

UPDATE FROM THE JUDGE'S OFFICE
TAXES

AUGUST 28, 2020

Many of you may or may not know that the "Foard City Wind Project" has been completed. This coming physical year (2021) the County will receive its first "Pilot Payment" for the next ten years, in lieu of taxes.

There will be landowners and taxing entities (County, School, Hospital District, and Gateway Water District) that will benefit from this project for the next ten years, but the "Tax Payer" will wait ten years before it goes on the tax roll. When the County negotiated its terms with the Foard City Wind Company we had plans on giving the tax payers back a portion of these Pilot Payments up front and not make the Tax Payer wait ten years. In the last two years we have implemented our plan to lower the tax rate starting in 2018/2019 lowering tax rate one cent. Last year 2019/2020 the County lowered the tax rate three cents and this new year coming, 2020/2021 the County is lowering another six cents. We said we would lower the taxes a total of ten cents up front on this wind project and that is what we are doing. The Commissioners and I are keeping our word to you, the Taxpayer.

The County is now in a more solvent position where we can be more productive to our people. The Commissioners and I will always be mindful of our Taxpayers dollars. I would like to thank my Commissioners and Staff for their dedication and their responsibility to you, the Tax Payer, but most of all we all need to thank "God" for blessing Foard County as this so easily could have gone somewhere else. Thank you God for you many blessings upon us and let us always choose to serve Gods will, not mans will.

"In Jesus name we pray Amen."

Respectfully,

Foard County Judge and Commissioners