

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

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

COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021-2022 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 and the same was affirmed by Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk, on the front door and the bulletin board.

2. PUBLIC HEARING on 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:

(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

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

One gentleman commented that he supports the tax increase, and regrets that some of the personnel changes could not be done. He was hoping that there was a way that the county could explain the tax increase better to the taxpayers.

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

Judge Russ, District Judge, was not present for the meeting. He stated to Judge Elliott that he supports the Commissioners and Judges decisions.

5. 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 changes needed.

6. PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed 2021-2022 Budget for Falls County. Public comments and questions, and responses from Commissioners, County Judge, and staff.

No comments.

7. Comments from Elected County Officials and County Employees.

No comments.

8. The vote on the adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. in the Falls County Courtroom, Falls County Courthouse, Marlin, Texas.

Information only.

9. The vote on the adoption of the above tax rate increase will be Monday, September 27, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. in the Falls County Courtroom, Falls County Courthouse, Marlin, Texas.

Information Only.

10. Public comments.

No comments.

11. Elected official reports.

Judge Elliott stated that that the old Onion Factory, where we store water, was able to load 8 pallets of water and 2 pallets of MRE's and took it to Louisiana. Commissioner Wuebker stated that she has been in contact with the people working on the grant for the Falls on the Brazos Park. They are working on changes to the grant so they can resubmit it in December.

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

Jim Hanks gave an update on the courthouse renovation. Most of the items that needed to be finished have been done. Still working on a couple things that need to be finished.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.**

After the executive session, the Commissioners Court may consider, in open session, any discussions or any motions one or more of its members wish to make, regarding this item.

14. Discussion and/or action concerning requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQs) for professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Commissioner Green made a motion to go with Grant works, then amended the motion to drop 5% to meet the other company at 5%. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

15. Discussion and/or action concerning AMR ambulance service.

Shelton Chapman, EMS Director for Limestone County and is a resident of Falls County, expressed his concerns with the AMR ambulance service. He stated that there are not enough trucks in Falls County running. He said they have been receiving calls to cover Falls County and wanted to see if someone could talk to AMR about running more trucks and covering Falls County better.

16. Discussion and/or action concerning 2022 Texas VINE Service Agreement Renewal.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to renew the VINE Service Agreement Renewal. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

17. Discussion and/or action concerning Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Database Maintenance Services.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to renew the Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Database Maintenance Services. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

18. Discussion and/or action concerning 2022 Emergency Notification Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to accept the 2022 Emergency Notification Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

19. Discussion and/or action concerning padded cell repairs at county jail.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the company the Sheriff Department wants for the padded cell repairs. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

20. Discussion and/or action concerning items needed at Sheriff's Department.

Georgie Patterson, the County Auditor, move around some items to clean up the Sheriff's budget based on approvals today. The meat slicer and the freezer have already been approved in Commissioners Court. The Sheriff's Department needs to get with the Treasurers office and so they can reissue the check for the meat slicer. The money for the padded cells will come out of permanent improvement. The amount for mattresses will come out of inmate welfare. The inmate expenses will come out of the budget.

21. Discussion and/or action concerning 2021 Capital Credits Unclaimed Credit.

Commissioner Green made a motion that the 2021 Capital Credits Unclaimed Credits be split equally between the Boy and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, Child Protective Services and Faith Hope and Love. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

22. Discussion and/or action concerning 2021 audit.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve Beyer & Co. to do our audit next year, along with our single audit. The amount of \$22,000 for the regular audit and \$7,000 for the single audit. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

23. Discussion concerning Appraisal District nominations 2022-2023.

This is for someone you want to put on the ballot in the appraisal district. Will make nominations before October 15.

24. Discussion and/or action concerning updating employee handbook.

The auditor has updated the employee handbook based on what Michele from TAC had spoke about and recommended in previous commissioner's court. The auditor also updated the smoking policy to include any type of tabaco use. Also, the auditor removed the law enforcement 28-day cycle from the handbook. Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the changes in the employee handbook. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

25. Discussion and/or action concerning OAG financial hold due to shortage in District Clerk's bank account.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve during paying the bills. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

26. Discussion and/or action concerning EMC truck repair.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to go ahead a approve the EMC truck repair. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

27. Discussion and/or action concerning ESD #1 2022 budget.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to accept the ESD #1 2022 budget. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

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

Judge stated that before the interlocal agreement could be approved, we need an amount the City of Marlin wants to spend.

29. 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 is working on getting more paperwork and information on the grader from John Deere. The bridge on County Road 412 and 163 will be closed for repair.

30. 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 approve payment of all bills, budget amendments, and payroll. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

31. 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, 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.

No action.

32. Discussion and/or action concerning designation of location for Commissioners Court meetings, public postings, tax, and foreclosure sales, the 82nd District Court and the Falls County Court, and their respective Court Offices and Clerks, the Falls County Tax Office, the 82nd District Juvenile Probation Office, the Elections Office, the County Auditor's Office, and the County Treasurer's Office.


Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the location of the county offices effective September 20, 2021. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

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

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

34. Adjournment.

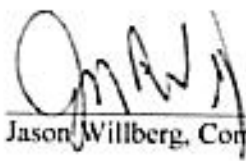
Judge Elliott adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M., after all items have been discussed.


Jay T. Elliott, County Judge

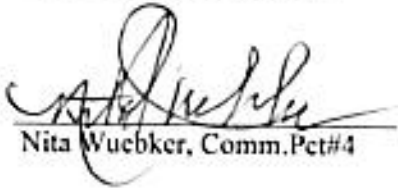

Milton Albright, Comm. Pet #1



F. A. Green, Comm.Pct#2



Jason Willberg, Comm.Pct#3



Nita Wuebker, Comm.Pct#4



Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk