The Board of Supervisors is considering **an increase in the county portion of the property tax rate****. WHY?** Because the value of your property has declined, so by raising the rate they can collect the same revenue as FY 2013. Your property is worth less, but you will be paying the same county property tax. If the rate is not raised the **county may have to spend less,** or cover spending with reserves.

The chart at the bottom was presented at the April 2, 2014 Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session. The chart is the proposed rates and the results for each rate.

The current rate is 2.6276. The County wants to increase the rate to between 2.767 (same revenue as 2013) – 3.3418 % ($5.5 million increase). The rate is applied to your Assessed Value.

Example: Assessed Value 2013 $20,000   X   2.6276   = $525
            Assessed Value 2014 $19,000   X   2.7670   = $525

The Board of Supervisors is currently deliberating the budget and options. Here is how YOU can get involved and make your voice heard (be polite) with all three supervisors by June 1, 2014. Call 432-9200 or email:

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Property Tax History

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Primary Valuation	$ 1,049,827,355	$ 1,038,327,080	$ 1,006,475,403	$ 955,783,522
Tax Rate	2.6276	2.6276	2.6276	2.6276
Levy	$ 27,585,264	$ 27,283,082	$ 26,446,148	$ 25,114,168
1 cent =	$ 104,983	$ 103,833	$ 100,648	$ 95,578

Various scenarios for 2014		Levy	Change - FY 13/14
Max allowable tax rate	3.3418	$ 31,940,374	$ 5,494,226
TNT Rate	2.8295	$ 27,043,895	$ 597,747
Equal 2013 levy	2.7670	$ 26,446,530	$ 382
No increase to Rate	2.6276	$ 25,114,168	$ (1,331,980)

****your property tax bill includes many other taxes controlled by other boards and districts – school board, fire district, library, flood control, etc...http://cochise.az.gov/cochise_treasurer.aspx?id=98