# **IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY**

## **THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**COUNTY OF FALLS**

COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

**VOTE ON ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET**

**VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF PROERTY TAX RATE REFLECTED IN BUDGET**

**VOTE ON ADOPTION OF TAX DECREASE**

1. Proof of posting of notice in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code (Vernon’s Texas Codes Ann. 1994) as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Judge Elliott asked for proof of posting & the same was affirmed by Linda Watkins, County Clerk.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning 2020-2021 budget including anticipated income and expenses; the Falls County Detention Center; departmental line items; all funds, including general fund and Farm-to-Market Lateral Road Fund.

Information only.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning adopting salaries of county employees including public comments.

Commissioner Green made a motion to adopt the salaries for the County employees. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

1. **Discussion and/or action including the formal adoption and recorded vote pertaining to the adoption of the 2020/2021 budget.**

Commissioner Green made a motion the go ahead and record the formal vote for the adoption of the 2020/2021 budget. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Elliott-Yea, Commissioner Albright-Yea, Commissioner Green-Yea, Commissioner Willberg-Yea, & Commissioner Wuebker-Yea.

1. **Discussion and/or action including a recorded vote to ratify the property tax decrease reflected in the 2020/2021** budget as required by Local Government Code 111.008. “This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of $85,703,938.00 which is a 9.02% increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is $98,423.00.

Commissioner Green made a motion to record the vote to ratify the property tax decrease reflected in the 2020/2021 budget. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Elliott- Yea, Commissioner Albright-Yea, Commissioner Green-Yea, Commission Willberg-Yea & Commissioner Wuebker-Yea

1. **Discussion and/or action including the formal adoption and recorded vote pertaining to the adoption of the tax decrease for 2020** tax rates per $100 valuation for Falls County’s fiscal year 2020/2021, including specifically the following items:

Proposed 2020 tax rate for:

1. M & O (Maintenance and Operations)……………………....$0.746200
2. I & S (Interest and sinking fund obligations on debt)……....$0.030704

Total County $0.776904

1. F.M.L. (Farm to Market Lateral Roads)………………….…$0.148000

Total Proposed Tax Rates……………………………….…...$0.924904

Commissioner Green made a motion to formally adopt & record the vote for the Tax Decrease for 2020. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

Judge Elliott-Yea, Commissioner Albright-Yea, Commissioner Green-Yea, Commissioner Willberg-Yea & Commissioner Wuebker-Yea.

1. Public comments.

There was no public comments.

1. Elected official reports.

Commissioner Wuebker reported on receiving a grant for the flood plain mapping of $743,000.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning courthouse renovation, and courthouse annex.

Jim Hanks gave a report on the courthouse renovations.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning opening sealed bids for EIFS and Museum.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to accept the bid from Flores Construction LLC @ $93,299.96 for the EIFS at the Sheriff’s Office. Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Green made a motion to accept the bid from Montgomery Construction Roofing @ 24,710.00 to replace the roof at the Falls County Museum. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning hail damage.

The county is going out of bids on the repair of the road & bridge building.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning COVID-19.

Judge Elliott gave the report on the current count for COVID-19 in the county.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning final 2019 audit.

County Auditor, Joan Kostiha gave a report on the progress of the 2019 outside audit.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning resolution for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the resolution for the CESF Grant. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and or action concerning Flood Infrastructure Fund 2020 application.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the application for the Flood Infrastructure grant. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning interlocal agreement with the City of Rosebud.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to accept the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning indigent cremation.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the indigent cremation contract. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

1. Review and discussion of Road and Bridge precinct work reports, including Administrator’s progress report.

Jeff Jackson gave his report about there are some roads still closed in Pct#4.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning the approving of payment of bills, including reimbursements, late charges, the transfer of cash or funds from any line item or departments to another, book transfers and any budget amendments; including but not limited to discussion and action concerning department or non-departmental items with line items that go past their budgeted amounts.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to pay all bills, budget amendments & payroll. Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried.

1. Approval of minutes of prior meetings of Commissioner’s Court.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the minutes from prior meetings. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

1. Adjournment.

Judge Elliott adjourned the meeting since all items have been discussed and/or action taken.

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Jay T. Elliott, County Judge Milton Albright, Comm.Pct#1

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F. A. Green, Comm. Pct#2 Jason Willberg, Comm.Pct#3

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Nita Wuebker, Comm.Pct#4 Linda Watkins, County Clerk