



NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING

Erath County Courthouse
County Courtroom, 100 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas
Thursday, September 5, 2024 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance led by County Judge, Brandon Huckabee and Invocation by Deputy Jeremy Woodruff

2. Public Comments.

Peggy Green addressed the court and thanked them for their dedication to our county and its citizens and their willingness to be a public servant.

3. Discussion and action to approve contract with Southwest Solutions Group for County Clerk and Tax Office.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Precinct 3, Sherman Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck to approve contract with Southwest Solutions Group for County Clerk and Tax Office.

**Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None
Motion Passed / Number 2024-230**

4. Public hearing on proposed Tax Rate.

**Opened Public hearing on proposed Tax Rate 9:08 a.m.
No one spoke for or against
Public Hearing Closed at 9:08 a.m.**

5. Public hearing on FY2024-2025 Budget.

**Opened Public hearing on FY2024-2025 Budget. 9:08 a.m.
No one spoke for or against
Public hearing closed 9:09 a.m.**

6. Discussion on FY2024-2025 Budget and Tax Rate.

**Discussion on FY2024-2025 Budget
Discussed adding COLA increase for retirees and the cost. Make it a priority for next year.**

7. 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

Closed Session Not Needed

8. Discuss any new business.

Commissioner Precinct 3, Sherman Edwards wanted to make a statement. There is something critical to this. I had a situation that had me sign that i would vote for no new revenue. I think it is clearly possible that we had to have new revenue to make this all possible, to make this budget work. So I had to go against my conscience of what I signed. I think this is the best for the county. So what I did is what I think is best for the county. I know there are sore feelings in this matter but, it is something I had to do to be a stuard of the publics money.

County Judge, the burn ban has been lifted, but please still call in if you are going to burn

9. Adjourn.

MOTION to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Precinct 4, Jim Buck and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2, Albert Ray

**Ayes: (4) Dee Stephens, Albert Ray, Sherman Edwards, Jim Buck: Noes: (0) None; Absent: (0)
Number 2024-231**

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:25 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 5th day of August, 2024.

ATTESTED BY: GWINDA JONES, Erath County Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gwinda Jones", is written over a horizontal line.