

Erath County Judge's Summary for April 2021

The Erath County Commissioners court met four times in April. The Court meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, and as needed in between. If a meeting date falls on a holiday, then the Court meets on the following Tuesday. Meeting notices are posted at the Courthouse and on the County website <https://www.co.erath.tx.us/agendacenter>

- This month the Court was busy reviewing applications for subdivisions and/or replats of existing land lots for development. We continue to have many inquiries about developing land and properties in the county. The county does have Subdivision Regulations: <https://www.co.erath.tx.us/documentcenter/view/144>; and
- Approved the payment of \$863,462 in County bills and expenses.

VACCINATIONS - Below are the COVID-19 Vaccination statistics for Erath and surrounding counties.

COUNTY	Erath	Palo Pinto	Eastland	Bosque	Somervell	Comanche	Hood	Hamilton
% fully vaccinated (all)	24 %	24%	26%	31%	31%	33%	36%	36%
Over 65 fully vaccinated	57%	49%	48%	54%	61%	58%	66%	60%

The Erath county Vaccination Center is winding down its operations. **May 6 is the final opportunity to receive a 1st vaccination at the Center.** You may sign up by visiting <http://bit.do/ERATH> or by calling (254) 459-5053. Vaccines are given free of charge. After May 6, the Center will only administer 2nd doses to those that received their 1st dose at the Center. It has been a pleasure to observe how well the Center is being operated. Chief Chuck Elliott and his staff of combined City/County/Tarleton and volunteers have done a fantastic job.

County Judge April activities included:

- April 5: I met with Congressman Roger Williams in a town-hall type meeting to talk about funding and economic opportunities for local businesses. The Stephenville Economic Development Authority hosted the event.
- April 6-8: I attended Commissioner's Court Leadership training in Austin. While there, we visited the Capitol to make visits about pending legislation effecting counties and county government.
- April 9-16: It was my turn for Jail Duty. In addition to setting bonds for prisoners, I performed one inquest of an unattended death and evaluated two mental health commitment warrants.
- April 14: I visited the Tarrant Area Food Bank in Fort Worth and discussed the opening of their new distribution facility in Weatherford to discuss changes to their delivery schedules so they do not disrupt services to our seven Food Pantries serving Erath County.
- April 21: I attended County Judge's Training at the West Texas County Judges Association meeting in Midland TX.
- April 23: Attended a meeting of the Pecan Valley Mental Health Executive Board to discuss activities of the organization, which provides mental health services to Erath and surrounding counties.

It has been good to finally get out and see some fellow Judges and others in person, after doing mostly on-line meetings for the past year.

The US Census preliminary numbers have been released.

Below are numbers that may affect redistricting in the County.

ERATH COUNTY PRECINCTS	Pct. 2	Pct. 1	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	TOTAL
Population estimates	8,557	10,600	10,805	11,879	41,841
IDEAL DISTRIBUTION	10,460	10,460	10,460	10,460	

At the local level - Redistricting consists of re-drawing boundary lines to divide the county into precincts of equal populations. precinct population distribution within 10%. As you can see with the table above, some of our precinct lines may need to be re-drawn. As in past Census years, the county has contracted with a law firm that specializes in redistricting to help us ensure that our preferences or concerns are addressed.

On a national scale, Texas gains **two Congressional Seats** and now has 36 seats. California, NY, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio lose one seat each.

Texas had 18 seats in the US House of Representatives in 1910. It has gained seats ever since. The biggest growth was in 2010 when we gained 4 seats.

Did you know?

Erath and Stephenville resident Sam Morris Russell served three terms (1940's) in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition to serving in WWI, Congressman Russell graduated from Tarleton College, taught in Erath County Schools, served as County Attorney, District Attorney and District Judge. *(wiki.Sam_M_Russell)*



Stop by and let us know how we can better serve you.

Contact my office with any opinions or suggestions at (254) 965-1415 or send me an email at countyjudge@co.erath.tx.us We are here to serve you, until next time –

Regards,
Alfonso Campos – Erath County Judge