

Rise in valuation means DC levy decrease

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| DAWSON COUNTY BUDGET | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| | 2013-14 | 2012-13 | Difference |
| Valuation | \$2,387,063,982 | \$2,063,319,344 | 12.8% |
| Expenses | \$29,427,866 | \$26,474,567 | 11.2% |
| Revenues | \$21,955,911 | \$19,345,865 | 10.9% |
| Tax asking | \$8,254,828 | \$6,460,593 | 8.50% |
| Levy | .3597 | .4105 | -4.10% |

For some residents of Dawson County, a 13% valuation increase means their taxes will go up but for some, the effect isn't as bad.

Dawson County clerk Karla Zlatkovsky said that farmers were hit the hardest.

"Not everybody had a tax valuation that increased," Zlatkovsky said.

Dawson County commissioners adopted a budget of \$29,427,866 in a meeting Sept. 16.

Valuation ties into the county budget which increases 11.2% from last year, she said.

Taxes are what help run the county, Zlatkovsky said. The increases in the budget help make ends meet.

"County roads, the county sheriff's office, my office, all operate on those taxes," Zlatkovsky said.

Still the levy dropped 1.7 cents per \$100 in property value.

On another matter, a Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA) and Gosper County interlocal agreement was authorized by the commissioners and signed by chairman P.J. Jacobson.

Zlatkovsky said the agreement was for Gosper County to pay Dawson County \$3,000.

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The nonprofit network has 46 volunteers throughout Dawson and Gosper counties to advocate for 77 children.

In other business, the board:

certified the formation of Thirty Mile Canal into an irrigation district.

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