



Montague County Tax Appraisal District
PO Box 121
7549 State Hwy 175 N
Montague, Texas 76251-0121

May 28, 2026

To All Taxing Entities:

Please see the attached enclosures:

The proposed budgets for 2027 are being submitted to your governing body for approval.

If you have any questions regarding the budgets, please contact our office.

We fully appreciate the challenges we all face in light of the growth and increase cost of goods & services. The budget proposal is driven by a focus on cost-containment and reduction in operating expenses where possible. The 2027 budget includes contract and insurance increases.

We are continuing to give back 90% in interest earned, miscellaneous and rent income back to the entities in the form of a credit against the budget (see page 3 of the Appraisal Budget and page 2 of the Collections budget).

The abundance of growth we continue to see in the county is not showing any indication of slowing down. We are continuing to maintain 5 staff members for appraising as we have for 38 years. We will continue to serve each of you in a professional manner.

Thank you, for your kind attention to this request. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kim Haralson
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**Montague County Tax Appraisal District
Board of Directors**

David Fenoglio – Chairman

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Kathryn Phillips, Tax Assessor–Collector**

Montague County Tax Appraisal District 2027 – Proposed Appraisal Budget

Taxing Entities:

Alvord ISD

City of Bowie

Bowie ISD

Forestburg ISD

Goldburg ISD

Montague County

Montague ISD

City of Nocona

Nocona Hospital District

Nocona ISD

Prairie Valley ISD

City of Saint Jo

Saint Jo ISD

Slidell ISD

**Montague County Tax Appraisal District
2027 Proposed
Tax Collections Budget**

Taxing Entities:

**City of Bowie
Bowie ISD
Goldburg ISD
Montague ISD
Prairie Valley ISD
City of Saint Jo
Saint Jo ISD**

Montague County Tax Appraisal District - Appraisal Budget 2027 [PROPOSED]								(+/-)
	Budgeted 2025	Used 2025	Budgeted 2026	Actual to 5/26/2026	% used	Proposed 2027	previous year	
Employee Expenses								
Salaries & Benefits	449,802.17	496,059.58	480,334.27	178,350.94		484,625.47	4,291.20	
Appraisal Services								
Vehicle Expense	1,500.00	930.62	1,500.00	1,779.33	118.6%	1,500.00	0.00	
Fuel	4,000.00	500.00	4,000.00	12.99	0.3%	4,000.00	0.00	
Mapping Services	11,500.00	11,500.00	12,700.00	6,350.00	50.0%	13,500.00	800.00	
Appraisal Contract (P&A)	121,800.00	121,800.00	127,890.00	63,945.00	50.0%	131,000.00	3,110.00	
Appraisal Contract (R&P)	191,850.00	140,236.90	191,850.00	68,000.00	35.4%	191,850.00	0.00	
Special Services								
Audit & Accounting	11,800.00	10,800.00	11,600.00	11,014.56	95.0%	11,200.00	-400.00	
Appraisal Review Board	5,000.00	4,147.13	5,000.00	1,000.00	20.0%	5,000.00	0.00	
Professional Fees	6,000.00	3,311.89	6,000.00	855.06	14.3%	5,000.00	-1,000.00	
Auto Insurance	800.00	915.32	900.00		0.0%	1,125.00	225.00	
Gen Liability Insurance	550.00	600.74	550.00	1,000.00	181.8%	687.50	137.50	
Insurance-Contents/Bldg	2,300.00	2,558.78	2,400.00		0.0%	3,648.00	1,248.00	
Officials Liab Bond/Cyber S	2,860.00	2,930.59	2,860.00		0.0%	3,575.00	715.00	
Education AD	3,000.00	685.00	3,000.00	625.00	20.8%	3,000.00	0.00	
Dues & Subscription AD	5,000.00	2,159.04	5,000.00	363.01	7.3%	5,000.00	0.00	
ARB Legal						1,000.00	1,000.00	
Office Expenses								
General Supplies AD	1,500.00	1,657.12	1,500.00	234.31	15.6%	1,500.00	0.00	
Postage AD	28,500.00	23,118.19	28,500.00	9,438.02	33.1%	28,500.00	0.00	
Office Supplies AD	5,000.00	3,281.09	5,000.00	1,431.70	28.6%	5,000.00	0.00	
Ads & Legal Notices	5,000.00	2,719.89	5,000.00	1,539.75	30.8%	5,000.00	0.00	
Office Equip Maint AD	1,500.00	1,682.29	1,500.00	0.00	0.0%	1,500.00	0.00	
Appraisal Notice	18,000.00	11,571.83	18,000.00	5,000.00	27.8%	18,000.00	0.00	
PC Expense/Accounting S	3,160.00	4,284.57	3,160.00	2,056.15	65.1%	3,160.00	0.00	
Rent Equip AD	1,600.00	0.00	3,400.00	737.15	21.7%	3,400.00	0.00	
Building Expense								
Janitor/Gbg Svc AD	8,000.00	7,596.61	9,300.00	3,663.59	39.4%	9,300.00	0.00	
Electricity AD	5,000.00	3,214.11	5,000.00	1,675.24	33.5%	5,000.00	0.00	
Telephone AD	3,200.00	3,797.07	3,200.00	1,558.48	48.7%	3,200.00	0.00	
Water AD	800.00	419.83	800.00	141.82	17.7%	800.00	0.00	
Building Repairs AD	2,400.00	5,003.02	2,400.00	1,038.95	43.3%	2,400.00	0.00	
Computer Maintenance								
Mapping Software	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,750.00	50.0%	3,500.00	0.00	
Computer Software AD	27,340.00	24,885.68	28,707.00	8,362.82	29.1%	31,913.28	3,206.28	
Gemini Mapping AD	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.0%	3,500.00	2,500.00	

	Budgeted 2026	Used 2025	Budgeted 2026	Actual to 5/26/2026	% used	Proposed 2027	previous year
Required Website	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,520.00	8,268.68		2,520.00	0.00
NextARB Software	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00
Minerals Software			3,750.00	0.00		3,750.00	0.00
Enhanced Website						4,250.00	4,250.00
Building Capital	2,500.00	6,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.0%	2,500.00	0.00
Computer Capital	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.0%	5,000.00	0.00
Vehicle Capital	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.0%	2,500.00	0.00
Office Equip Capital	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.0%	2,000.00	0.00
Total Expenses	947,382.17	913,866.89	996,321.27	382,690.53	38.4%	1,016,404.25	20,082.98
% of Increase or Decrease from previous year			5.17%			2.02%	
					* indicates contract increase		
Entity	2023	2024	2025	2026			
	Tax Levy Parcel #	Tax Levy Parcel #	Tax Levy Parcel #	Tax Levy Parcel #			
Alvord ISD	359,615.21 293	385,758.97 293	353,877.94 296				
Bowie ISD	9,732,727.11 42,848	9,977,514.78 28,817	9,832,228.58 28,220				
City of Bowie	2,319,550.95 3,874	2,581,906.42 3,778	2,711,297.82 3,758				
Forestburg ISD	1,438,764.82 16,648	1,672,477.19 4,953	1,581,173.76 6,814				
Goldburg ISD	1,293,908.31 8,558	1,259,755.58 6,956	1,210,908.17 6,188				
Montague County	12,713,328.40 98,867	13,013,815.97 63,301	13,709,143.90 65,308				
Montague ISD	369,518.32 2,259	423,273.62 1,588	429,456.19 1,650				
City of Nocona	660,333.97 2,119	659,446.70 2,077	714,488.01 2,080				
Nocona ISD	2,512,089.82 10,461	3,844,696.71 8,907	3,823,228.13 8,578				
Nocona Hospital District	1,017,384.93 15,283	1,119,849.33 13,675	1,239,106.50 13,281				
Prairie Valley ISD	850,072.58 4,832	889,011.00 4,675	776,965.28 4,590				
City of Saint Jo	320,681.87 724	322,868.23 731	365,948.66 733				
Saint Jo ISD	1,940,298.33 17,276	1,850,406.03 9,456	1,748,909.99 10,789				
Sidell ISD	6,789.79 21	5,387.39 22	4,810.18 20				
Total	35,535,074.21	38,006,150.92	38,501,542.91				

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2027 Appraisal Budget [PROPOSED]

(Montague County only)

Budget - \$1,002,257

Entity	2025 Adjusted Tax Levy	%	2027 Annual	2027 Quarterly	2026 Annual	2026 Quarterly
Alvord ISD	353,877.94	0.9191%	9,212	2,303	9,025	2,256
Bowie ISD	9,832,228.58	25.5372%	255,948	63,987	251,268	62,817
City of Bowie	2,711,297.62	7.0420%	70,579	17,645	69,212	17,303
Forestburg ISD	1,581,173.76	4.1068%	41,161	10,290	40,362	10,091
Goldburg ISD	1,210,908.17	3.1451%	31,522	7,880	30,885	7,721
Montague County	13,709,143.90	35.6067%	356,871	89,218	349,862	87,466
Montague ISD	429,456.19	1.1154%	11,179	2,795	10,977	2,744
City of Nocona	714,488.01	1.8557%	18,599	4,650	18,222	4,556
Nocona ISD	3,823,228.13	9.9301%	99,525	24,881	97,667	24,417
Nocona Hospital District	1,239,106.50	3.2183%	32,256	8,064	31,603	7,901
Prairie Valley ISD	776,965.28	2.0180%	20,226	5,056	19,816	4,954
City of Saint Jo	365,948.66	0.9505%	9,526	2,382	9,361	2,340
Saint Jo ISD	1,748,909.99	4.5424%	45,527	11,382	44,799	11,200
Slidell ISD	4,810.18	0.0125%	125	31	123	31
Total	38,501,542.91	100%	1,002,255 (Estimate)	250,564 (Estimate)	983,182	245,796
Budgeted Revenue			1,016,404			
- Less Interest Revenue			10,154			
- Less Misc Revenue			994			
- Less Rent Income			3,000			
Entity Budget Revenue			1,002,257	1.94%		

Montague County Tax Appraisal District - Tax Collections Budget 2027 [PROPOSED]									
	Budgeted	Used	Budgeted	Actual to	%	Proposed	(*)-		
	2025	2025	2026	5/26/2026	used	2027	previous	year	
Employee Salaries & Benefits									
Salaries & Benefits	52,804.00	74,424.59	66,086.09	25,410.60		68,333.83	2,247.74		
Education									
Bonds & Insurance TC	550.00	732.65	1,290.00	0.00	0.0%	1,290.00	0.00		
Professional Fees	2,000.00	1,647.33	3,000.00	600.23	20.0%	3,000.00	0.00		
Education TC	250.00	144.00	1,250.00	140.00	11.2%	1,250.00	0.00		
Audit & Accounting Fees TC	2,900.00	2,700.00	2,900.00	2,751.62	94.9%	2,800.00	-100.00		
Office Expenses									
General Supplies TC	500.00	325.28	700.00	50.22	7.2%	700.00	0.00		
Postage TC	14,500.00	13,410.75	16,500.00	5,505.79	33.4%	16,500.00	0.00		
Office Supplies TC	2,500.00	1,653.02	2,500.00	287.21	11.5%	2,500.00	0.00		
Tax Roll/Statements	6,000.00	4,859.72	6,000.00	1,371.29	22.9%	6,000.00	0.00		
Office Equipment Maint TC	500.00	457.46	500.00	184.30	36.9%	500.00	0.00		
PC Expense TC	600.00	323.07	800.00	514.04	64.3%	800.00	0.00		
Building Expense									
Janitor/Gbg Svc TC	1,265.00	1,874.16	2,000.00	817.96	40.9%	2,000.00	0.00		
Electricity TC	1,250.00	784.88	1,250.00	344.07	27.5%	1,250.00	0.00		
Telephone TC	550.00	915.65	800.00	319.13	39.9%	800.00	0.00		
Water TC	200.00	104.97	200.00	30.14	15.1%	200.00	0.00		
Rent TC	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	33.3%	3,000.00	0.00		
Computer Maintenance									
Computer Software TC	6,080.00	6,133.92	6,590.00	2,090.70	31.7%	6,590.00	0.00		
Required Website	480.00	0.00	630.00	566.67	89.9%	630.00	0.00		
Required TNT Website	1,000.00	630.00	1,054.00	0.00	0.0%	3,245.00	2,191.00		
Total Expenses	96,929.00	114,121.45	117,050.09	41,983.97	35.9%	121,388.83	4,339		
% of Increase or Decrease from previous year			20.76%			3.71%			

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2027 Tax Collections Budget [PROPOSED]

Budget - \$99,560

Entity	2025 Statement #	%	2027 Annual	2027 Quarterly	2026 Annual	2026 Quarterly
Bowie ISD	28,220	50.449%	\$50,227	\$12,557	\$56,980	\$14,245
City of Bowie	3,759	6.720%	\$6,690	\$1,673	\$7,466	\$1,867
Goldburg ISD	6,188	11.062%	\$11,014	\$2,753	\$13,754	\$3,439
Montague ISD	1,659	2.966%	\$2,953	\$738	\$3,100	\$775
Prairie Valley ISD	4,590	8.206%	\$8,169	\$2,042	\$9,244	\$2,311
City of Saint Jo	733	1.310%	\$1,305	\$326	\$1,445	\$361
Saint Jo ISD	10,789	19.287%	\$19,202	\$4,801	\$18,697	\$4,674
Totals	55,938	100%	\$99,560 (Estimate)	\$24,890 (Estimate)	\$110,686	\$27,672
Entity Budget Revenue	\$121,389					
Tax Certificate	\$2,097					
Interest	\$19,273					
Miscellaneous	\$459					
	\$99,560					