

Wise County Appraisal District

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TO: Taxing Entities Participating in Wise CAD Appraisal Budget:

The attached pages represent the Proposed 2018 Budget for Appraisal Services provided by the Wise County Tax Appraisal District. The Board of Directors will consider this budget at their meeting on August 15, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

The changes to the budget from 2017 are as follows:

1. **PAYROLL** – Wise County is experiencing explosive growth! New home construction is booming and looks to continue. In addition the sale of existing homes is at an all time high too! We are proposing to add back the appraisal position eliminated last year and hope this is enough to handle the growth explosion. With explosive growth has come an increase in the amount of exemption / productivity appraisal applications. Adding position to coordinate these and keep up with the ever changing law requirements in this area. Also proposing salary adjustments for existing staff. Insurance coverage for 2018 will increase 12%. Retirement rate went up to 9.08%.
2. **CONTRACTS & RENTALS** - P & A is requesting a \$5000 increase for 2018, but we will be looking at all options. Aerial imagery cost for second year is higher than first due to deposit paid in prior year. Adding security during peak times of year at ARB due to taxpayer threats.
3. **SPECIAL SERVICES** - Litigation continues to be steady with commercial properties filing regularly. Legislature and courts do not look favorable on valuation litigation.

4. **OTHER SERVICES** – ARB cases increased to over 4600 (up from 1600) resulting in additional meeting expenses. We will make adjustments in scheduling for 2017 to hopefully better control these costs. Additional costs of mailing orders after ARB hearings as a result of additional cases.

In summary the 2018 Wise County Appraisal Budget for Appraisal Services is up considerably from 2017 with the explosive growth happening now. We did make slight adjustments from preliminary budget. Various reports indicate upwards of 2000 new homes on the way in the near future. Final allocation amounts will be determined once final budget is approved. Appraisal Budget allocations are up from 2017 reflecting budget changes.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call or email.

Sincerely,



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WISE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

APPRAISAL BUDGET - 10

2017 BUDGET

2018 PROPOSED

PAYROLL

Salaries	\$798,000	\$912,000
Health & Life Insurance	\$135,000	\$145,000
Retirement	\$70,296	\$90,164
Workers Compensation	\$3,990	\$4,560
Unemployment Insurance (TWC)	\$2,736	\$3,078
FICA / SS / Medicare	\$14,364	\$16,416
Life Insurance	\$1,516	\$1,642
Total Dept.	\$1,025,902	\$1,172,860

CAR TRAVEL

Car Travel	\$72,000	\$81,000
Total Dept.	\$72,000	\$81,000

CONTRACTS & RENTALS

Postage Meter / Scales	\$400	\$400
Janitorial Service & Supplies	\$5,000	\$5,000
Building Security Service	\$0	\$1,500
Mineral Appraisal (Pritchard & Abbott)	\$230,000	\$230,000
Aerial Imagery	\$25,000	\$32,600
Security System Maintenance	\$1,400	\$1,800
Total Dept.	\$261,800	\$271,300

SPECIAL SERVICES

Legal Counsel	\$20,000	\$25,000
Accounting & Auditing	\$16,500	\$18,000
Bonding / Liability / Building Insurance	\$13,000	\$14,000
Legal Ads / Subscriptions	\$4,800	\$5,500
Total Dept.	\$54,300	\$62,500

2017 BUDGET

2018 PROPOSED

DATA PROCESSING

Hardware Maint.(computer)	\$0	\$0
Software Maint	\$59,400	\$57,500
Software Maint (Bookkeeping)	\$650	\$650
Hardware Maint. (Mapping)	\$0	\$0
Software Maint. (Mapping)	\$3,000	\$3,000
Data Process Supplies	\$250	\$250
Total Dept.	\$63,300	\$61,400

UTILITIES

Telephone / Data	\$20,500	\$20,500
Electricity	\$7,000	\$7,200
Gas	\$1,500	\$1,250
Water	\$3,000	\$3,000
Lawn Maintenance	\$1,200	\$1,200
Total Dept	\$33,200	\$33,150

EQUIP/BLDG MAINT.

Postage Machine	\$1,400	\$1,500
Building	\$6,000	\$4,000
Copiers (2)	\$1,400	\$1,300
Total Dept.	\$8,800	\$6,800

GENERAL OFC.& MISC.

General Office Supplies	\$12,000	\$12,500
Postage	\$18,000	\$20,000
Forms & Envelopes	\$4,000	\$6,000
Mapping Supplies	\$250	\$250
Bank Charges	\$250	\$0
Total Dept.	\$34,500	\$38,750

**2017
BUDGET**

**2018
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0

OTHER SERVICES

Travel & Education	\$3,000	\$1,500
Registration & Dues	\$5,000	\$3,050
Board of Directors	\$0	\$0
Appraisal Review Board / Arbitration	\$14,000	\$16,000
ARB Legal Counsel	\$2,500	\$2,000
Deed Transfers / Plat Maps	\$0	\$1,000
Total Dept.	\$24,500	\$23,550

GRAND TOTAL BUDGET

	\$1,578,303	\$1,751,310	10.96%
Carryover from Previous	\$75,000	\$0	
Interest / Other Income	\$250	\$2,500	
Tax Roll Service	\$600	\$700	
Amount to Allocate	\$1,502,453	\$1,748,110	16.35%

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TAXING UNIT	2016 LEVY	Total % of Levy	2018 PROPOSED
Alvord ISD (Wise County)	\$4,296,375	3.6094%	\$63,213
Azle ISD (Wise County)	\$327,753	0.2753%	\$4,822
Boyd ISD	\$7,179,116	6.0313%	\$105,626
Bridgeport ISD	\$15,779,985	13.2570%	\$232,171
Chico ISD	\$6,363,085	5.3457%	\$93,620
Decatur ISD	\$24,911,137	20.9282%	\$366,518
Jacksboro ISD (Wise County)	\$191,108	0.1606%	\$2,812
Krum ISD (Wise County)	\$9,235	0.0078%	\$136
Northwest ISD (Wise County)	\$12,529,120	10.5259%	\$184,341
Paradise ISD	\$4,733,333	3.9765%	\$69,642
Poolville ISD (Wise County)	\$968,271	0.8135%	\$14,246
Springtown ISD (Wise County)	\$1,760,977	1.4794%	\$25,909
Slidell ISD (Wise County)	\$2,354,851	1.9783%	\$34,647
City of Alvord	\$352,429	0.2961%	\$5,185
City of Aurora	\$287,764	0.2418%	\$4,234
City of Boyd	\$646,040	0.5427%	\$9,505
City of Bridgeport	\$2,328,371	1.9561%	\$34,257
City of Chico	\$247,739	0.2081%	\$3,645
City of Decatur	\$4,309,322	3.6203%	\$63,403
City of Ft Worth (Wise County)	\$35,094	0.0295%	\$516
City of Newark	\$268,640	0.2257%	\$3,953
City of Paradise	\$93,979	0.0790%	\$1,383
City of Rhome	\$587,306	0.4934%	\$8,641
City of Runaway Bay	\$727,555	0.6112%	\$10,705
Wise County	\$26,170,361	21.9861%	\$385,045
Wise Co. WCID	\$428,492	0.3600%	\$6,304
Wise Co. Water	\$781,562	0.6566%	\$11,499
Clearcreek Water	\$22,841	0.0192%	\$336
Fire District #1	\$189,063	0.1588%	\$2,782
North Fort Worth WCID#1	\$150,517	0.1265%	\$2,215
TOTALS	\$119,031,421	100.0000%	\$1,751,310