

Work nearing completion on 2012-13 county budget

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| COUNTY LEVY ALLOCATIONS | | |
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| Allocation of levy authority in Dawson County's 14 political subdivisions was approved by resolution of the commissioners on Aug. 31. The subdivision levies are all part of the county's overall levy authority. None of the allocations includes bond funding. | | |
| The subdivisions and budget requests are as follows: | | |
| Political subdivisions | 2012-13 | 2011-12 |
| Dawson County Ag. Society | \$228,165 | \$228,165 |
| Cozad Hospital District | \$214,200 | \$214,200 |
| Gothenburg Hospital District | \$173,969 | \$173,969 |
| No. 2 Fairview Cemetery District | \$6,500 | \$6,820 |
| No. 3 Cottonwood Cemetery District | \$2,875 | \$2,125 |
| No. 4 Platts Valley Cemetery District | \$6,140 | \$5,368 |
| No. 5 Mount Hope Cemetery District | \$3,900 | \$3,900 |
| No. 6 (unannexed) Cemetery District | \$7,758 | \$7,476 |
| No. 1 Lexington Fire District | \$76,156 | \$72,457 |
| No. 3 Denton Fire District | \$26,024 | \$38,476 |
| No. 4 Gothenburg Fire District | \$51,888 | \$48,427 |
| No. 7 Cozad Fire District | \$45,278 | \$42,283 |
| No. 8 Edenville Fire District | \$15,006 | \$13,251 |
| Railroad Transportation Safety District | \$206,332 | \$186,620 |
| Total | \$1,916,877 | \$989,558 |

Numbers have nearly fallen into place for Dawson County's 2012-13 budget.

The first official steps were completed Friday during the county board's regular bimonthly meeting.

Commissioners approved levy allocations for the 14 political subdivisions with taxing authority.

The total of the allocations is up just over \$27,000 from \$989,558 last year to \$1.02 million for a 2.76% increase.

The Railroad Transportation Safety District request increased almost \$10,000 for the highest dollar increase with Lexington, Gothenburg and Cozad fire district also asking for more funds.

The levy allocations for the taxing entities represent only a small portion of the overall county budget and are a minimal portion of the total tax bill paid by Dawson County residents.