

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
COUNTY OF FALLS**

COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

VOTE ON ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET

VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX RATE REFLECTED IN BUDGET

VOTE ON ADOPTION OF TAX INCREASE

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 and the same was affirmed by Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk, on the North and South door of the courthouse and the bulletin board.

2. Discussion and/or action concerning 2021-2022 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.

No discussion.

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

No comments.

4. Discussion and/or action including the formal adoption and recorded vote pertaining to the adoption of the 2021/2022 budget.

Commissioner Green made a motion the go ahead and record the formal vote for the adoption of the 2021/2022 budget. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

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

5. Discussion and/or action including a recorded vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2021/2022 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 \$537,073.00 which is a 6.6% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$142,739.00."

Commissioner Green made a motion to record the vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2021/2022 budget. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

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

6. Discussion and/or action including the formal adoption and recorded vote pertaining to the adoption of the tax increase for 2021 tax rates per \$100 valuation for Falls County's fiscal year 2021/2022, including specifically the following items:

Proposed 2021 tax rate for:

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| (i) | M & O (Maintenance and Operations)..... | \$0.75500 |
| (ii) | I & S (Interest and sinking fund obligations on debt)..... | \$0.02861 |
| | Total County | \$0.78361 |

(iii) F.M.L. (Farm to Market Lateral Roads).....	\$0.14700
Total Proposed Tax Rates.....	\$0.93061

Commissioner Green made a motion to formally adopt & record the vote for the Tax Increase for 2021. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

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

7. Public comments.

There was one gentleman that commented he thinks the road graders should work from 7:30 to 4:00. He also stated he thinks that the graders should be grading the roads more regular.

8. Elected official reports.

Kayci Nehring, the Tax Collector, stated that the state system is still down. She said the estimated date for them to come fix it is October 13, 2021. They have the Rosebud office open Monday thru Friday.

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

Jim Hanks stated that most of the items on the punch list have been completed. They are working on pouring the concrete back where the drains were replaced. They will also be working on the ponding on the roof.

10. Presentation by Allison, Bass, Magee, LLP regarding the initial assessment of Falls County for Purposes of Redistricting Evaluation; discussion and possible action to adopt Findings of Fact Regarding Political Boundaries of Falls County and an Order for Redistricting of Political Boundaries.

John Redington, who was present via phone, gave a presentation for Allison, Bass, Magee, LLP. A workshop will be held on October 14, 2021, regarding the redistricting. Commissioner Green made a motion to sign the order for redistricting of political boundaries. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

11. Discussion and/or action concerning burn ban and allowing for exemption for any burns supervised by an authorized Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the order prohibiting outdoor burning. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

12. Discussion and/or action concerning pay request #4 for Chilton water and sewer.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the pay request #4 for Chilton water and sewer. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

13. Discussion and/or action concerning interlocal agreement with the City of Marlin.

Judge Elliott stated that he is still waiting for City of Marlin to send the amount they want to spend.

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

Jeff Jackson, Road and Bridge Administrator, gave a report for Road and Bridge. Jeff showed two options to finance the road grater. One was with John Deere financial and BancorpSouth. Commissioner Green made a motion to use BancorpSouth to finance the purchase of the road grater. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

15. 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 Green made a motion to approve all bills, budget amendments, and payroll. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

16. Approval of minutes of prior meetings of Commissioner's Court.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the minutes of prior minutes. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

17. Adjournment.

Judge Elliott adjourned the meeting at 10:34 A.M., after all items have been discussed.


Jay T. Elliott, County Judge

Absent
Milton Albright, Comm.Pet#1


F. A. Green, Comm.Pet#2


Jason Willberg, Comm.Pet#3


Nita Wuebker, Comm.Pet#4


Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk