

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Anton Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., August 31, 2015 in Anton High School Board Room, 100 Ethelburg Avenue, Anton, 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	\$ 1.17	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

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	% increase	or	205	% decrease
Debt service	% increase	or		% decrease
Total expenditures	% increase	or		% 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	\$ 99,854,832	\$ 77,803,365
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 183,000	\$ 553,720
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 115,088,462	\$ 91,008,189
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 187,482	\$ 485,470

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(9), Tax Code.
 ** New property is defined by Section 26.01(2)(7), 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	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.17	\$ 5093	\$ 4637
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.48	\$ 4664	\$ 5706
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.17	\$ 4025	\$ 3822

* 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	\$ 48,738	\$ 50,630
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 28843	\$ 29588
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 346.19	\$ 346.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (3.02)

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 Rates: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.

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)	\$ 1,400,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

proportionately, said I W A Trustee Charles Davidson. "Our future depends on our ability to manage our natural resources wisely, balancing the needs of man and nature. It just makes sense to identify our future leaders and support them while they are getting their education. We all will benefit from their expertise in the years to come."

Look Who's New

Brian and Kendra Hubbard are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Hayes Monroe Hubbard.

He was born August 3, 2015 at 4:15 a.m. at Lubbock weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces. He is 19 and a half inches long.

He was welcomed home by his older brother, Greyson Hubbard who is nine; his grandparents, Randall Bacus of Whiteface, Janna and Robert Bottom of Levelland, George and Jeff Watkins of Big Spring, Fred Hubbard of Levelland, and Randy and Kathy Herrin of Anton; and his great-grandfather, Ted Jourden of Levelland.

Cochran Extension
By Natalie Silhan

4-H News
4-H youth Re-enrollment for 4-H Connect begins August 16th. Cost is \$20 through October 31st; now fee is \$25. Adult enrollment fee is \$5.

August 17th: 4H re-enrollment begins.

August 19th: goat and lamb tag orders are due, \$12 each.

Extension Upcoming Quality Counts Test Reminders for major shows have to be completed prior to fall or spring livestock shows.

Validations: G/L in October, swine in November, rabbits in December.

All major and county show entries are due November 6. Fall contests:

-South Plains Fair food entries due September 22

-South Plains Fair art entries due September 24

-South Plains Fair September 21-October 3

-One Day in 4-H October 10 with Helping Hands Clean Up

-County Food Show October 16 reg due October 13

-District Food Show November 7

Monthly meeting dates and times 2nd Tuesday 4 p.m. will alternate between Morton and Whiteface. September 8 Activity Building 4 p.m., October 13 Whiteface HS Library 4 p.m.

Private Applicator Training: October 22nd, 1 p.m., Extension Service Cochran, 200 W. Taylor, Morton, TX

To participate in a training individuals must call 806-266-5215 by 3 p.m. the day prior (Wednesday) to the training on July 23rd & October 22nd.

The training will begin promptly at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office. There is a \$60 fee for training materials.

This is only the required training.

Testing will be conducted at a separate time and location.

Persons planning on attending can request the need for special accommodations relating to hearing impaired or any other special need. For more information, please call 806-266-5215.

Enroll in a Texas agriculture college or university with a natural resource/agricultural degree program;

Classified as a "Freshman" or in first year after high school in the accredited program;

Majoring in a natural resource related field such as agricultural science; wildlife science, forestry, range science, etc.;

A citizen of the United States and provide a valid social security number, if chosen.

Students must also maintain 12 hours per semester and a minimum 2.0 GPA per semester and 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Scholarships are awarded based on overall quality and on essay responses to a series of natural resource questions.

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Sudoku Puzzle #3103-D

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Answers may be found in this issue.

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