



Bill is Heavy Burden! Floyd and Jan Pettit of Floyd C. Pettit Insurance presented a program Saturday, June 22, 2013, on how the new healthcare act may affect each of us. Floyd is holding a copy of the 2,714 page Affordable Healthcare Act (also known as Obamacare). The program was held at Victory Assembly of God in Robert Lee and was hosted by the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Approximately fifty people attended the informative presentation.

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session July 22, 2013, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #2 Wendell Lee, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, and Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. County Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Commissioner Lee and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

A public hearing was held to discuss and act on SB 1685-District Court Records and Technology Fund and Archive Fee Plan for the next budget year. District/County Clerk Mary Grim presented the plan for the next budget year. An increase of the Records Management Fee and Archive Fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 was also discussed.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the increase in the records management and archive fee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. Motion carried.

The public hearing closed at 9:15 am and the Court entered the Special Meeting.

Commissioner Blaylock made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2013, meeting of the Commissioners Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

Michael Croft reported on the workshop on housing for oilfield workers that he and Judge Blair attended at

Colorado City. There were about 50 in attendance and a group of investors from San Antonio were interested and

visited the center. They are waiting to hear from this group. Commissioner Lee also has an interested contact.

Judge Blair presented the D. R. Report.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender for Capitol Cases. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pitcock. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) ballistic vests for the Sheriff's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaylock. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pitcock made a motion to increase the rental fees for the recreation halls, senior citizen buildings and pavilions by 20% and to add \$30 to rent the scout hut. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaylock. Motion carried. Judge Blair

voted against.

No action was taken on the renewal notice and benefit confirmation for Health and Employee Benefits Pool Reset. This item will be reset for the next court date.

No action was taken on installing Wi-fi at the county RV parks.

Action was taken on Coke County developing and issuing a Request for Proposal for the Lease and Development of the COKE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER. Judge Blair reported that the Court has to give approval for a Court person to develop and issue a request for proposal (RFP) for the lease and development of the Coke County Detention Center. (This notice begins on page 10 of this issue of The Observer/Enterprise.)

Commissioner Lee made a motion to authorize Judge Blair to prepare a RFP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 06:00 PM, August 29, 2013 in BRONTE ISD BOARD ROOM, 210 S JEFFERSON, BRONTE, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	-2.92 % decrease
Debt Service	0 0
Total expenditures	-2.92 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$232,128,495	\$241,518,390
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$778,260	\$1,386,940
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$112,389,770	\$130,354,670
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,285,210	\$1,356,200

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0*	\$1.040000	\$4,416	\$5,588
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.07742	\$0*	\$1.07742	\$4,540	\$6,044
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0*	\$1.040000	\$4,416	\$5,990

*The Interest & 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 this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$60,650	\$59,573
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$60,650	\$59,573
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.040000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$630.76	\$619.56
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-11.20

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04 This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.041

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$215,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0