

McCurtain County Tourism Funding Allocations explanation

A 3% lodging (use tax) tax is collected when someone stays in a furnished structure or room (examples cabins, motel, hotel, furnished yurt, etc....) within the county outside of Broken Bow, Idabel, and Valliant City limits. Not Hochatown it was incorporated 2023 after the use tax was implemented.

Haworth, Wright City, Garvin, Millerton, Battiest, Bethel, Smithville, and Tom do not have their own tax within their city limits so if a structure is rented, they would pay the 3% also.

When they stay, they pay, then the owner pays through the tax commission, then it goes to the county. Of that 3% that was paid the county commissioners get 10%, they call it an administrative fee. The fair board gets 5% for fairgrounds upgrades. So MCTA gets 85% put in their account. This is how MCTA exists. We were formed to manage these funds. We are to promote, encourage, develop tourism and recreational activities beneficial to McCurtain County.

Of the 85%, annually 10% for trash pickup project is allocated. As well as 5% for special projects tourism development grants, 2% for local events and festivals advertising grants, 2 to 2.5% goes to operating costs each year (audit, payroll, rent).

The rest goes to advertising.