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Appraisal Dist. Proposes Formula

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Using the estimated budget of \$170,000 as the basis, the Appraisal District's board made the following comparison on proposed costs to each district.

Percentage of 1979 Tax Levy
Total taxes levied in the county by all entities amounted to \$3,994,420. Colorado County levied \$886,129 or 22.18% of the total; Rice District, \$1,834,290 or 45.93%; Columbus School District \$740,430 or 18.54%; Weimar School District, \$357,975 or 9.09%; City of Eagle Lake \$136,975 or 3.43%; City of Columbus \$136,975 or 3.43%; City of Weimar \$136,975 or 3.43%; Garwood Water District \$15,911 or .40%; Glidden Water District \$4,981 or .13%; and Provident City School District \$6,064 or .16%.

The Central Board estimated that there are 30,066 parcels on all tax rolls in the county. 17,350 or 43.9% are in Colorado County; 6,900 or 17.29% in Rice; 6,800 or 16.97% in Columbus; 3,500 or 8.74% in Weimar; 1,800 or 4.49% in City of Columbus; 1,100 or 2.74% in City of Weimar; and 300 or .74% in Garwood Water District, 223 or .56% in Glidden Water District, and 150 or .37% in Provident City.

Methods Compared
Using the \$ Tax Levy method recommended in S.B. 621 only, the funds to be paid by each entity would be: County, \$37,706; Rice CSD \$49,547; Columbus ISD \$31,518; Weimar ISD \$15,581; City of Eagle Lake \$5,831; City of Columbus \$5,406; City of Weimar \$3,604; Garwood Water Dist. \$680; Glidden Water Dist. \$221; and Provident City ISD \$225.

Using the 50% Tax Levy 50% Parcel Count recommended by the Central District board, costs assigned to each entity will be: Colorado County \$45,658; Rice CSD \$49,419; Columbus ISD \$30,184; Weimar ISD \$15,045; City of Eagle Lake \$6,732; City of Columbus \$5,520; City of Weimar \$4,207; Garwood Water Dist. \$1,148; Glidden Water Dist. \$387; and Provident City ISD \$442.

The Colorado County Central Appraisal District will begin the task of reevaluating all parcels on the tax rolls at 100% of market value, as required under Senate Bill 621, on January 1, 1981 and the \$170,000 budget is anticipated for use during the 1981 fiscal year. On January 1, 1982 the Central District will assume all assessing and collecting duties for the ten participating agencies. Hence until January 1, 1982, the respective entities will continue their tax assessing and collecting procedures through the year of 1981.

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At the public hearing on August 4th, the board will call another public hearing on Monday, August 18th at which time the 1980 tax rate will be officially set. The only items which may be on the agenda for the tax rate hearing on the tax rate are those specifically dealing with the setting of the tax rate.

Taxpayers will be given ample opportunity to express their opinions and discuss the tax rate issue with the members of the board of education of the Rice District.

Year Building Project
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The superintendent was authorized to purchase or

contract for materials and services subsidiary to the building program without the necessity of special board meetings called as such under the law. Board member Billy Hefner suggested however that, if possible, delivery dates be specified so that items purchased would be on hand when the building project is finally completed.

An advertisement is published in this issue calling for bids for casework to be installed in the project. These bids will be opened at 4 p.m. next Wed., July 16th.

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Crossroads Books, T&C Gifts Moving To Houston

Announcement was made this week that the Crossroads Bookstore and Town and Country Gifts, both presently located in the Town and Country Shopping Center on East Main Street in Eagle Lake, are relocating at 10333 A-3 Club Creek Drive in Houston.

Business will begin in the new location on August 18th. Owners of the business firms extend thanks to local customers for their support during the past seven years of operation here and invite one and all to visit the stores in the new location after August 18th.

It was noted that church customers will continue to be serviced through a catalog to be mailed 2-3 times a year. Telephone and mail orders will be accepted.

For more information on the relocation see the advertisement on page 6 of this issue.

New Teachers

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are underway to reschedule classes for students who had indicated that they would like to take the course in the 1980-81 year if the computer course is not available.

New Contracts
The board approved contracts for the following on recommendation of Assistant Sup. Charles DeShazo:

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Files 3 Land

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Grass Fires Keeping Firemen Busy

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The long spell of hot, dry weather has made the threat of fire very eminent. The firemen were called to at least three grass fires last week, July 2nd and on at least two other occasions the firemen returned to a railroad right of way fire on FM 102 west of the city without the alarm sounding.

At least two grass fires were answered on July fourth, one midway in the celebration Friday night.

Alarm Sunday included one to a Suburban which was on fire on FM 102 west of the city. The Suburban, owned by Grady Ray of Rosenberg, received heavy damage to the interior of the vehicle and instrument panel.

Visitor Home
Miss Sandra Thomas of Raleigh, North Carolina visited here with her father, Ralph Thomas, and brother, John Thomas. Mrs. Thomas and children Wednesday through Sunday.

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Change In City Administration

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T. J. Smith, Eagle Lake's City Manager since Nov. 16, 1963, seated, makes the final transition of duties as city manager to the new City Manager, Bob Klockman, standing, at the conclusion of the business day Friday, July 11th, but will continue to serve in the city's tax department on a part-time basis through the board of equalization session. Klockman has been working with Smith and other city officials and employees since being officially accepted to the city manager's position on May 27th, 1980.

City Mgr. Smith Begins Retirement; Klockman Assumed Duties Mon.

T. J. Smith, who began duties as City Manager for the city of Eagle Lake on Nov. 16, 1963, officially began retirement at the close of business last Friday, July 11th and the city's new City Manager Bob Klockman has assumed the city manager's duties on a full-time basis.

In the meeting of the City Council on Tuesday night of last week, Smith was retained by the city council to work part-time in the tax department to assist in preparation of valuations for the 1980 tax year.

He was elected to the position of city manager here in the fall of 1963 (E. H. Shirley was mayor at that time) to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Bob Whitcomb on June 1, 1963.

Smith, a native of Pearlsall, spent some time in the banking business in Pearlsall and later served for four years on the Pearlsall city council before becoming director of Public Works in that city. He held for 6 years.

Smith and wife Lorraine and four children moved to this community in 1963 and have since earned the love and respect of all citizens of the community and through out this area. Their children are Wanda, Mrs. Sam Center of this city; Leanne, a 1980 graduate of Rice High School; Tommy D. Smith of Moore, Texas and Steve L. Smith of Pearlsall, Texas.

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County Withdraws From Central Appraisal Dist.

Action Taken On
32 Vote In
Session Monday

A coalition of three county commissioners, Otto Loessin of Precinct 1, Crockett Leyendecker of Precinct 3 and Bill Stiles of Precinct 4, teamed up Monday in the regular session of the Colorado County Commission to withdraw from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, dealing the newly formed district a severe setback.

Although counties are not required by law to participate in the Countywide Appraisal District, the court had earlier agreed to enter into what had appeared to be harmonious formation of the district. The district was formed under legislation set up in Senate Bill 621 and under the legislation, the district is charged with establishing 100% market values on all properties in the county by January 1, 1982.

The motion to withdraw from the countywide district was made by Leyendecker and seconded by Stiles. Voting against withdrawing from the countywide appraisal district were County Judge Lester J. Crank and Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Venekia.

Before the court was a resolution from the Central Appraisal District's board in which the board proposed that a formula using 50% of the 1979 tax levy and 50% of total parcel count be used to prorate the district's proposed \$170,000 budget.

Under S.B. 621, the appraisal district's board could assess costs under a formula different from one set out in the bill on approval of three-fourths of the voting jurisdictions (6 of 8 prior to the latest county action). The formula would have the Senate Bill calls for prorating costs on the ratio of \$ Tax Levy to the total amount of taxes imposed by participants in the district during the last tax year.

With the county's withdrawal, six of seven voting jurisdictions would have to approve the proposal made by the appraisal board. Up until Monday's session, the appraisal board had received approval from five of the seven jurisdictions.

The main hall area will be covered with a maple wood flooring and the halls and other entries in commercial tile.

The Center asks the cooperation of citizens during the necessary closing in order to complete the work as quickly as possible.

10th, a half inch of welcome rain fell during a heavy shower in the city, but the lake plant measured only 12 of an inch and the rice experiment station west of the city only .03 of an inch.

The lake plant measured only .06 of an inch during the month of June, 1980.

Colombus City Council, in session Monday, took action on the formula. The other voting entity, Provident City school district, has indicated it would approve the central board proposal.

Percentages Change
The action by the county to withdraw from the appraisal district puts an entirely new look to the percentages for prorating costs. Chief Appraiser Billy Youens, estimated Monday that if the \$ Tax Levy ratio plan is used, Rice School District would have to pay 55% or around \$90,000 of the proposed \$170,000 budget. Columbus School District's percentage would be 35% or \$59,500; Weimar School District, 10% or \$17,000; City of Eagle Lake, 5% or \$8,500; City of Columbus, 4% or \$6,800; City of Weimar, 2.5% or \$4,250; Garwood Water District, .25% or \$425; Glidden Water District, .125% or \$212.50; and Provident City School District, .117% or \$19,875. Garwood and Glidden water districts are not voting members. (These are estimates only and are subject to change.)

The judge urged that all citizens who have an interest in the district should attend the next meeting July 22.

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