



Texas Department
of Motor Vehicles


Imposition of Optional Fees Calendar Year 2016

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete and return this form (including court orders, if required) to the TxDMV via email, *DMV_OptionalCountyFeeUpdates@TxDMV.gov*, or fax (512) 465-4116.

Please submit as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, August 21, 2015**.

County Name: PANOLA COUNTY

SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION BELOW:

OPTION A – No change. This county will charge the same fees in 2016. 
Submit this form to TxDMV. A copy of the commissioners court order is NOT required.

OR

OPTION B – The commissioners court has approved fee changes for 2016.

Enter amounts for each fee, even those that did not change. Enter zero (0) where applicable.

Calendar Year 2016 fees to be collected by your county:

Road and Bridge Fee: \$ _____

Child Safety Fee: \$ _____

Transportation Project Fee (applicable to Bexar, Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo and Webb counties only): \$ _____

Total Fees to be collected for 2016: \$ _____

For Option B, submit this form and a photocopy of the commissioners court order.

Thank you, we appreciate your participation!

The Honorable County Judge

Re: Imposition of Optional Fees

Your Honor:

County commissioners' courts are statutorily required to notify the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) each year regarding the imposition or removal of optional fees. Notice must be made to the TxDMV each year by September 1 with new fees taking effect each year January 1. This letter and attachments will provide information on how to submit the calendar year 2016 notification to the TxDMV. The following is a brief description of the local optional fees from Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code:

County Road and Bridge Fee (Section 502.401):

- may not exceed \$10;
- fees collected must be credited to the county road and bridge fund.

Child Safety Fee (Section 502.403):

- may not exceed \$1.50;
- revenue must be used for school crossing guard services, remaining funds must be used for programs to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition, including child abuse intervention and prevention and drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

Transportation Project Fee (Section 502.402) applies to Bexar, Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo, and Webb counties only:

- may not exceed \$10 or \$20 for those meeting population requirements under Section (b) and (b-1);
- revenue must be used for long-term transportation projects.

Please complete the attached form, *Imposition of Optional Fees*, and return it to the TxDMV. If your county will keep the same optional fees for calendar year 2016, complete OPTION A. If your county will change fees, complete OPTION B and return the form with a copy of the commissioner's court order.

Deadline: Please return the form on or before Friday, August 21, 2015, by email to DMV_OptionalCountyFeeUpdates@TxDMV.gov, or fax to (512) 465-4116.

If you have any questions, please contact Anita Orr, Registration Services, at (512) 465-1346. Thank you for your timely response.

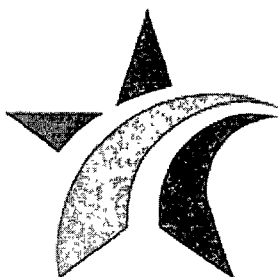
Sincerely,

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division
Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

JK:TT:AO

Attachments

cc. County tax assessor-collectors



Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

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Please review the attached information regarding imposition of calendar year 2016 optional county fees. We ask that you provide your response by Friday, August 21, 2015, to allow ample time for automated systems programming.

Thank you,


Jeremiah Kuntz, Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division
Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

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Attachments


If you have any comments or suggestions concerning this VTR communication process, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.

- [Letter.pdf](#)
- [Imposition of Fees Form.pdf](#)
- [2015 County Fees Chart.pdf](#)



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Current Optional Fees by County (CY 2015)

County	Road & Bridge	Child Safety	Trans Project	County	Road & Bridge	Child Safety	Trans Project	County	Road & Bridge	Child Safety	Trans Project	County	Road & Bridge	Child Safety	Trans Project
ANDERSON	\$10 00			DIMITT	\$10 00	\$1 50		KARNES	\$10 00			REAGAN	\$10 00		
ANDREWS	\$7 00			DONLEY	\$10 00			KAUFMAN	\$10 00	\$1 50		REAL	\$10 00		
ANGELINA	\$10 00			DUVAL	\$10 00			KENDALL	\$10 00	\$1 00		RED RIVER	\$10 00		
ARANSAS	\$10 00			EASTLAND	\$10 00			KENEDY	\$0 00			REEVES	\$10 00		
ARCHER	\$10 00			ECTOR	\$10 00			KENT	\$0 00			REFUGIO	\$10 00		
ARMSTRONG	\$10 00			EDWARDS	\$10 00	\$1 00		KERR	\$10 00			ROBERTS	\$5 00		
ATASCOSA	\$10 00			ELLIS	\$10 00			KIMBLE	\$10 00			ROBERTSON	\$10 00	\$1 50	
AUSTIN	\$10 00			EL PASO	\$10 00		\$10 00	KING	\$0 00			ROCKWALL	\$10 00		
BAILEY	\$10 00			ERATH	\$10 00			KINNEY	\$10 00			RUNNELS	\$10 00		
BANDERA	\$10 00			FALLS	\$10 00			KLEBERG	\$10 00			RUSK	\$10 00	\$1 00	
BASTROP	\$10 00			FANNIN	\$10 00			KNOX	\$10 00			SABINE	\$10 00	\$1 00	
BAYLOR	\$10 00			FAYETTE	\$10 00			LAMAR	\$10 00			SAN AUGUSTINE	\$10 00	\$1 50	
BEE	\$10 00			FISHER	\$10 00			LAMB	\$10 00			SAN JACINTO	\$10 00	\$1 50	
BELL	\$10 00	\$1 50		FLOYD	\$10 00			LAMPASAS	\$10 00	\$1 50		SAN PATRICIO	\$10 00	\$1 50	
BEXAR	\$10 00	\$1 50	\$10 00	FOARD	\$10 00			LA SALLE	\$10 00			SAN SABA	\$10 00		
BLANCO	\$10 00	\$1 50		FORT BEND	\$10 00	\$1 50		LAVACA	\$10 00			SCHLEICHER	\$10 00		
BORDEN	\$0 00			FRANKLIN	\$10 00			LEE	\$10 00			SCURRY	\$10 00		
BOSQUE	\$10 00			FREESTONE	\$10 00			LEON	\$10 00			SHACKELFORD	\$10 00		
BOWIE	\$10 00			FRIO	\$10 00	\$1 50		LIBERTY	\$10 00			SHELBY	\$10 00	\$1 50	
BRAZORIA	\$10 00			GAINES	\$0 00			LIMESTONE	\$10 00			SHERMAN	\$10 00		
BRAZOS	\$10 00	\$1 50		GALVESTON	\$10 00			LIPSCOMB	\$10 00			SMITH	\$10 00	\$1 50	
BREWSTER	\$10 00			GARZA	\$10 00			LIVE OAK	\$10 00			SOMERVELL	\$10 00		
BRISCOE	\$10 00			GILLESPIE	\$10 00	\$1 50		LLANO	\$10 00	\$1 00		STARR	\$10 00		
BROOKS	\$10 00	\$1 50		GLASSCOCK	\$10 00			LOVING	\$0 00			STEPHENS	\$10 00		
BROWN	\$10 00	\$1 50		GOLIAD	\$10 00			LUBBOCK	\$10 00			STERLING	\$0 00		
BURLESON	\$10 00			GONZALES	\$10 00			LYNN	\$10 00			STONEWALL	\$10 00		
BURNET	\$10 00			GRAY	\$10 00			MADISON	\$10 00			SUTTON	\$10 00		
CALDWELL	\$10 00			GRAYSON	\$10 00			MARION	\$10 00			SWISHER	\$10 00		
CALHOUN	\$10 00			GREGG	\$9 00			MARTIN	\$10 00			TARRANT	\$10 00		
CALLAHAN	\$10 00			GRIMES	\$10 00			MASON	\$10 00			TAYLOR	\$10 00		
CAMERON	\$10 00		\$10 00	GUADALUPE	\$10 00	\$1 50		MATAGORDA	\$10 00			TERRELL	\$10 00		
CAMP	\$10 00	\$0 50		HALE	\$10 00			MAVERICK	\$10 00	\$1 50		TERRY	\$10 00		
CARSON	\$10 00			HALL	\$10 00			MCCULLOCH	\$10 00	\$1 50		THROCKMORTON	\$10 00		
CASS	\$10 00			HAMILTON	\$10 00			MCLENNAN	\$10 00	\$1 50		TITUS	\$10 00		
CASTRO	\$10 00			HANSFORD	\$10 00			MCMULLEN	\$0 00			TOM GREEN	\$10 00	\$1 50	
CHAMBERS	\$10 00	\$1 00		HARDEMAN	\$10 00			MEDINA	\$10 00			TRAVIS	\$10 00	\$1 50	
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CHILDRESS	\$10 00			HARRIS	\$10 00	\$1 50		MIDLAND	\$10 00			TYLER	\$10 00	\$1 00	
CLAY	\$10 00			HARRISON	\$10 00			MILAM	\$10 00			UPSHUR	\$10 00		
COCHRAN	\$10 00			HARTLEY	\$10 00			MILLS	\$10 00	\$1 50		UPTON	\$5 00		
COKE	\$10 00			HASKELL	\$10 00			MITCHELL	\$10 00			UVALDE	\$10 00		
COLEMAN	\$10 00			HAYS	\$10 00			MONTAGUE	\$10 00			VAL VERDE	\$10 00		
COLLIN	\$10 00	\$1 50		HEMPHILL	\$5 00			MONTGOMERY	\$10 00			VAN ZANDT	\$10 00	\$1 50	
COLLINGSWORTH	\$10 00			HENDERSON	\$10 00			MOORE	\$10 00			VICTORIA	\$10 00		
COLORADO	\$10 00			HIDALGO	\$10 00		\$10 00	MORRIS	\$10 00			WALKER	\$10 00		
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CONCHO	\$10 00			HOOD	\$10 00			NAVARRO	\$10 00			WASHINGTON	\$10 00		
COOKE	\$10 00			HOPKINS	\$10 00			NEWTON	\$10 00			WEBB	\$10 00		\$10 00
CORYELL	\$10 00			HOUSTON	\$10 00			NOLAN	\$10 00			WHARTON	\$10 00		
COTTLE	\$10 00			HOWARD	\$10 00			NUECES	\$10 00			WHEELER	\$5 00	\$1 50	
CRANE	\$0 00			HUDSPETH	\$10 00			OCHILTREE	\$10 00			WICHITA	\$10 00		
CROCKETT	\$5 00			HUNT	\$10 00	\$1 00		OLDHAM	\$10 00			WILBARGER	\$10 00		
CROSBY	\$10 00			HUTCHINSON	\$10 00			ORANGE	\$10 00			WILLACY	\$10 00		
CULBERSON	\$10 00			IRION	\$10 00			PALO PINTO	\$10 00			WILLIAMSON	\$10 00	\$1 50	
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DEWITT	\$10 00			JIM WELLS	\$10 00	\$1 50		PRESIDIO	\$10 00			ZAPATA	\$10 00	\$1 50	
DICKENS	\$10 00			JOHNSON	\$10 00	\$1 50		RAINS	\$10 00	\$1 50		ZAVALA	\$10 00	\$1 50	
				JONES	\$10 00			RANDALL	\$10 00						

NOTE Fees are authorized by statute in the Texas Transportation Code Road and Bridge Fee, Sec 502 401, Transportation Project Fee, Sec 502 402 (applicable only to Bexar, Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo and Webb counties), and Child Safety Fee, Sec. 502 403

ORDER No. 2014-08-05-CC


REGARDING IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR CHILD SAFETY PURSUANT TO SECTION 502.403 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE

The Rusk County Commissioners Court met on August 20, 2014 in special session regarding the imposition of an optional county fee of \$1 00 for registering a vehicle in Rusk County, Texas pursuant to Section 502 403 of the Texas Transportation Code. The revenue from the fee may be used only for a purpose permitted by Article 102.014(g) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure which is to provide school crossing guard services and programs designed to enhance child safety, health, nutrition, including child abuse prevention and intervention and drug and alcohol abuse prevention.


A motion was made by Commissioner Bill Hale and seconded by Commissioner Freddy Swann approving the imposition of an optional county fee in the amount of \$1 00 for registering a vehicle in Rusk County pursuant to Section 502.403 of the Texas Transportation Code and for Rusk County to provide that optional fee to be paid to the Children's Advocacy Center of Rusk-Panola County, which the Commissioners Court finds is an organization that has programs designed to enhance child safety, health, nutrition, including child abuse prevention and intervention and drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, the Rusk County Commissioners Court does hereby agree the imposition of an optional county fee in the amount of \$1 00 for registering a vehicle in Rusk County, Texas pursuant to Section 502 403 of the Texas Transportation Code

Approved and signed this the 20th day of August, 2014



JOEL HALE, County Judge




FREDDY SWANN, Comm Pct 3




W D "BILL" HALE, Comm Pct 1



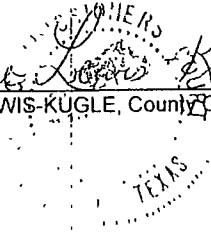
HAROLD HOWELL, Comm. Pct. 4



MIKE PEPPER, Comm Pct 2

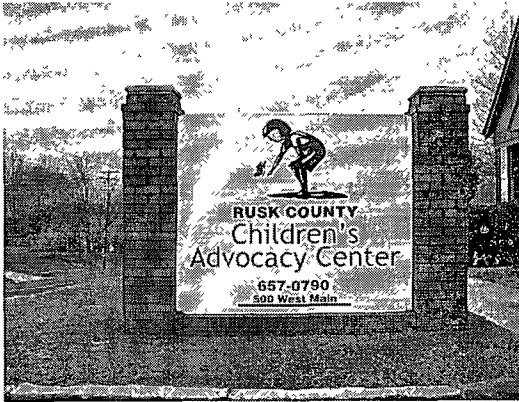
ATTEST


JOYCE LEWIS-KUGLE, County Clerk



Rusk County Children's Advocacy Center
500 West Main | Henderson, Texas | 903-657-0790

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The Rusk County Children's Advocacy Center mission is to reduce trauma, facilitate recovery, and present legally sound cases for prosecution when child abuse occurs in Rusk County

Pardon our progress...

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation designed to combat child abuse. This is done through the coordinated efforts of agencies charged with the responsibility to investigate, treat, and prosecute child abuse cases. Our Board of Directors is made up of representatives from.

- Rusk County District Attorney's Office
- Rusk County Sheriff's Department
- Henderson Police Department
- Other Rusk County Police Departments
- Child Protective Services
- Henderson Memorial Hospital
- Community

Who we Serve
Citizens of Rusk/Panola Counties who are

• Victims of child sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or who witness violent crimes in Rusk County, and their non-offending family members

• Community professionals in related fields.

• Community members needing information and referral.

Our Board of Directors

- Debbie Middleton, President
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The Story of
the Blue
Ribbon



Debbie Crawford

From: tacaofexas <tacaofexas-bounces+debbie.crawford=co.panola.tx.us@listserve.com> on behalf of Ronnie Keister <RKeister@co.lubbock.tx.us>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 8:58 AM
To: tacaofexas@listserve.com
Subject: [tacaofexas] Compensation Structure
Attachments: Possible Structures for Compensation_Final.docx; Untitled attachment 00111.txt

Attached is a list of six compensation OPTIONS being proposed by DMV for registration and title transaction processing.

Please reply to RKeister@co.lubbock.tx.us by Thursday, July 2nd with answers to the following questions about the various scenarios so that we can adequately advise DMV of the will of the tax assessor-collectors on this issue.

Question #1- Which, if any, of the proposed OPTIONS would you find agreeable? (Please list the number(s)).

Question #2- Which, if any, of the proposed OPTIONS would you find unacceptable? (Please list the number(s)).

Question #3- Do you have any suggested changes to the proposed OPTIONS that would help to adequately compensate the tax office for the cost of providing these services? If so, please offer the suggestion and explain your reasoning.

Please respond by Thursday, July 2nd so that we can have adequate time to prepare for a meeting with DMV on the issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronnie Keister
TACA DMV Liaison Chair

total # of vehicles

Possible Structures for Compensation Under the Registration Process and Handling Fee

There are multiple structures that may be utilized to compensate County Tax Assessor-Collectors (TAC) and the private entities that they deputize to perform registration transactions. The current deputies allowed under the Transportation Code and administrative rules are full-service deputies and limited service deputies. There may be other structures that could be utilized, but this paper will focus on six options. In all of the options presented below the customer will pay the Processing and Handling (P&H) fee in addition to all of the registration fees. Statute also allows the Board to dedicate \$.50-1.00 to fund automation projects. In each of the options below the funds dedicated to automation would be deducted out of the amount received by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV). Further, TxDMV must fund a large portion of its budget through the P&H fee, thus necessitating the adoption of a P&H fee by the TxDMV Board.

While the options listed capture the currently discussed options of the Title and Registration Working Group, they are not the only options that are available for consideration. The concepts within each of the options could be amended or combined to create new options.

Option 1: County and Transaction Type Compensation

This option is very similar to the current compensation model used for counties and their deputies. This option provides compensation to the TAC for every transaction processed *in (emphasis added)* the county. In this option, each entity can retain its portion of the P&H fee, and the TxDMV would receive the remainder after paying the county and deputies.

Assumptions: \$5.50 P&H fee / \$2.00 TAC / \$1.00 Limited Service / \$3.00 Full-service / TxDMV Variable.

Example 1: A person processes a registration renewal at the county office. The county would receive \$2.00 and the TxDMV would receive \$3.50.

Example 2: A person processes a renewal at a limited service deputy location (i.e., HEB). HEB is allowed to retain \$1.00; the TAC retains \$2.00, and the TxDMV receives \$2.50.

Pros: This option provides benefits to the TACs by paying them for every transaction processed in the county whether they completed the transaction or not. This model also provides an incentive to the TAC to outsource operations, because they continue to be paid even though the primary function is provided by a private entity.

Cons: This option inserts risk for the TxDMV by varying the amount the state would receive for the transaction. The state may be left with no other option but to raise the P&H fee if the TACs choose to outsource to a private entity.

Option 2: Individual Transaction Type Compensation

This option provides compensation to the specific entity that completes a registration transaction. The TAC would not receive compensation for transactions that are conducted by a private entity. In this option, each entity can retain its portion of the P&H fee, and the TxDMV would receive the remainder.

Assumptions: \$5.50 P&H fee / TAC \$2.00 (In Person), \$1.50 (Mail), \$1.00 (Online) / \$1.00 Limited Service / \$3.00 Full-service / TxDMV Variable.

Example 1: A person processes a registration renewal at the county office. The county would receive \$2.00, and the TxDMV would receive \$3.50.

Example 2: A person processes a renewal at a full-service deputy location. The deputy is allowed to retain \$3.00; the TAC retains \$0.00, and the TxDMV receives \$2.50.

Pros: This option provides counties with compensation that is equal to the exact expenses associated with processing a transaction.

Cons: This option does not provide an incentive to the TAC to process transactions in the most cost effective manner because they are unable to retain any savings they incurred. This option inserts risk for the TxDMV by varying the amount the state would receive for the transaction. The state may be left with no other option but to raise the P&H fee if the TACs choose to outsource to a private entity.

SAMPLE

Option 3: Flat County Compensation

This option would provide the TAC with a single compensation rate for any registration transaction that occurs in the county. Under this option, any deputy of the TAC would retain their compensation out of the flat fee retained by the county.

Assumptions: \$5.50 P&H fee / \$3.50 County / TAC Variable / \$1.00 Limited Service (Paid Out of County Compensation) / \$3.00 Full-service (Paid Out of County Compensation)/ \$2.00 TxDMV.

Example 1: A person processes a registration renewal at the TAC office. The TAC retains \$3.50, and TxDMV receives \$2.00.

Example 2: A person processes a registration renewal at a full-service deputy. The deputy is allowed to retain \$3.00. The county would receive \$.50 and TxDMV receives \$2.00.

Pro: This option provides the county with an incentive to market to customers the least expensive method to the county for delivering services. If the county can increase online or mail transactions they can retain any additional revenue received from the portion of the P&H fee they retain.

Cons: Counties that utilize the services of full-service deputies would receive a lower rate of compensation to run the operations of the TAC office. In setting the overall P&H fee, this should be taken into consideration to ensure this model would not have an immediate negative impact on those particular TAC offices. This option may require the P&H fee to be set at a slightly higher rate to ensure TAC offices are held harmless.

Option 4: Safe Harbor

With this option, the TxDMV Board would create a safe harbor rate for the P&H fee. Counties that want to exceed the rate would be allowed to petition the TxDMV Board to request a higher rate for their county. The Board would evaluate a county's request to determine if the county has higher than usual expenses for processing registration transactions and then approve or deny the county request.

Assumptions: Safe harbor rate of \$5.50 P&H fee / \$3.00 County / TAC Variable / \$1.00 Limited Service (Paid Out of County Compensation) / \$3.00 Full-service Deputy (Paid Out of County Compensation) / \$2.50 TxDMV

Example 1: A person applies for registration renewal in County X in person. The TAC retains \$3.00 and the TxDMV receives \$2.50. The county has sufficient funding from its portion of the P&H fee and does not petition the TxDMV Board for a higher rate.

Example 2: A person applies for a registration renewal in County Y in person. The TAC has higher expenses due to a higher prevailing wage rate in the county. The TAC has an actual cost of \$5.00 per transaction. The TAC petitions the Board for a P&H fee of \$7.50 with a county portion of \$5.00 and a state portion of \$2.50.

Pros: This option would allow for counties to request funding at a rate to cover their cost if they have circumstances that cause their costs to be higher than the statewide average.

Cons: This option would require the TxDMV to review requests that are received on an ongoing basis and to perform cost analyses when counties request higher rates. The motorists in these counties would be required to pay a higher amount. This option would also require extensive education for motorists and dealers to ensure they know what the P&H fee is in their county. This option would also require additional programming in the Registration and Titling System (RTS) to ensure the correct amount is charged at the various counties. This may require additional lead time before a new rate could be implemented. This option provides benefits to the TACs by paying them for every transaction processed in the county whether they completed the transaction or not. This option provides an incentive to the TAC to increase the cost of operation because they receive additional funding if they have higher costs per transaction.

Option 5: Variable Rate for Full-service Deputy County

This option would allow for two separate P&H fees across the state; one rate for counties with full-service deputies and a different rate for the rest of the counties statewide. Under this option the full and limited-service deputy compensation would be paid out of the county portion of the P&H fee.

Assumptions: Full-service Deputy Counties: \$10.00 P&H fee / \$7.50 County / TAC Variable / \$1.00 Limited Service (Paid Out of County Compensation) / \$5.00 (Paid Out of County Compensation) / \$2.50 TxDMV. **All Other Counties:** \$5.50 P&H fee/ \$3.00 County / TAC Variable / \$1.00 Limited Service (Paid Out of County Compensation) / \$2.50 TxDMV / No Full-service Deputies.

Example 1: A person applies for registration in a TAC office, in a county that does not utilize full-service deputies. The TAC retains \$3.00 and remits \$2.50 to the TxDMV.

Example 2: A person applies for a registration in a TAC office, in a county that utilizes full-service deputies. The TAC retains \$8.50 and remits \$2.50 to TxDMV.

Example 3: A person applies for registration in a full-service deputy location. The full-service deputy retains \$5.00, the TAC retains \$2.50 and remits \$2.50 to TxDMV.

Pros: This option would allow for a higher P&H fee to fund full-service deputies. Counties with full-service deputies would receive more money than counties without full-service deputies when conducting walk-in transactions.

Cons: This option would require extensive education for motorists and dealers to ensure they knew what the P&H fee was in their county. The motorists in counties with full-service deputies would be required to pay a higher amount even if they do not utilize the services of a full-service deputy. This option provides benefits to the TACs by paying them for every transaction processed in the county whether they completed the transaction or not. This option provides an incentive to a TAC to outsource operations because they continue to be paid even though the primary function is provided by a private entity.

Option 6: Variable Rate at Full-service Deputy Location

This option would allow for two separate P&H fees within the county; one rate for a transaction done by the county and a separate rate for transactions completed by full-service deputies. Under this option the limited service deputy compensation would be paid out of the county portion of the P&H fee.

Assumptions: Full-service Deputy Location: \$10.00 P&H fee / \$5.00 Full-service Deputy / \$2.50 County / TAC Variable / \$1.00 Limited Service (Paid Out of County Compensation) / \$2.50 TxDMV. **Other County Transactions:** \$5.00 P&H fee/ \$2.50 County / TAC Variable / \$1.00 Limited Service (Out of County) / \$2.50 TxDMV

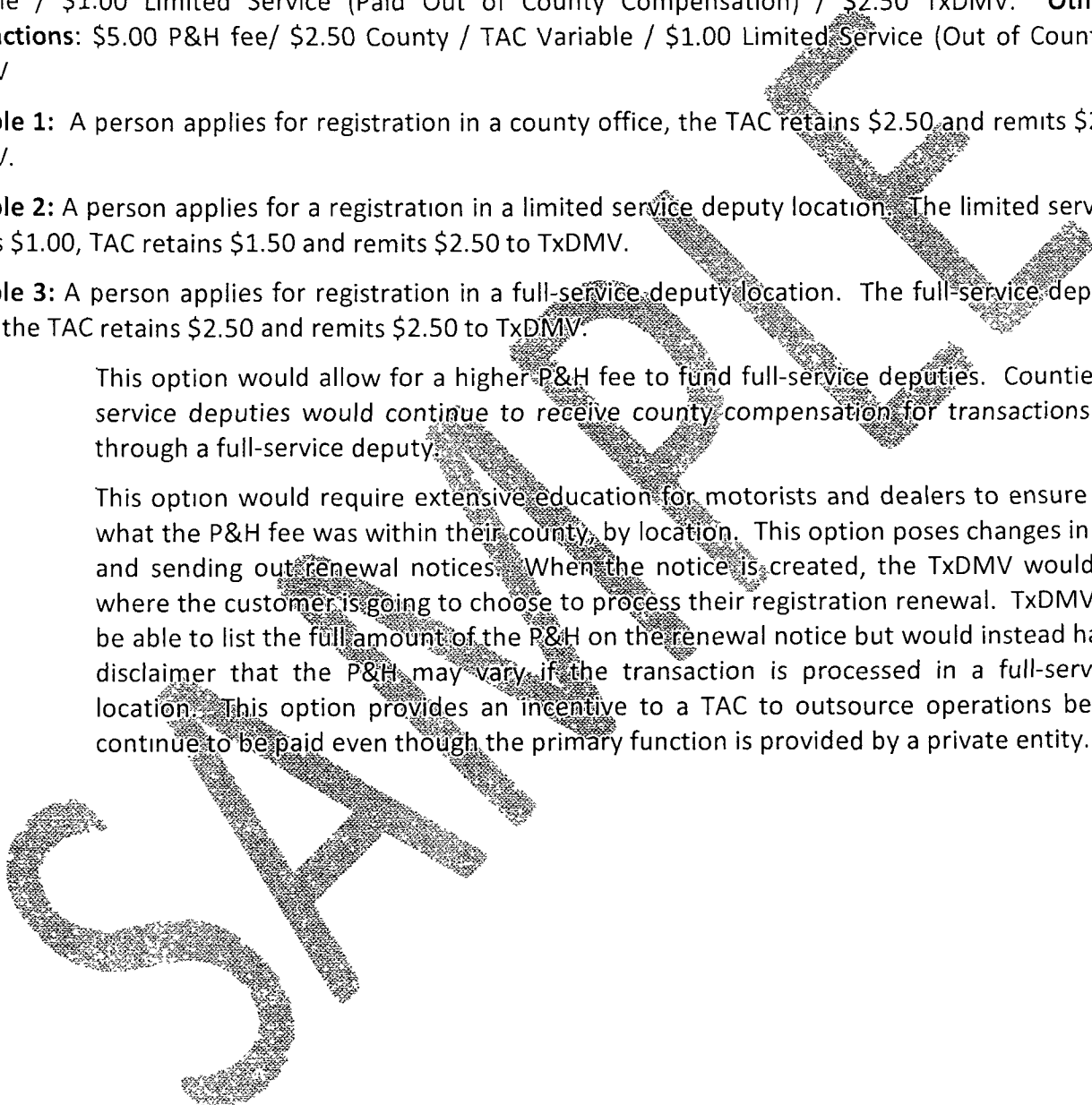
Example 1: A person applies for registration in a county office, the TAC retains \$2.50 and remits \$2.50 to the TxDMV.

Example 2: A person applies for a registration in a limited service deputy location. The limited service deputy retains \$1.00, TAC retains \$1.50 and remits \$2.50 to TxDMV.

Example 3: A person applies for registration in a full-service deputy location. The full-service deputy retains \$5.00, the TAC retains \$2.50 and remits \$2.50 to TxDMV.

Pros: This option would allow for a higher P&H fee to fund full-service deputies. Counties with full-service deputies would continue to receive county compensation for transactions processed through a full-service deputy.

Cons: This option would require extensive education for motorists and dealers to ensure they knew what the P&H fee was within their county, by location. This option poses changes in processing and sending out renewal notices. When the notice is created, the TxDMV would not know where the customer is going to choose to process their registration renewal. TxDMV would not be able to list the full amount of the P&H on the renewal notice but would instead have to list a disclaimer that the P&H may vary if the transaction is processed in a full-service deputy location. This option provides an incentive to a TAC to outsource operations because they continue to be paid even though the primary function is provided by a private entity.



VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES BY COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 TO AUGUST 31, 2014

TOTAL			DISTRIBUTION			COUNTY DETAIL		
COUNTY NAME	VEHICLES REGISTERED CURRENTLY	TOTAL COLLECTIONS LESS REFUNDS	STATE	SPECIALTY PLATES SPONSORSHIP	COUNTY	COMMISSIONS, POSTAGE, ETC.	OPTIONAL ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
MCMULLEN	2,884	\$ 206,756 83	\$ 40,068 17	\$ 293 33	\$ 166,395 33	\$ 6,663 85	\$ -	\$ 159,731 48
MEDINA	52,303	3,471,732 12	2,479,696 76	2,629 67	989,405 69	114,469 97	473,779 00	401,156 72
MENARD	3,075	157,046 52	13,462 52	219 99	143,364 01	9,246 20	22,210 00	111,907 81
MIDLAND	196,865	17,358,087 35	14,510,317 17	18,808 85	2,828,961 33	470,069 75	1,846,217 39	512,674 19
MILAM	30,702	1,831,819 06	1,138,489 22	1,577 31	691,752 53	66,568 45	251,489 70	373,694 38
MILLS	7,440	438,551 18	82,081 15	475 32	355,994 71	17,061 25	59,479 70	279,453 76
MITCHELL	8,288	507,269 11	111,115 06	484 00	395,670 05	16,097 08	64,580 00	314,992 97
MONTAGUE	27,168	1,792,399 63	1,128,784 97	1,591 96	662,022 70	58,241 75	229,350 00	374,430 95
MONTGOMERY	473,702	32,378,607 87	26,047,891 48	62,969 41	6,267,746 98	1,094,597 96	4,497,769 20	675,379 82
MOORE	23,125	1,721,657 61	1,153,566 40	800 15	567,291 06	48,693 91	212,773 43	305,823 72
MORRIS	15,347	949,355 67	508,800 11	451 83	440,103 73	31,800 02	130,189 70	278,114 01
MOTLEY	1,653	87,495 24	3,544 25	44 00	83,906 99	3,454 15	12,670 00	67,782 84
NACOGDOCHES	58,902	3,956,502 19	2,855,925 50	4,773 33	1,095,803 36	152,877 89	543,390 99	399,534 48
NAVARRO	51,056	3,378,319 76	2,413,159 98	2,605 89	962,553 89	112,180 82	463,055 24	387,317 83
NEWTON	15,164	844,304 24	319,561 20	433 13	524,309 91	31,490 97	120,876 02	371,942 92
NOLAN	15,714	1,070,669 98	538,675 26	1,563 81	530,430 91	32,055 25	139,550 00	358,825 66
NUECES	300,564	22,383,015 11	17,930,559 90	22,660 92	4,429,794 29	724,340 45	3,022,849 40	682,604 44
OCHILTREE	14,845	1,196,332 63	655,358 15	798 39	540,176 09	32,282 60	138,168 50	369,724 99
OLDHAM	3,105	222,016 73	38,785 71	110 00	183,121 02	6,367 00	25,840 00	150,914 02
ORANGE	86,157	5,455,157 25	4,105,540 68	6,065 18	1,343,551 39	188,977 88	795,569 70	359,003 81
PALO PINTO	35,583	2,437,323 11	1,718,718 02	1,867 14	716,737 95	76,536 50	303,849 10	336,352 35
PANOLA	30,950	1,892,501 93	1,446,440 71	1,325 41	444,735 81	68,053 02	-	376,682 79
PARKER	143,469	10,526,092 87	8,249,181 52	17,444 59	2,259,466 76	393,263 82	1,367,480 09	498,722 85
PARMER	10,936	793,621 48	306,325 16	340 83	486,955 49	24,232 79	97,680 00	365,042 70
PECOS	18,017	1,437,531 40	877,604 80	1,010 54	558,916 06	37,908 59	152,545 91	368,461 56
POLK	58,248	4,460,607 50	3,326,005 99	3,182 70	1,131,418 81	220,039 11	525,575 40	385,804 30
POTTER	104,742	7,933,911 67	6,296,065 51	12,296 78	1,625,549 38	236,726 15	1,028,627 90	360,195 33
PRESIDIO	8,383	548,784 53	207,331 95	424 33	341,028 25	18,810 36	72,430 00	249,787 89
RAINS	13,941	861,236 66	417,047 25	866 15	443,323 26	47,453 96	116,880 00	278,989 30
RANDALL	132,874	9,913,032 21	7,654,271 35	22,538 13	2,236,222 73	366,366 88	1,369,297 30	500,558 55
REAGAN	5,567	458,494 81	162,065 98	230 00	296,198 83	11,601 35	46,590 00	238,007 48
REAL	4,339	261,327 12	53,178 62	566 49	207,582 01	8,956 95	35,540 00	163,085 06
RED RIVER	15,256	829,699 31	315,444 53	387 66	513,867 12	30,305 05	119,159 70	364,402 37
REEVES	12,064	1,078,513 81	579,635 27	675 33	498,203 21	26,192 05	105,670 00	366,341 16
REFUGIO	9,237	598,051 56	250,668 97	711 16	346,671 43	18,296 40	73,380 00	254,995 03
ROBERTS	1,531	83,845 00	3,341 58	66 00	80,437 42	3,010 00	6,055 00	71,372 42
ROBERTSON	19,839	1,223,403 47	636,287 25	1,058 65	586,057 57	64,973 75	154,449 70	366,634 12
ROCKWALL	82,515	5,885,195 40	4,505,061 27	10,844 15	1,369,289 98	201,764 35	859,200 00	308,325 63
RUNNELS	13,482	916,704 40	417,910 62	967 48	497,826 30	26,771 03	106,619 40	364,435 87
RUSK	54,717	3,439,608 98	2,469,393 49	3,157 95	967,057 54	113,913 38	471,039 10	382,105 06

*Rusk Co - no 10% all to children
remit it weekly to Treasurer
July-August - add fees*

*30,950 - 1.02
46,425 - 1.00*

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Re: Rusk County Children's Advocacy

From: Robert Underwood

Sent: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 6:21 pm

To: leeann.jones@co.panola.tx.us

Please add

The CAC is an independent contractor who performs its tasks without control or direction of Panola County, and its employees and agents shall not ever be considered nor interpreted to be the employees of Panola County for any purpose. Panola County is not obligated to fund CAC other than the limited term in this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to mean this Agreement is a partnership or joint venture.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party based upon good cause by furnishing thirty (30) days written notice.

This Agreement is performable in Panola County.

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Also

Ask for copies of its corporate charter, and the IRS recognition letter of a charity, together with a list of any claims or litigation, copy of any insurance.

Add

CAC shall add Panola County as a named insured to all Liability policies.

Note

Do they own vehicles? If so they will be traveling to Carthage. Their business deal with violence in the family.

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Dear Judge:

I understand that you have been tasked with deciding on implementing a child safety fee to vehicles registered in our county.

Anything relating to child abuse, especially child sexual abuse is very emotionally charged and we want to do all we can for the children. However, giving Panola County money to Rusk County doesn't serve our Panola County children well. Please inquire about what has been done to date with the money from Rusk County child safety fees? Sadly, nothing has been done to directly benefit the children. Many things were promised, yet nothing was delivered. The child safety fees money the CAC in Rusk County receives is not earmarked for anything. Citizens are not happy about this. There is no oversight. The money can be used for whatever they want to, to include excessive salaries, benefits, and questionable, perhaps even fraudulent expenses. What you may not be aware of, is that at this point, large amounts of federal grant monies filtered through other organizations is pouring into CACs across Texas, and this CAC is no different. How will you be able to monitor what funds are being used for? Child safety fees received by this CAC have not been put to good use. These fees have directly benefited the employees.

By agreeing to this taxation, you are pledging a huge amount of money for less than 100 Panola County Children. The cost we will pay per child is ridiculously excessive for any services they claim to provide. Children are interviewed there. The interview takes less than an hour. Some children receive counseling. There are no special services provided or parenting classes, and if there were, who from our county wants to or can afford to drive there? It is just plain inconvenient. We need services in our own county using these funds provided by our own citizens. Many things could be promised to our children in some vague "in the near future"; but will it really happen?

The Rusk County CAC receives so much money through grants, donations, private funding, and our police and sheriff. If our community is so inclined, why not develop our own CAC? It would be very convenient and specific to our county, not Rusk County. Our community would support this. It would not cost very much to get it started. Our county child safety fees could fund it. So why not poll your constituents and see if people would want our own CAC. We could also pair with the Shelby County CAC and not be worried about having to pay this crazy fee of more than \$400 a child who is seen in Rusk County for less than one hour of interaction. There is no rush to approve this. Let's wait and see what happens in Rusk County prior to us committing any funds to them. The commissioners may decide to do away with it.

Thank you for reviewing these concerns and I hope you decide not to give to Rusk County monies that can be used here in Panola County. At least bring these concerns up to others to mull over before deciding to approve any request from Rusk County. Just because you can give the money by statute, doesn't mean that the money should be given. Once given, the money will continue to be provided without any oversight. Drive by there, and you will see that the place seldom has any clients. They claim to see about 300 children a year. That means maybe one child a day is interviewed during an 8 hour-work day, with 4 people working all day!! Is that using monies in a financially responsible manner?

I hope you will ask some hard and direct questions before handing over money to the Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center. Let's keep the money here in Panola County!

Dear Judge and Commissioners

I wanted to have a written response to the anonymous letter that each of you received. The letter has less credibility, in my eyes because it was anonymous to start but I will address the issues the letter brings to your attention. The Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center has been providing service to the children of Panola County since 2008. Initially, we provided services only as a courtesy because Panola County was not served by a CAC. However in 2009, we officially began providing services. The Rusk-Panola CAC has a staff of four time employees. Our staff has never received any benefits. There has not been any retirement plan, insurance, flexible health spending accounts or any other benefits that most employees receive through employment. So the point that excessive salaries and benefits are provided is false. Furthermore, when a salary increase is considered for staff it is approved by the Board of Directors. When the Board of Directors, contemplates any salary increase I provide a tool for them to use in their decision. The Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas (CACTX) which is our parent organization, or membership organization, compiles a salary and benefits survey every two years. This salary and benefits survey is comprised of the 69 Children's Advocacy Centers in Texas. This survey assesses salaries and benefits for all size centers and all employee positions. In fact our CAC, is one of the 20 who do not provide benefits. That makes it difficult to retain and recruit qualified employees.

This CAC did receive the imposed Child Safety Fees for Rusk county beginning in 2015. However, the CAC only began receiving checks in March. So it is true nothing has been done with those fees to date. However the amount is in our account and will be utilized; however, not to benefit employees. When I approached Rusk County commissioner's court I advised that we needed a second therapist because our current therapist has a continual waiting list. Also I indicated that it was, and is my intention to offer parenting classes when another therapist position is filled. Our priority is meeting the needs of the child victims and if the victims are not able to see a therapist to begin the healing process then we need to make changes to ensure these children receive that service. I had actually posted the therapist position in June and conducted interviews last week for the position. Secondly I advised that we were outgrowing our current building and would need to make changes within the next 18 months. Our agency has formed a building committee to assess the needs of the agency and options for a building. So although funds have not been utilized, there are plans for those funds.

The letter also raised issues about the number of children seen for Panola County. It is true that we normally see less than 100 children annually. However, even one child victim deserves the full array of services provided through a children's advocacy center. The Rusk-Panola CAC has seen over 350 children since 2010. And the actual forensic interview itself is only a small slice of the services we provide. Our agency provides many services. We have a child and family advocate who maintains contact and support for the families who have experienced a horrific ordeal. This advocacy continues until the resolution of their case which could be 3-4 years. We look to the whole healing of the child as our goal. Therapy is an essential component of that process. Our therapist has been driving to Carthage 1 to 2 days a week seeing clients for over 2 years. This helps alleviate transportation issues and helps ensure the children have the ability to receive appropriate therapy. The center also provides training to its multidisciplinary team at no charge to our partner agencies. Every year we send approximately 12-13 team members to the Crimes Against Children conference in Dallas, TX. We pay the registration fees of

\$450 or more as well as the hotel accommodations. This saves the agencies in your jurisdiction valuable training dollars for training their personnel. I would estimate this is the best training available in the state and raises the level of professionalism and skills of each officer who attends. It a premiere conference on issues pertinent to current child abuse and everyone leaves with increased knowledge and techniques in investigating child abuse.

We also offer education to your community. The legislature mandated all school districts to provide training on recognizing and reporting child abuse to every employee. Our staff realizes the importance having community members with ability to recognize child abuse and the knowledge to report child abuse. In fact this year we are training staff at Carthage ISD and Beckville ISD. These are all offered at no charge. This training will help keep children safer in our communities.

It is true that Panola County could initiate its own center but not with \$40000. That would not sustain a CAC. I have spoken with law enforcement and the prosecutors in your jurisdiction and they are not interested in creating or changing their current services. Relationships have already been created and the staff we currently employ are tenured and very skilled at the jobs they perform. There were references to our staff being at the center with no victims all day every day. Some days there may be no victims who enter our facility; however, we must always be prepared for a call from law enforcement or child protective services, that our services are needed. But the location of our building on Main Street in Henderson and the positional view from the street would not allow anyone to see who might be present in our building at any given time. The majority of the parking lot is intentionally positioned behind the building and not viewable from the street to protect the identity of the children we serve.

When I presented to Panola County commissioners court in May, I indicated that with the implementation of child safety fees it is my intention to fund a satellite office in Carthage. We want to continue to invest in Panola County and each victim deserves the full array of services with qualified personnel regardless of where they reside. Their location of residence should determine whether they get the best aftercare.

In closing we offer to be very transparent. If the Panola County commissioners would like to have oversight whatever documents needed would be provided. Our agency is overseen by a board of directors, including CPA who reviews my financials a monthly basis. And we have an annual audit, required by the funding streams we receive. The child safety fee would allow our center to operate an office locally to further cut expenses for your law enforcement community. This fee could be reviewed annually by the commissioner's court and could be retracted at any given year if you chose to do so. It is my desire to continue to provide quality services to child victims in Panola County through the Rusk-Panola CAC.



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To The Honorable Commissioners and County Judge of Panola County,

First, I would like to begin by apologizing for my absence from this very important meeting, especially for those of us committed to the hunting down and prosecution of those who would harm Panola County children. However, I am attending the annual Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas. I have attended in years past while I was prosecuting for Nacogdoches, Gregg and Harrison Counties, and the knowledge gained from this seminar is absolutely invaluable to what I do. And, I might add, I am attending this conference at no cost to the tax payers of Panola County, thanks to the generosity of the Rusk County CAC.

In addition to providing training for prosecution and law enforcement, for many years the Rusk County CAC has provided services to the children of Panola County at no cost. This is due to the unequalled commitment of the staff at this facility, particularly Kishla Salazar. I have known Mrs. Salazar for many years through my prosecution tenure with other counties. I am frankly shocked that she is still with our local CAC. In my experience, young people with her amazing skillset in forensic interviewing and organizational acumen are usually snatched up by larger counties or private companies relatively quickly. It is a testament to her great commitment and tenacity at seeing that the children of this part of East Texas remain safe, and that those who would perpetrate crimes against them are brought to justice, that she is still here with us.

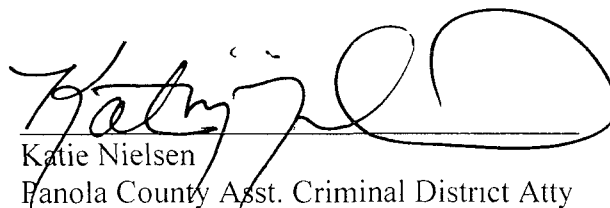
You will not see me go out on a limb either professionally or personally for many people. The fact that I both professionally and personally endorse Mrs. Salazar speaks volumes for our history together in the fight against child abusers. Mrs. Salazar does not shy away from the difficult, and neither do I. Her books are open and transparent to all who are responsible for donating, the State of Texas—the great overseer--, and any County her CAC serves.

Mrs. Salazar will answer any questions you might have regarding the anonymous letter you received regarding this issue, so I will not rebut any of those allegations here. What I will say, in regard to the letter, is this: anyone can type an anonymous letter and throw out ridiculous allegations, but it takes a real man (or woman) to put their name at the end of such a letter. For this reason we broke from the kangaroo courts of England and established our justice system which required accusers to come forward in person. There is no room in our courts and counties for rumor and innuendo.

Finally, I want to address the issue of an additional tax on the people of Panola County. We have no say, relatively speaking, in what the legislature does to us when they levy new taxes

against drivers. This money leaves Panola County and goes into that great big pothole in Austin. But this \$1.00 surcharge on each registered vehicle in Panola County will directly benefit the children of Panola County. The children it will most benefit are those that are compromised by their lot in life—where they were born and to whom. Pedophiles don't choose the well protected children to abuse. Rather, they choose those whose fathers have left and mothers must work multiple jobs to make ends meet. The very least we can do for these children is provide the funds that all of us who drive locally can give. Money should never be the reason a child is not protected in Panola County. Someone much wiser than me said, "the test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children." I am a conservative Republican, and am vehemently opposed to nearly all taxes. But in this case, we can see EXACTLY what is being done with every dollar, and for that reason foremost I humbly ask that you aid us in our fight and approve this measure.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Nielsen
Panola County Asst. Criminal District Atty