



September 17, 2013

Raul Chavarria
Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Superintendent
P.O. Box 400
Ozona, TX 76943

RE: 2012 Ad Valorem Taxes paid by Plaintiffs in Lawsuits against Crockett County Appraisal District

Dear Superintendent Chavarria,

As you may be aware, there are four lawsuits pending against the Crockett County Appraisal District. There were multiple suits filed by compressor leasing companies against many west Texas appraisal districts. These lawsuits deal with the right of the counties to tax leased compressors which are located in the counties. So far, the District Courts have ruled in favor of the Appraisal Districts but I understand that the decisions are being appealed.

Two of the plaintiffs paid their 2012 Crockett County School taxes and two have not. When the tax office received the 2012 tax payments, I disbursed the moneys to the jurisdictions. Our attorney, Kirk Swinney, with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C., notified me last week that those payments needed to be held in escrow until the lawsuits are settled. I have an escrow account already set up for the tax office.

If you will authorize payment for the paid 2012 taxes back to "Rhonda Shaw, Escrow Account", I will place the moneys into escrow and disburse it back to the school district or back to the two plaintiffs when the suits are finally settled. The total amount of 2012 school taxes paid by the two companies and the amount I am asking be returned to me, is \$4,493.01.

If you have questions or I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Shaw, RTA, RPA
Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector and Chief Appraiser