides training, legal/technical information, and other critical resources to Peace Officers in Texas. SAT also offers college scholarships to Peace Officers and their children who wish to continue their education. In addition, they honor Fallen Officers with their Lost Lawman Memorial. For further information on the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and how to join as an associate member,

visit www.txsheriffs.org or call (512) 445-5888.



Highway Safety

Take the Appropriate Steps to Stay Safe on the Road

If you're planning on hitting the highway, the American Red Cross offers these important car travel safety tips to help get you to your destination safely.

On the Highway

- Buckle up, slow down, don't drive impaired.
- Be well rested and alert.
- Use caution in work zones.
- Give your full attention to the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones. And do not TEXT!
- Observe speed limits - driving too fast or too slow can increase your chance of

being in a collision.

- Make frequent stops. During long trips, rotate drivers. If you're too tired to drive, stop and get some rest.
 - Be respectful of other motorists and follow the rules of the road.
 - Don't follow another vehicle too closely.
 - If you plan on drinking, designate a driver who won't drink.
 - Clean your headlights, taillights, signal lights and windows to help you see, especially at night.
 - Turn your headlights on as dusk approaches, or if you are using your windshield wipers due to inclement weather.
 - Don't overdrive your headlights.
 - If you have car trouble, pull off the road as far as possible.
- Prepare for the Unexpected**
- Carry a Disaster Supplies Kit in your trunk.
 - Pack high protein snacks, water, First Aid kit, flashlight, small battery-operated radio, an emergency contact card with names and phone

numbers, extra prescription medications and important documents or information you may need.

- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
 - Find out what disasters may occur in the place where you are traveling, especially if they are disasters you have never experienced before. Find out how you would get information in the event of a disaster (local radio systems, emergency alert systems).
 - Pay attention to the weather forecast for your destination. Travel and weather web sites can help you avoid storms and other regional challenges that could impact your safety.
 - Don't let your vehicle's gas tank get too low.
 - If you are taking your pet with you, there are special things you should know to make your trip more enjoyable.
- Follow these travel tips and have a safe Travel Experience.

NOTICE OF 2014 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR COKE COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.547860 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.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.547860 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.504831 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.538375 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.581445 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 2013 tax year and the 2014 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
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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 25, 2014 at 9:00 AM at Commisioner's Courtroom 13 E 7th Street Robert Lee, Ttexas.

Second Hearing: September 2, 2014 at 9:00 AM at Commisioner's Courtroom 13 E 7th Street Robert Lee, Texas.