

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TITUS COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2008**

PUBLIC AND ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDING:

Sam W. Russell, County Judge	Bob Fitch, Commissioner Pct 1
Mike Fields, Commissioner Pct 2	Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Pct 3
Thomas Hockaday, Commissioner Pct 4	Teresa Price, County Clerk
Carl Johnson, County Auditor	Debby Rhea, County Treasurer
Ron Staggs, Environmental Investigator	Joyce Simpson, Assistant to Judge
Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator	Gerry Evenwell
Norma Narramore	Lindsay Sander
Shane Fillmore	Kevin Brown
Amber Cullen	

Judge Sam Russell called the Special meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., stating that for the record, notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours prior to today's meeting according to the Open Meetings Act.

1. Consider a Proposal to Increase Total Tax Revenues from Properties on the Tax Roll in the Preceding Year and set a Public Hearing Date

Carl Johnson, County Auditor, informed the court that the FY2009 tax rate was being based on the county's budget workshop and financial needs for the FY2009. Last year's tax rate was .33928. The roll back rate is 0.340764. He recommends .33900 which will generate \$600,000 additional tax dollars or revenue for the county.

Two public hearings will be set. The first will be held on September 8, 2008 following Commissioners Court and the second will be September 15, 2008. On September 22, 2008, the Commissioners' Court will vote to adopt the tax rate and budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to approve the proposal for increase in total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year and set the proposed tax rate at 0.33900 which will increase income for the county and to set a public hearing dates for September 8, 2008 and September 15, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.