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by Terrell Boettcher News Editor

At their Tuesday Nov. 13 meeting, the Sawyer County Board approved a 2013 county government budget with total expenditures of \$28,099,260 and a tax levy of \$9,937,743, which is up 0.99 percent from last year's levy. A home owner will pay a county tax rate of approximately \$2.94 per \$1,000 of property value (full market value).

The board also approved the recommendations of a Round Lake Water Management Task Force, which include removing the existing dam and bridge on Carlson Road at the outlet of Little Round Lake, replacing the dam with a concrete box culvert structure, and petitioning the Department of Natural Resources to rescind the 71-year-old order which set an operating range for the water levels on Round, Little Round and Osprey Lakes.

The board also approved adding two new dispatcher positions to the sheriff's department budget in 2013, for a total of three dispatchers on duty at all times. This is due to the increasing workload at the Sawyer County law enforcement communications center. Also, the board voted to make office space available in the courthouse for a state drug enforcement investigator.

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