

The Barren County Fiscal Court held their monthly meeting last night, but after a dispute over the tax rates for Barren County, Judge-Executive, Davie Greer, told the court there would be a special-called meeting to discuss ways to cut the budget. The Magistrates assessed the property value, or as Magistrate Tommy Matthews put it, \$3 more in taxes on a \$100,000 property. That increase would have provided for approximately \$73,000 to balance the budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year. Instead, the majority of magistrates voted against the tax rate in order to not be on record voting to raise taxes, or as Magistrate Ricky Spillman put it, "it's still raising taxes." So, it's back to the drawing board for the 2012-2013 budgets and the Barren County Fiscal Court.

Davie Greer was in favor of the compensating rate increase and claims that revenue is lost forever.

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In response to that, Magistrate Carl Dickerson argued that the compensating tax rate should have never been written in the budget to start with since it was never approved by the court.

There also in favor were magistrates Tommy Matthews and Billy Houchens.

FISCAL COURT VOTES DOWN TAX INCREASE

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Those opposed were magistrates Gary Gillon, Chris Steward, John Benningfird, Rickey Spillman, and Carl Dickerson