

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

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

COMMISSIONER’S COURT MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

**PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET
VOTE ON ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET**

**VOTE ON RATIFICATION OF PROERTY 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 and the bulletin board.

2. PUBLIC HEARING on tax increase for 2022 tax rates per \$100 valuation for Falls County’s fiscal year 2022/2023, including specifically the following items:

Proposed 2021 tax rate for:

(i)	M & O (Maintenance and Operations)	\$0.67000
(ii)	I & S (Interest and sinking fund obligations on debt)	\$0.02391
	Total County	\$0.69391
(iii)	F.M.L. (Farm to Market Lateral Roads)	\$0.12200
	Total Proposed Tax Rates.....	\$0.81591

Information only.

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

No public comments.

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

The salaries were presented that were set by the 82nd Judicial District Judge.

5. Discussion and/or action concerning 2022-2023 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 questions.

6. PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed 2022-2023 Budget for Falls County. Public comments and questions, and responses from Commissioners, County Judge, and staff.

No public comments or questions.

7. Comments from Elected County Officials and County Employees.

No comments were made.

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

No public comments. Commissioner Green made a motion to adopt the salaries. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

9. Discussion and/or action including the formal adoption and recorded vote pertaining to the adoption of the 2022/2023 budget.

Commissioner Green made a motion the go ahead and record the formal vote for the adoption of the 2022/2023 budget. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

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

10. Discussion and/or action including a recorded vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2022/2023 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 \$985,845 which is a 11.50% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$211,716.00."

Judge Elliott made a motion to record the vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2022/2023 budget. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

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

11. Discussion and/or action including the formal adoption and recorded vote pertaining to the adoption of the tax increase for 2022 tax rates per \$100 valuation for Falls County's fiscal year 2022/2023, including specifically the following items:

Proposed 2022 tax rate for:

(iv)	M & O (Maintenance and Operations).....	\$0.67000
(v)	I & S (Interest and sinking fund obligations on debt).....	\$0.02391
	Total County	\$0.69391
(vi)	F.M.L. (Farm to Market Lateral Roads).....	\$0.12200
	Total Proposed Tax Rates.....	\$0.81591

Commissioner Green made a motion to formally adopt & record the vote for the Tax Increase for 2022. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

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

12. Public comments.

No comments.

13. Elected official reports.

No elected official reports.

14. Discussion and/or action concerning employee benefit consultant from TAC.

They were unable to be at the meeting today but will be at the next commissioner's court meeting.

15. Discussion and/or action concerning American Rescue Plan.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to amend the use of the American Recue Money to correct the salaries of the employees. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

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

No burn ban needed at this time.

17. Discussion and/or action concerning Interlocal Agreement for Assessment and Collection of Taxes.

Commissioner Green made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

18. Discussion and/or action concerning tax office part-time position.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve a part-time position in the tax office. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

19. Discussion and/or action concerning imposition of optional fees 2023.

Commissioner Green made a motion to accept the optional fees 2023. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

20. Discussion and/or action concerning Sheriff and Constable fees.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to accept the Sheriff and Constable fees with the changes that were made. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

21. Discussion and/or action concerning payout of compensatory time for the maintenance department.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the payment of compensatory time for the maintenance department. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

22. Discussion and/or action concerning setting public hearing for records archive fee for October 10, 2022.

Commissioner Green made a motion to set the public hearing for the records archive fee for October 10, 2022. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

23. Discussion and/or action concerning interlocal agreement with Limestone County.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to accept the interlocal agreement with Limestone County. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

24. Discussion and/or action concerning sheriff's department leased vehicles.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to approve the contract for the sheriff's department leased vehicles. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

25. Discussion and/or action concerning SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract FY 2023.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract FY 2023. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

26. Discussion and/or action concerning Resolution and Order regarding control of used tires within the State of Texas.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the Resolution and Order regarding control of used tires within the State of Texas. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

27. 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 the Road and Bridge Department. Jeff stated that they completed the Interlocal agreement with Golinda last week. They will start County Road 220, which is the last project on the CTIF grant. Jeff currently had two open positions. Also they helped the City of Marlin with the sewer lines at the fairgrounds.

28. 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 the payment of all bills, budget amendments and payroll. Commissioner Green seconded; motion carried.

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

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

30. Adjournment.

Judge Elliott adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m., after all items have been discussed.



Jay T. Elliott, County Judge



F. A. Green, Comm.Pct#2



Nita Wuebker, Comm.Pct#4



Milton Albright, Comm.Pct#1



Jason Willberg, Comm.Pct#3



Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk