



2025 Truth-In-Taxation Hearing

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Attending

- Commission Chair Dennis Blackburn
- Commissioner Brian
- Commissioner Cook
- Felicia Snow, Clerk/Auditor
- Colleen Allen, Recorder/Treasurer
- Sharon Torgerson, Assessor
- Michael Winn, County Attorney

Others in attendance: Barbara Tewell, Ben Jackson

Welcome

Commissioner Blackburn opened the public hearing stating that the purpose of the hearing is to provide the public with transparent information about the proposed **TRUTH-IN-TAXATION RATE** and its impact on taxpayers. Commissioner Blackburn turned the time over to Commissioner Brian.

Commissioner Brain states the proposed increase is \$60,000. Increasing the budget from \$819,568 to \$879,568. The motive of the proposed increase is due to the growing community and the need to enhance and expand essential services that support the safety, well-being, and quality of life for all residents. The approximate percentage of the increase for the Wayne County General Fund is 6.82%. This rate is only the counties' portion of property taxes. The tax on a personal residence valued at \$396,000 would increase by \$16.52 per year. A video was presented to the audience on the tax rate, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgGbLotF_QQ. The time was turned over to Colleen Allen.

Colleen Allen presented the breakdown of property taxes, land, and revenue brought in by Federal & State agencies for property taxes.

- Total billed for 2025 tax year: \$4,793,147.67
- Wayne County's portion: \$950,133.67 (19.8% of billed property taxes)
- School's portion: \$3,599,887.24 (75% of billed property taxes)
- Federal properties: 84.5% (1,327,656 acres) with a payment of \$607,985 or .45¢ per acre
- State property: 12% (187,101 acres) with a payment of \$197,418 or \$1.05 per acre
- Private Property: 3.5% (55,326.21 acres). Of the 3.5% of private property 70% is greenbelt (38,539.98 acres).
- Secure Rural Schools Program (SRS) contributed \$10,166.89 collected for 2025

Commissioner Blackburn asked the public if they had any questions or concerns. Barbara Tewell asked if the Federal taxes paid to the county includes structures at Capitol Reef National Park. Ms. Allen stated that all Federal and State buildings are exempt from paying taxes.

Ben Jackson asked if we are holding the rate. Mrs. Snow responded that we have not held the rate for several years, as we are at a lower rate. Mr. Jackson stated that he is very grateful the county has not raised the rate as high as other counties are raising their rates.

Sharson Torgerson, asked about the fee increases. Ms. Allen stated that the only fee increase was for sanitation, an increase of \$60 per year.

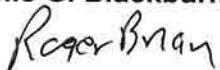
Commissioner Blackburn, states that PILT will possibly go down if SRS is not completely funded.

Commissioner Blackburn closed the public comment. Commission Brian made a motion to approve the Truth-in-Taxation at a rate of 6.82%. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Blackburn declared the meeting adjourned.



Commission Chair, Dennis G. Blackburn



County Clerk, Felicia Snow

