## Cooper, Bob

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Staffeldt, Darlene

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Friday, March 22, 2002 3:35 PM

To:

Cooper, Bob

Subject:

FW: Big Bill and new levies

I think this is the one we are looking for. Darlene

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, May 21, 2001 4:36 PM Jim H. (E-mail); Bette (E-mail)

To: Cc:

Jim H. (E-mail); Bette (E Staffeldt, Darlene

Subject:

Big Bill and new levies

Jim and Bette.

This is regarding the question that I posed to you about two weeks ago regarding newly approved levies and the big bill.

I misunderstood Debbie's question. Her question was about the increased ancillary taxes that she had anticipated receiving after the library levy increased as approved by the voters.

After I understood the question, I contacted MACO and sent the following message to Debbie.

"I talked to both Gordon and Jane at MACO. They agree with the information that you received from your officials. In short, the library is entitled to a share of the "entitlement pool" at a rate that is similar to the library's percentage of revenue from ancillary taxes **this fiscal year**.

▶ The addition of taxing districts or increases in levies after this year will have no effect on the entitlement pool and new districts, such as libraries, formed after this year, will not be entitled to a share of the pool.

However, county commissioners have discretion over the allocation of the pool to the entities in their counties. They have no control over the amount of the county's share but can divide it up with minimum restrictions from the big bill.

So, that is not the answer you wanted. You can call Gordon Morris at MACO (442-5209) should you want this information from the source."

Let me know if you have any questions about this matter.

Karen

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