

August 24, 2021

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Erath County Commissioners Court will meet on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 9:00a.m. in the 2nd Floor Courtroom, Erath County Courthouse, Stephenville, Texas, to consider the following agenda items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget.
2. Discuss and/or action to approve hiring a temporary helper for Richard Baker, to manually enter bank data to assist in his reconciliation of county bank accounts.
3. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Tex. Govt. Code 551.071 through 551.086, to discuss:
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Legal Matter
 - c. Real Estate
 - d. Reconvene
4. Discuss any new business.
5. Adjourn.

Alfonso Campos

COUNTY JUDGE
ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS



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GWINDA JONES, COUNTY CLERK
ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS

By *[Signature]* Deputy

Erath County Reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), subsection 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney on legal matters that are not related to litigation), §551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Personnel or Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §551.088 (Deliberation regarding Test Item), and 551.089 (Deliberation regarding Security Devices or Security Audits).

Commissioner's Court
Special Meeting
August 27, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Courtroom 1st Floor - Courthouse

Present:

Commissioner Precinct #1 – Dee Stephens - Present

Commissioner Precinct #2 – Albert Ray - Present

Commissioner Precinct #3 – Joe Brown - Present

Commissioner Precinct #4 – Jim Buck - Present

County Judge, Alfonso Campos

County Clerk, Gwinda Jones

Others present in the courtroom: See attached roster

Agenda Item #1 Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget

Members of the Public that Spoke Against Budget:

- Kevin Russell
- Lee Barlow
- Sarah Miller

Public Hearing Closed

Agenda Item #2

Number 2021-272

Motion: To approve hiring temporary helper for Richard Baker to manually enter bank data to assist in his reconciliation of county bank accounts

Made By: Commissioner Stephens

Second By: Commissioner Buck

Ayes: Stephens X Ray X Brown X Buck X Judge Campos X

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Agenda Item #3 Closed Session Not Needed

Agenda Item #4 New Business

- COVID
- Redefine Dispatch as First Responder

Motion To Adjourn:

Made By: Commissioner Ray

Second By: Commissioner Buck

All Ayes Meeting Adjourned At 10:40 a.m.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ERATH

The above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes taken in my capacity as County Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Erath County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth.

DATED at Stephenville, Texas, this 27th day of August, 2021.

ATTESTED BY:

GWINDA JONES, Erath County Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gwinda Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

ERATH COUNTY

FY 2022 Proposed Budget



FY 2022 Proposed Budget

Snapshot of Revenue and Tax Rate

- 2016 0.4700
- 2017 0.4700
- 2018 0.4458
- 2019 0.4560
- 2020 0.4444
- **2021 0.4355**
(NNR Rate = 0.4193)

2022 ADDED REVENUE

- **\$1,058,763 TOTAL**
 - **\$330,791 New Properties**
 - **\$727,972 Existing Properties**

FY 2022 Proposed Budget

Debt

Debt Schedule:		Balance
	Payments	2,385,000
● 9/30/2021	\$542,462	1,890,000
● 9/30/2022	\$522,611	1,405,000
● 9/30/2023	\$507,960	925,000
● 9/30/2024	\$488,408	455,000
● 9/30/2025	\$464,055	-0-

FY 2022 Proposed Budget

Cash Reserves

General Fund	11,000,000
Judicial	150,000
<u>Indigent Health</u>	<u>1,910,000</u>
<i>Total General Fund</i>	<i>13,060,000</i>

FY 2022 Proposed Budget

Cash Reserves

General Fund	13,060,000
Road & Bridge	4,650,000
Special/Dedicated Funds	14,066,301
Other (Adult/Juvenile Probation)	<u>650,000</u>
Total Funds Available	32,156,301

FY 2022 Proposed Budget

Savings from 2021 Budget

REDUCED COSTS 2022:

● Retirement Costs	400,000
● Insurance Costs	150,000
● Debt Costs	20,000

FY 2022 Proposed Budget

PAID FROM RESERVES:

FROM RESERVES 9,440,000:

- Financial Software 140,000
- County Wide Software 1,800,000
- New Multi-Purpose Facility 7,500,000

FY 2022 Proposed Budget

NEW FOR 2022 BUDGET

- 3% employee pay increase (215 FT employees);
 - Other salaries adjusted to reflect market
- 4 MHMR Transport officers for SO;
- 4 Jailers;
- 1 new IT person (emergency services);
- 1 new Internal Auditor;
- 1 new Road & Bridge maintenance person;
- 1 new Facilities Maintenance person;
- 2 Lease vehicles for Agri-Life;
- Updated County Fleet with 25 New Lease vehicles reducing R&M and overall fleet costs.

ERATH COUNTY

FY 2022 Proposed Budget

Questions ?



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Kevin Russell

HOMEADDRESS: 4975 Compass Way

HOME TELEPHONE: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Retired

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization? Yes

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Mt Lake Property Tax Group

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? Budget

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: Kevin L. Russell

NOTE: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk prior to the time that the agenda item (or items) you wish to address are discussed before the Court. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes and only 6 speakers will be allowed to speak on any given agenda item.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Lee Barlow

HOMEADDRESS: 2695 Jimmy Houston Way

HOME TELEPHONE: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization? No

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? Budget

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: Lee Barlow

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME:

Sarah Miller

HOMEADDRESS: 1095 CR 457

HOME TELEPHONE: 254-997-0158

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Retired G.P

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization? no

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? _____

salary

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

mixed

Signature: Sarah Miller

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Addendum to Contract for Accounting Services

This Addendum is to supplement the agreement for accounting services between ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY) and RICK BAKER (hereinafter referred to as BAKER).

For and in consideration of the mutual benefits stated herein, the parties hereto agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Erath County agrees to pay Kim Baker \$15.00 per hour to perform data entry services to assist Rick Baker in performance of his duties under this contract. Kim Baker is limited to *As Needed* hours per week.
2. Erath County shall provide an office, office supplies and all necessary equipment that Baker needs to perform his job.
3. The term of this agreement shall begin on August 27, 2021, and terminate when the project is complete or on September 30, 2021 whichever is later. If the original contract is renewed, this addendum shall automatically renew and shall remain in force according to the renewal terms of the Contract between the County and Rick Baker.
4. To the extent allowed by law, each party to this agreement will identify and hold the other party harmless from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, claim or injury resulting from all action performed by that party or its agents in connection with this agreement.
5. If Baker fails to perform or breaches any agreement contained herein, this failure or breach constitutes a default of the terms of this agreement and shall allow County to immediately upon 10 days written notice terminate the contract.
6. It is expressly understood and agreed that, in the execution of this agreement, the County does not waive, or shall be deemed hereby to waive, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising in the exercise of governmental powers and functions.
7. Any amendments, alterations, deletions or waiver of the provisions of this agreement shall be valid only when expressed in writing by the governing bodies of both parties.
8. Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, all notices required or permitted herein shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the party's office or usual mailing address.
9. This agreement shall be binding upon the parties, their legal representatives, successors and assigns.

Accounting Services Contract.

10. It is understood and agreed that the entire agreement of the parties is contained herein and that this agreement supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

Signed Kim Baker
Kim Baker

Date 8/30/2021

Erath County, Texas

By:

Signed Alfonso Campos
Alfonso Campos, Erath County Judge

Date 8-27-2021