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

## **THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**COUNTY OF FALLS**

COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

**PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX DECREASE**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET**

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. **PUBLIC HEARING** on 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

1. Public comments and questions, and comments and responses from Commissioners and County Judge.

No comments made.

1. Presentation and discussion of salaries set by 82nd Judicial District Judge.

No changes made by the District Judge.

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.

No changes needed.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the proposed 2020-2021 Budget for Falls County. Public comments and questions, and responses from Commissioners, County Judge, and staff.

There were no comments or questions.

1. Comments from Elected County Officials and County Employees.

No comments made.

1. The vote on the adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. in the County Courtroom, Falls County Courthouse Annex, Marlin, Texas.

Information only.

1. The vote on the adoption of the above tax rate decrease will be Monday, September 28, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Falls County Courtroom, Falls County Courthouse Annex, Marlin, Texas.

Information only.

1. Public comments.

One comments was made.

1. Elected official reports.

Commissioner Wuebker announced that she receive a grant of $738,00 for a Flood Plan map for the County.

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

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the HSCO bill for wiring the District & County courtrooms. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning bids for hail damage at Sheriff’s Office and Jail.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve Flores Construction to install gutters & downspouts for & $6,200 & 3C to install 12 RTU & fix 44 exhaust fans for $165,029.34. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning hail damage.

Museum’s roof has to be replaced. The County is going out for bids.

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

Judge Elliott gave a report on the number of cases in Falls County.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning Bell Milam Falls WSC Road Cut/Bore on CR 490.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to accept the road bore on CR 490. Commissioner Wuebker seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning employee appreciation luncheon.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve December 4th for the employee appreciation luncheon. Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning paying out comp time.

Commissioner Green made a motion to pay out for the comp. time. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning single audit for 2020.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve that Byer & Company conduct the single audit for 2020. Commissioner Wuebker seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning ESD #2 annual audit for 2019.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to accept the ESD#2 annual audit for 2019. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

1. Discussion and/or action concerning interlocal agreement with CAD.

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

1. Discussion and/or action concerning FY 2021 Emergency Notification Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning 2020 Capital Credits for unclaimed property.

Commissioner Green made a motion to divide $6774.58 between Child Protective Services board, Boys & Girls Club, Faith,Hope & charity, & Girls Scouts. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning FY 2021 SAVNS Grant Contract #2110963, and First Contract Renewal #20202144900-364-01 with Appriss.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the grant & First Contract Renewal. Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning prohibiting or restricting use of county road.

Judge Elliott & the Commissioners discussed putting up barriers to see if it helps the situation.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning medical bills for Sheriff’s Department.

Discussed with Sheriff Scamann on the part of the bill that is owed by other counties.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning updating employee guideline handbook.

Judge Elliott stated that the handbook will be discussed on the October commissioners court.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning Air Ambulance plans.

Information only.

1. Discussion and/or action concerning audit on Commissary Account at the Falls County Jail.

Discussion only

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

Jeff Jackson gave the report.

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. 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, upcoming year’s Appraisal District Budget; fees for processing payroll; and as relevant, what County shall charge school districts for assessing and collecting taxes, and/or other services; and other matters concerning said budget, including budget requests from any elected official, or office heads.

There were no changes made.

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

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the minutes for Aug. 17th & Aug. 24th. 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