

# **Notice of Election Cochran County Hospital District Board of Directors**

In accordance with the Hospital District's bylaws and the rules of the State of Texas, the President of the Board of Directors of the Cochran County Hospital District has called for elections of Board Members to be conducted on Saturday, 3 November 2012.

Persons interested in serving on the Hospital District's Board of Directors from Precincts 1 and Precinct 3 and a single at-large seat may contact the Hospital's Administrator to obtain a candidate information packet at 201 East Grant Avenue, Morton, Texas 79346 during normal business hours.

Completed candidate applications must be returned to the Hospital's Administrator by 5:00 p.m., 14 September 2012 for consideration on the 3 November 2012 ballot.

Qualifications for candidacy include:

- Must receive signatures of ten (10) qualified residents of Cochran County, Texas
- Must be at least 21 years of age as of the date of the election
- Must be a resident of Cochran County, Texas
- Must own real property within Cochran County, Texas and subject to taxation

Terms are for two (2) years beginning on or after 1 January 2012.

# Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The \_\_\_\_\_ Cochran County Hospital District \_\_\_\_\_ will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.95 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on Sept. 4, 12:00 PM at Cochran Mem. Hospital.

The second public hearing will be held on Sept. 7, 12:00 PM at Cochran Mem. Hospital.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Betty Lyon, Richard Houston, Ray O'Brien, Janie Willingham

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: John Schmidt

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Cochran County last year was \$ 20,759

\_\_\_\_\_. Based on last year's tax rate of \$ 0.2949 \_\_\_\_\_ per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 61.22

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Cochran County this year is \$ 20,651

\_\_\_\_\_. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$ 0.2516 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 51.96

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$ 0.2824 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 58.32

## Special Provisions if Applicable

### Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The \_\_\_\_\_ County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

### Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The \_\_\_\_\_ spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \_\_\_\_\_.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.