

**LLANO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LLANO**

On this the 9th day of September 2024, the Llano County Commissioners Court met in regular session.

Members Present:	Presiding Officer	Judge Ron Cunningham
	Commissioner Precinct 1	Peter Jones
	Commissioner Precinct 2	Linda Raschke
	Commissioner Precinct 3	Mike Sandoval
	Commissioner Precinct 4	Jerry Don Moss

Attendees:	County Attorney	Dwain Rogers
	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney	Matt Rienstra
	County Auditor	Kelly Eckhardt
	County Clerk	Cecilia McClintock
	County Sheriff	Bill Blackburn
	County Tax Assessor	Kris Fogelberg
	County Treasurer	Cheryl Regmund
	Building & Maintenance Department	Jeremy Vick
	Development / 911 Services	Cristy Vaught
	Emergency Management	Gilbert Bennett
	Human Resources	Lisa Otto
	Library Director	Amber Milum
	Road & Bridge Supervisor	Monty Roberts

Estimated Audience Attendance: 11

**AGENDA ITEM #1:**

Announce to Call for Public Participation Signup.

**AGENDA ITEM #2:**

9:05 am – Public Hearing: Llano County’s Proposed FY2025 Llano County Budget.

**AGENDA ITEM #3:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the Proposed FY2025 Llano County Budget.

**MOTION:** Moss; Approve the Proposed FY2025 Llano County Budget.

Second: Jones; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4:**

Discussion/Action: Ratify the Proposed new tax revenue increase reflected in the Adopted FY2025 Budget.

**MOTION:** Raschke; I move that Llano County ratify the proposed new tax revenue increase reflected in the approved FY2025 Llano County Budget.

Second: Sandoval; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5:**

9:35 am – Public Hearing: Llano County’s Proposed FY2024 Llano County Tax Rate.

**AGENDA ITEM #6:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the Proposed FY2024 Llano County Tax Rate.

**MOTION 1:** Raschke; I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .25012, which is effectively a 2.32 percent increase in the tax rate.

Second: Jones

**AYE:** Judge Cunningham, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Raschke, Commissioner Sandoval, Commissioner Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION 2:** Raschke; I move that Llano County adopt a tax rate for Debt Service of 0.1794.

Second: Moss

**AYE:** Judge Cunningham, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Raschke, Commissioner Sandoval, Commissioner Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION 3:** Raschke; I move that Llano County adopt a tax rate for M&O of 0.20518 for General M&O and 0.02700 for Road & Bridge.

Second: Moss

**AYE:** Judge Cunningham, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Raschke, Commissioner Sandoval, Commissioner Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7:**

Discussion/Action: Approve Order to adopt Llano County Tax Rate for FY2024.

**MOTION:** Raschke; I move that the Commissioners Court approve an Order setting out the tax rate of 0.25012 and its component parts, namely 0.1794 for Debt Service, 0.20518 for General Maintenance and Operations, and 0.02700 for Road & Bridge, and that the Order shall include language required by Texas Tax Code Section 26.05(b)

Second: Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #8:**

Consent Agenda:

- a. Commissioners Court Minutes:
  1. Regular Meeting August 26, 2024
- b. Call, Discussions, Approvals, Awarding of all Bids – Kelly Eckhardt, Auditor
- c. Budget Transfers/Accounts Payable/Financial Reports – Kelly Eckhardt, Auditor
- d. Interlocal/Agreements/Contracts – Dwain Rogers & Matt Rienstra, County Attorney's Office
- e. 1<sup>st</sup> CC Of Month:
  1. Leave Balance Report – Lisa Otto, HR Department
  2. Payroll Certification – Lisa Otto, HR Department
- f. 2<sup>nd</sup> CC Of Month:
  1. Payroll Certification – Lisa Otto, HR Department
  2. Treasurer/Investment Report – Cheryl Regmund, Treasurer
- g. Monthly Reports:
  1. Constable (1, 4)
  2. Indigent Health Care Program
  3. AgriLife Extension
  4. Justice of the Peace (1, 2, 3)
  5. Office of Emergency Management
  6. EMS – Hamilton
  7. Development Services
  8. IT - BizProtec

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second: Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #9:**

Public Service Announcements

**AGENDA ITEM #10:**

Discussion/Action: Prohibiting or Restricting Outdoor Burning in Llano County.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to table.

Second: Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11:**

Public Participation – No Public Participation Sign Up Sheets

**AGENDA ITEM #12:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the 2024 *Beyond Ready* National 4-H Week Proclamation. Presentation by Llano County 4-H Council.

**MOTION:** Moss; Motion to table.

Second: Raschke; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #13:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the Resolution adopting the early additional penalty on delinquent Llano County business personal property and mobile home accounts as provided for in Tax Code Section §33.11.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Motion to approve the Resolution adopting the early additional penalty on delinquent Llano County business personal property and mobile home accounts as provided for in Tax Code Section §33.11.

Second: Jones; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #14:**

Discussion/Action: Update and action (if required) on Construction Projects (EMS Stations, Tax Office Extension at East Annex, and USDA Criminal Justice Center Grant).

Update given. No Action Taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #15:**

Discussion/Action: Accept a donation of \$100.00 from the Women's Culture Club. The donation will be placed in the Library Donation to be use for the Llano Library.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to accept a donation of \$100.00 from the Women's Culture Club. The donation will be placed in the Library Donation to be use for the Llano Library.

Second: Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #16:**

Discussion/Action: Review and Approve the New FY2024-2025 Regular Commissioner Court Meeting Dates.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to approve the new FY2024-2025 Regular Commissioner Court Meeting Dates.

Second: Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #17:**

Discussion/Action: Review and Approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule for Llano County.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule for Llano County

Second: Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #18:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the Llano County Terms of County Court Pursuant to section §26.002 of the Texas Government Code. Terms will consist of four (4) terms per year.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to approve.

Second: Jones; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #19:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the 33<sup>rd</sup>/424<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Administrative Order Setting Compensation and Expenses of Court Reporters.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to approve the 33<sup>rd</sup>/424<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Administrative Order Setting Compensation and Expenses of Court Reporters.

Second: Jones; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #20:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the 33<sup>rd</sup>/424<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Administrative Order Setting Compensation and Expenses of Auditor and Assistants of Llano County.

**MOTION:** Jones; Move that we approve the 33<sup>rd</sup>/424<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Administrative Order Setting Compensation and Expenses of Auditor and Assistants of Llano County.

Second: Sandoval; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #21:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the 33<sup>rd</sup>/424<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Administrative Order Qualifying Kelly Eckhardt to serve as Llano County Auditor.

**MOTION:** Raschke; So moved.

Second: Jones; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #22:**

Discussion/Action: Approve Western Surety Company Bond for the following: Harry Allen Miley, Jr – Deputy Sheriff.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to approve Western Surety Company Bond for the following: Harry Allen Miley, Jr – Deputy Sheriff.

Second: Sandoval; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #23:**

Discussion/Action: Providing Judge Ron Cunningham Authority to Execute General and No Litigation Certificate of Llano as it Relates to the Capital Area Housing Finance Corporation (CAHFC) Issuance of the Bonds. (This is a recurring action required by State Law and there is NO obligation of Liability Assumed or Incurred by Llano County for notes issued by Capital Area Housing Finance Corporation. Single Family Mortgage Origination Program – Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

**MOTION:** Sandoval; Motion to approve it.

Second: Raschke; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #24:**

Discussion/Action: Approve the expenditure of the remaining Senate Bill 22 grant funds to be used for the purchase of standardized rifles for the Llano County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

**MOTION:** Raschke; Move to approve the expenditure of the remaining Senate Bill 22 grant funds to be used for the purchase of standardized rifles for the Llano County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Second: Jones; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #25:**

Public Hearings/Discussion/Approval of Plats/Replats/Vacating of Lot/Lots

**TABLED FROM CC ON 8-26-2024**

**25a.** Discussion/Action: Replat of Lots 49 & 50, Block L, Wood Forest Ranchettes, a Llano County Subdivision as shown on plat recorded in Volume 1, Page 93 of the Plat Records of Llano County, Texas, being further described in a Warranty Deed, Volume 1398, Page 931 of the Official Public Records of Llano County, Texas, to be known as "Lots 49-A & 50-A, Block L, Wood Forest Ranchettes".

**MOTION:** Sandoval; Motion that we approve this replat of lots 49 & 50, Block L Wood Forest Ranchettes

Second: Moss; **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENDA ITEM #26:**

Executive/Closed Session: Receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers, or other legal advice pursuant to §551.071(1) and (2), regarding purchases, exchanges, leases, or value of real property pursuant to §551.072, or security devices or security audits pursuant to §551.076 of the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to the following items:

- Llano County Sheriff's Office including the jail, audit, and current inmate census
- Mirelez et al. v Llano County, Sheriff Bill Blackburn, Robert Nichols
- Llano County School Lands
- Barbara Suzette Baker v Llano County, et al.
- Laura Pressley, et al. v Jane Nelson, et al.
- Jillian Harrod, et al. v Llano County Sheriff's Office, et al.
- Little, et al. v Llano County, et al.; United States District Court (Austin)

Legal advice includes the Texas Local Government Code, the Open Meetings Act, the Public Information Act, Llano Jail, Employment and Personnel Law, Utility Law, Llano Local Health Authority, Property Law, Potential Litigation, Procurement, and Contract Law, Evidentiary and Procedural Law, Road and Bridge Law, Ethics Law and General Government Law and any additional Federal or State Law regarding any item on this Open or Executive/Closed Session Meeting Agenda.

Entered Executive Session 9:42 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #27:**

Return To Open Session: Further discussion and possible action on any matter posted for discussion in Executive Session. Any matter posted in Executive Session also may be subject of discussion and/or action in Open Session prior to Executive Session.

Returned to Open Session 10:41 a.m. – No action taken.

10:41 a.m. Meeting adjourned by Judge Ron Cunningham

Attest: Cecilia McClintock  
Cecilia McClintock, County Clerk