

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
PUBLIC HEARING
TAX RATE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**

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Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a Public Hearing on Monday, September 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, with the following members present:

Judge Brian P. Lee	County Judge
Al Riddle	Commissioner Precinct 1
Mike Fields	Commissioner Precinct 2
Phillip Hinton	Commissioner Precinct 3
Thomas Hockaday	Commissioner Precinct 4
Sheryl Preddy	County Treasurer
Dianne Norris	County Clerk
Carl Johnson	County Auditor

Public Attending Meeting:

John Gatherer	Morgan Luedke	Judy Lee
Nigel Christopher	Christie Davis	Lou Antonelli
Joyce Simpson		

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Judge Lee

Invocation by: Judge Lee

1. PROPOSED 2014 TAX RATE (LISTEN TO AUDIO AND/OR VIEW VIDEO)

This is the second of two Tax Rate Hearings. The Court will meet again on Monday, September 29, 2014 to approve the 2014 Tax Rate for Titus County. Luminant and the Titus County Appraisal District met and reached a settlement of \$350,000,000.00. Based on this amount, the Proposed Tax Rate is 41.82 cents per hundred dollars valuation. This is up from last year's Tax Rate of 41.52.

Judge Lee expressed his concerns stating that no one likes to raise taxes but in order to provide needed services at the most reasonable price, this has to be done. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT #1\)](#)

Commissioner Riddle still feels that there are still areas in which the county could cut back on and save money.

Commissioner Hockaday understood that the Proposed Budget includes a raise for a few and doesn't feel that this is fair to the other employees stating that each department is unique in their own way. Judge Lee explained that this would be discussed at the next meeting Monday, September 29, 2014.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Fields to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.