



Cherokee County

RUSK, TEXAS

May 11, 1972

ORVAN B. JONES
COUNTY JUDGE
County Judge (2022)
Cherokee County
Rusk, Texas

Dear Judge:

It is a distinct pleasure to bring you greetings from the Office of the County Judge of Cherokee County, Texas, for the year of 1972. I shall endeavor to apprise you of some of the duties of office, facts and circumstances surrounding it and the general condition of the County at this time, which I deem you will find most interesting in comparison with your own.

Some of the duties of the County Judge in the Year of 1972 are:

- (1) County Budget Officer
- (2) County Purchasing Agent
- (3) County Fiscal Officer
- (4) Presiding over and conducting:
 - a. County Criminal Court with original jurisdiction of misdemeanors providing for a punishment of more than \$200.00 and/or confinement in the county jail, as well as appellate jurisdiction over all lesser crimes.
 - b. County Civil Court, with original jurisdiction over causes involving more than \$200.00 and not more than \$1000.00, as well as appellate jurisdiction over all lesser suits involving \$20.00 or more.

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- c. County Lunacy Court, covering all lunacy matters originating within this county and most Indefinite Commitments from the thirty-one county area served by Rusk State Hospital.
- d. Juvenile Court, covering boys less than 17 years of age and girls less than 15 years of age accused of crime, dependent, neglected, or without proper parental care or authority.
- e. Commissioners' Court setting all general policies and conducting the general business of the county.

In order to familiarize you with the financial condition of the County in the Year of 1972, there is attached hereto pages 1, 4 and 6 of the current budget for said county, which we deem to be self-explanatory and informative.

Although we are justly proud of Cherokee County, Texas, in this Year of 1972, we trust that you will profit by our mistakes and that in the Year of 2022, Cherokee County, Texas, will be an even more wonderful place in which to live, enjoy life, rear families, glorify our Maker and pass on to posterity.

May God bless and keep you and your contemporaries.

Yours sincerely,


Orvan B. Jones

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STATISTICAL DATA

In presenting this Budget to the Commissioners Court and to the Tax-Payers of Cherokee County, the following statistics are set out:

ASSESSED VALUATION:-
Estimated \$60,000,000.00

The above assessed valuation shows an increase of \$14,500,000.00 from that of the preceding year. Total assessed valuation in Cherokee County for 1971 is based on approximately 25% of the true or market value of property assessed.

The proposed county tax levy contained in this budget is \$0.95 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation. This tax levy is the same as the levy now in effect.

The total amount of county taxes levied for this Budget, based on the above assessed valuation and tax levy is \$570,000.00. Of this amount it is estimated that 90% or \$513,000.00 will be collected within the current tax year, and that approximately \$57,000.00 of said taxes will probably be delinquent on July 1, 1972.

Delinquent county taxes due Cherokee County on July 1, 1971 are unknown. Of this amount it is estimated that \$7,700.00 will be collected during the current tax year. County Lateral Road Tax based on State Valuation is \$144,000.00 Estimated 90% collection \$129,600.00

From total County Taxes it is estimated that \$714,000.00 will be assessed, and \$642,600.00 will be collected.

The Total Net outstanding bond and time warrant debt of Cherokee County, on January 1, 1971 was zero. It is estimated that on January 1, 1972, said bond and time warrant debt will be zero.

As shown by this budget all County Funds are estimated to be on a cash basis at the beginning of the next budget year.

Respectfully submitted.


Orvan B. Jones, County Judge


E. B. Musick, Jr., County Auditor


Mildred Fulton, County Clerk

Dated: July 31, 1971

RECAPITULATION OF BUDGET

BY FUNDS FOR YEAR 1972

ITEMS	GENERAL FUND	SALARY FUND	R & B FUND	JURY FUND	CO. LAT. RD. FUND	PERM. IMP. FUND	RD. IMP. FUND	ST. LAT. RD. FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Total Receipts	364,370.00	153,912.00	274,375.00	22,900.00	132,400.00	400.00	83,400.00	48,530.00	1,080,287.00
Beginning Balance			10,000.00	5,675.00		5,700.00			21,375.00
Total Resources	364,370.00	153,912.00	284,375.00	28,575.00	132,400.00	6,100.00	83,400.00	48,530.00	1,101,662.00
Add Transfer In		135,666.00							
Deduct Transfer Out	135,666.00								
Avail. Resources	228,704.00	289,578.00	284,375.00	28,575.00	132,400.00	6,100.00	83,400.00	48,530.00	1,101,662.00
Approved Budget Expenditures	364,370.00	289,578.00	274,375.00	28,575.00	132,400.00	6,100.00	83,400.00	48,530.00	1,091,662.00
Ending Balance			10,000.00						10,000.00
Expenditures & Balance	364,370.00	289,578.00	284,375.00	28,575.00	132,400.00	6,100.00	83,400.00	48,530.00	1,101,662.00

TAX RATES -- By Funds

COUNTY WIDE

Valuation \$60,000,000.00

	<u>Tax Rate 1969</u>	<u>Tax Rate 1970</u>	<u>Tax Rate Budgeted 1971</u>	<u>Adopted By Commissioners Court</u>
<u>Operating Funds:</u>				
General	0.52	0.60	0.62	0.62
Road & Bridge Undivided	0.28	0.14	0.14	0.14
Jury	-0-	0.06	0.04	0.04
Permanent Improvement	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Road Improvement	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Total Operating Funds	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
<u>County Lateral Road Fund on</u>				
State Valuations	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
Total County Wide Tax Rate	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25