

County commissioners ask officials to make cuts

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DAWSON COUNTY BUDGET			
	2012-12	2011-12	Difference
Valuation.....	\$2,063,319,344	\$1,946,738,696	5.99%
Expenses.....	\$26,474,567	\$26,398,872	0.29%
Revenue.....	\$19,545,955	\$20,025,917	-2.40%
Tax asking.....	\$8,460,589	\$7,870,056	7.50%
Levy.....	.41005	.40427	1.43%

Departments make changes to hold the line

LEXINGTON—Counties have a five-cent limit on how much they can raise the property tax levy from one year to the next.

Most of the initial requests that came from Dawson County departments for the 2012-13 budget would have fit under that five-cent lid.

“But the commissioners refused to raise the levy a nickel,” said county clerk Karla Zlatkovsky.

So departments were asked to find areas to cut.

Some found sizeable chunks to take out. Others did what they could with smaller bites.

In the end, Zlatkovsky said the county board will consider a minimal increase in expenses and a slight raise in levy when they vote on the budget during their regular bimonthly board meeting that begins at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

Overall, the county holds the line on spending with an increase of only \$87,685 in budget expenditures, or .33%.

That’s after the roads department took out big bucks intended for road repairs and the sheriff’s department agreed to wait for a new roof on the 20-year-old jail.

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REVENUES

II Property taxes
The county will set property tax rates at 0.0025 or roughly 1/2 cent per \$100 in property value. The rate for 2012-13 budget year is 0.0025.

III County offices
County offices in the county collect fees for various services. In addition, the county receives income from the sale of land and other property. The department of law enforcement revenue comes from enforcement of business contract law and other state and federal jurisdictions.

of development and transaction fees. The total amount set for 2012-13 budget year is \$1.2 million, an amount that is set by the department of law enforcement.

IV Law Enforcement
The sheriff's department directs a wide array of law enforcement activities. The department of law enforcement revenue comes from enforcement of business contract law and other state and federal jurisdictions.

County law enforcement is expected to bring in \$1.2 million, an amount that is set by the department of law enforcement.

V Bonds
The county issues bonds to finance various projects and to cover the cost of the county's debt. Last year, bond revenue was estimated at \$200,000 and this year it drops more than to \$100,000.

EXPENSES

VI Salaries & Benefits
The department of law enforcement pays wages and benefits to its employees. The department of law enforcement revenue comes from enforcement of business contract law and other state and federal jurisdictions.

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but also for the job and dispatch center. The total cost for law enforcement is expected to be \$1.2 million, an amount that is set by the department of law enforcement.

VII Political Subdivisions
The department of law enforcement pays wages and benefits to its employees. The department of law enforcement revenue comes from enforcement of business contract law and other state and federal jurisdictions.

VIII Other Expenses
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