

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$.433543 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Aransas County.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.433543 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.433543 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.464237 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for County of Aransas from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that the County of Aransas may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the County of Aransas is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 HWY 35N, Rockport TX. To address the Commissioners, please sign the Public Participation Form located on the website at <https://actxgov.seamlessdocs.com/w/ccpublicparticipation> and submit it. The form will automatically be delivered to the IT department and you will receive instructions on how to participate in the meeting. This option is only for citizens who wish to speak.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the County of Aransas 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 Aransas County Commissioners' Court 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 rate as follows:

FOR the proposal:

Jack Chaney, Commissioner Pct 1-1A
Charles Smith, Commissioner Pct 3

Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner Pct 2
Wendy Laubach, Commissioner Pct 4

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The 86th 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 County of Aransas last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by County of Aransas this year:

| | 2019 | 2020 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value) | 0.451453 | \$0.433543 | decrease of \$0.01791 OR -3.97% |
| Average homestead taxable value | \$185,326 | \$195,483 | increase of \$10,157 OR 5.48% |
| Tax on average homestead | \$836.66 | \$847.50 | increase of \$10.84 OR 1.30% |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$12,345,674 | \$12,935,149 | increase of \$589,475 OR 4.77% |

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The County of Aransas spent \$ 363,860 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals, less the amount of state grants received by the county. In the preceding year, the county spent \$293,437 for indigent defense compensation expenditures. The amount of increase above last year's indigent defense expenditures is \$70,423. This increased the voter-approval rate by \$0.000517 /\$100 to recoup the increased expenditures.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the County Judge's office at 361-790-0100 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. To watch the meeting without participating, visit here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxprR-CFvaZfapOVcLeDWQ/live>

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the Tax Assessor-Collector for the County of Aransas at 361-790-0160 or jcox@aransascounty.org, or visit <https://www.aransascountytexas.gov/main/financials.php> for more information. (Tax Calculation Worksheets)