

**On This Day  
in Texas History**

**August 19, 1749**

On this day in 1749, four Apache chiefs, accompanied by numerous followers, buried a hatchet along with other weapons in a peace ceremony in San Antonio. The ceremony signified the Apaches' acceptance of Christian conversion in exchange for Spanish protection from Comanche raids, which had decimated the Apache population. Five years later Giraldo de Terreros established San Lorenzo, the first formal mission for the Texas Apaches, in the jurisdiction of San Juan Bautista in Mexico. When the Apaches revolted and abandoned the mission less than a year later, the missionaries argued in favor of a new mission closer to Apache territory. Construction of the ill-fated mission of Santa Cruz de San Saba, in the heart of Apacheria, began in April 1757; on March 16 of the following year, a party of 2,000 Comanche and allied Indians killed eight of the inhabitants and burned the mission buildings.

**August 19, 1837**

On this day in 1837, Robert Alexander, Methodist minister, crossed the Sabine River into the Republic of Texas. The Tennessee native had been appointed missionary to Texas with Martin Ruter and Littleton Fowler. Alexander arrived first and preached his way westward. During a camp meeting at the McMahan settlement, he held a "quarterly conference" and formed the San Augustine circuit on September 16, 1837. In mid-October he formed the first Methodist missionary society in Texas during a camp meeting held at Caney Creek, southwest of Washington-on-the-Brazos. Alexander later played a leading role in the establishment of Ruterville College and its successor, Southwestern University. He was instrumental in establishing the *Texas Wesleyan Banner* (now the *United Methodist Reporter*), and he held pastoral positions in a number of Texas districts. His ministry in Texas lasted forty-five years.

**August 19, 1895**

On this day in 1895, Constable John Selman killed the notorious Wesley Hardin at El Paso's Acme Saloon. Hardin was born in 1853 in Bonham and revealed a violent personality at an early age. In 1867 he stabbed another youth in a schoolyard squabble, and at age fifteen he shot and killed a black man during an argument. In the fall of 1868 he claimed to have killed three Union soldiers, and within a year another soldier. He killed at least ten others as he made his way up the Chisholm Trail, and then four more upon returning to Gonzales County.

After Texas Rangers captured him in Pensacola, Florida, in 1877, he was tried for murder, convicted, and sentenced to twenty-five years in prison. While in prison he studied law, and after being pardoned in

1894 he was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Gonzales County and then in El Paso. In the latter city he took as a lover the wife of one of his clients, and when the husband found out about the

affair, Hardin hired a number of law officials to kill him. Selman, an Arkansas native born in 1839, was one of the hired killers, and may have killed Hardin because Hardin had not paid him. Selman was

tried for Hardin's murder but released when the trail ended in a hung jury; he died, aptly enough, in a gunfight in 1896. Hardin and Selman are both buried in El Paso's Concordia Cemetery.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.32882004 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.293609 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.283534 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.293610 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on August 29, 2022 at 6:00PM at 900 S. State St. Bronte, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the Proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

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

**The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:**

**FOR:**

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| Everett Bedford  | Lanette Fletcher | Jefita Taylor |
| Michael Bohensky | Gina McCutchen   |               |

**AGAINST:** None

**PRESENT and not voting:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**The 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.**

**The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year.**

	2022	2023	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.304463	\$0.293609	decrease of \$0.010854
Average homestead taxable value	\$83,852	\$80,319	decrease of 0.04%
Tax on average homestead	\$244.54	\$235.82	decrease of \$8.72 OR 4.00%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$594,299	\$615,871	increase of \$21,572 OR 4.00%

**For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT at 325-453-2614 or COKECOTAX@YAHOO.COM.**