

Abilene Chamber of Commerce Board Endorses

Cisco College “Just a Nickel” Maintenance Tax

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce Board voted Wednesday, Sept. 19, to endorse the \$0.05 “nickel maintenance tax” proposed by Cisco College in the Nov. 6 election.

In a press release after the board of directors’ meeting, Chamber President Doug Peters praised the board’s action, pointing out that having “an available, skilled workforce” is chief among the area’s economic development strategies.

“The availability of skilled workers and the promise of vocational training to help our community’s unemployed and under-employed has the potential to better position the region for industrial investment, both in terms of capital and jobs,” Peters said.

Justin Jaworski of the Abilene Industrial Foundation also praised the board’s action, stating that it directly addresses “the community’s greatest need: to develop and retain the talent that will power our local businesses for many years to come. “

Dr. Thad Anglin, president of Cisco College, was delighted at the board’s endorsement. “I applaud the vision of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Board,” he stated. “Their support of the \$0.05 maintenance tax indicates a broad understanding of Cisco College’s impact on economic growth in the region and the critical need to create more opportunities to attract business and industries to the area.”

Cisco College is proposing a 5-cent per \$100 valuation tax increase to fund the following JUST A NICKEL initiatives:

- JUST A NICKEL will lower tuition at Cisco College for Taylor County residents by making them eligible for in-district tuition. This will save Taylor County residents \$2,100 on an Associate’s degree.
- JUST A NICKEL will support the mission of Cisco College’s commitment to Abilene, Taylor County, and the Region to create more programs to enhance the opportunities available to students.
- JUST A NICKEL will aid Cisco College in making a positive impact on the local economy through placement of graduates in healthcare, career and technical occupations throughout the region.