

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

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

COMMISSIONER'S COURT MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023-2024 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 bulletin board. Commissioner Green was present via phone.

2. PUBLIC HEARING on tax increase for 2023 tax rates per \$100 valuation for Falls County's fiscal year 2023/2024, including specifically the following items:

Proposed 2023 tax rate for:

(i)	M & O (Maintenance and Operations).....	\$0.63359
(ii)	I & S (Interest and sinking fund obligations on debt).....	\$0.02110
	Total County	\$0.65469
(iii)	F.M.L. (Farm to Market Lateral Roads).....	\$0.114531
	Total Proposed Tax Rates.....	\$0.769221

Information only.

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

No comments or questions.

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

Information only.

5. Discussion and/or action concerning 2023-2024 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.

6. PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed 2023-2024 Budget for Falls County. Public comments and questions, and responses from Commissioners, County Judge, and staff.

No comments or questions.

7. Comments from Elected County Officials and County Employees.

No comments.

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

No discussion.

9. Discussion and/or action including the formal adoption and recorded vote pertaining to the adoption of the 2023/2024 budget.

The Judge and Commissioner's took a recorded vote pertaining to the adoption of the 2023/2024 budget.

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 2023/2024 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 \$540,747 which is a 5.58% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$208,128.00."

Commissioner Albright made a motion to record the vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2023/2024 budget. Commissioner Wuebker 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 2023 tax rates per \$100 valuation for Falls County's fiscal year 2023/2024, including specifically the following items:

Proposed 2023 tax rate for:

(iv)	M & O (Maintenance and Operations).....	\$0.63359
(v)	I & S (Interest and sinking fund obligations on debt).....	\$0.02110
	Total County	\$0.65469
(vi)	F.M.L. (Farm to Market Lateral Roads).....	\$0.114531
	Total Proposed Tax Rates.....	\$0.769221

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to formally adopt & record the vote for the Tax Increase for 2023. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

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

12. Public comments.

Rosondra Hartsfield with the County Extension office stated she would like to say thank you to the Commissioner's and the Judge for always being supportive.

13. Elected official reports.

Kayci Nehring, Tax Assessor/Collector, gave a rollback report for the solar farm in Golinda.

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

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to revise the contract for Chilton Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Albright seconded; motion carried.

Discussion on the Marlin Public Library using their funds for payroll and/or salary. It was agreed in Commissioner's Court that the American Rescue fund would not be allowed to be used for payroll or salary.

15. Discussion and/or action concerning Indigent Health Care Program Optional Health Care Services, and end of year report.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the changes with the Indigent Health Care Program Optional Health Care Services and end of year report. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

16. Discussion and/or action concerning Texas Association of RC&D Areas and the Central Texas RC&D project agreement.

Commissioner Wuebker made a motion to approve the RC&D Areas and the Central Texas RC&D project agreement. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

17. Discussion and/or action concerning indigent cremation.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to approve indigent cremation. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried. Commissioner Albright abstained.

18. Discussion and/or action concerning payout of compensatory time for Jail Administrator.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the payout of compensatory time for the Jail Administrator. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

19. Discussion and/or action concerning sheriff and jail payroll lines to cover department expenses.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the transfer for payroll lines to cover department expenses. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

20. Discussion and/or action concerning Brandt Companies, LLC proposal for Jetter use to clean sewer lines & use camera for the main line.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the Brandt Companies, LLC to use the Jetter to clean the sewer lines and camera for the main lines. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

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

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the Sheriff and Constable fees with no change. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

22. Discussion and/or action concerning approving county officials' bonds.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the bonds of county officials. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

23. Discussion and/or action concerning SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract FY 2024.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract FY 2024. Commissioner Willberg seconded; motion carried.

24. Discussion and/or action concerning ESD #3 2023-2024 budget.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to accept the ESD #3 2023-2024 budget. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

25. Discussion and/or action concerning TXDOT resolution.

Commissioner Willberg made a motion to accept the TXDOT resolution. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

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

None currently.

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 on the Road and Bridge Department. Jeff stated that they are looking to switch the uniform company that they are using if they can get out of the contract. Jeff said they need a shredder. Jeff found a shredder at TexStar for \$18,900. Jeff said they will be starting the bridge on CR 139 on November 1, 2023, then will move to the bridge on CR 235.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to approve the payoff of the Sheriff's vehicles and the purchase of the shredder. Commissioner Wuebker seconded; motion carried.

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 Willberg seconded; motion carried.

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

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

30. Adjournment.

Judge Elliott adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m., after all items had been discussed.



Jay T. Elliott, County Judge



Milton Albright, Comm. Pct#1



F. A. Green, Comm. Pct#2



Jason Willberg, Comm. Pct#3



Nita Wuebker, Comm. Pct#4



Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk