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Treasurer's Memo: Ad valorem tax increase for Northeast Technology Center

To the Citizens of Rogers County,

On Tuesday, November 10th, the citizens of Rogers, Mayes, Craig, Ottawa, Delaware, and portions of other counties will vote on an ad valorem tax increase for Northeast Technology Center. This memo is to present some basic facts on the upcoming election whereas Northeast Technology Center (NTC) is requesting a) an increase in 2 mills for their building fund, and b) to make this 2 mill increase permanent.

Currently, NTC receives 11.27 mills. Of this, their Building Fund receives 1.00 mill, and they are asking for the 1.00 mill to be raised to 3.00 mills. If passed, the total collection of 13.27 mills represents a 17.7% increase. According to a NTC press release:

"At current funding levels, it will take us about eight years to renovate the 11 programs that are operating in the original 1970's buildings," said Thompson. "If NTC's Building Fund were increased to three mills, that construction timeline would be significantly reduced."

A millage is equal to 1/1000th of a dollar. For a house valued at \$100,000, homeowners are currently paying \$10 towards the NTC Building Fund. If passed, taxpayers would pay \$30 for a house valued at \$100,000.

Off year elections historically have a low voter turnout. It is important that whenever a tax increase is requested by a taxable agency that all citizens participate – whether to approve or not approve of the tax.

I encourage citizens across Rogers County – as well as the other four main counties – to be educated on the issue, aware of the vote, inform their neighbors, and cast their ballot as they rightly believe.

Sincerely yours,

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