

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 31ST DAY of AUGUST, 2016, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a public hearing with the following present:

ROBERT E. HEBERT	COUNTY JUDGE
RICHARD MORRISON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
JAMES PATTERSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
LINDA WILLIS FOR LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner Prestage absent.

When the following were heard and the following orders were passed:

1. **Call to Order.**

Call to Order by Judge Hebert at 5:46 p.m.

2. **Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposal to increase the 2016 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County.**

Public hearing held.

Two individuals spoke during the public hearing on the proposal to increase the 2016 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County.

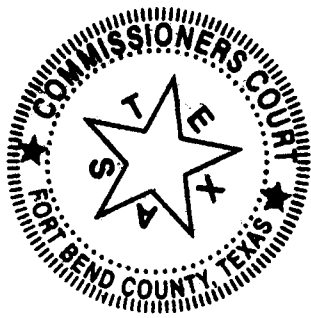
Mr. John Steven Spears, resident of Weston Lakes spoke on the future possibility of improving the tax rate by managing with a more critical eye the abatements given to businesses. He believes the abatements are another way of transferring tax burdens from the businesses to the residential property owners. Mr. Spears also stated he does not agree taxes should be levied without his participation or consent. For the record, he does not like reducing everything to the tax rate; because this ignores the fact the actual dollars produced by the taxpayers are being spent by the County, school districts and municipalities which have greatly been increased over the past five years.

Mr. Jeff Sorocak, resident of Weston Lakes had questions on the tax abatements and how it affects the tax rate. He questioned the Court's mention of reducing the tax rate and having a public hearing on raising the taxes. Mr. Sorocak had concerns on the property values being different on the Drainage District and the County. He also questioned the County's approval on tax rates for the Emergency Service District 4.

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3. **Adjournment.**

Commissioners Court Public Hearing adjourned at 6:37 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2016.



I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.

Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas