

Erath County Judge's Summary for February-March 2021

Sorry I did not have a Summary for you last month. We had critical issues getting the Erath County Vaccination Center up and running. This Summary includes events from February and March 2021. The Erath County Commissioner's 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> Anyone is invited to come and address the Court during a public meeting. If you would like to visit with Court members individually, you are welcome to call my office (965-1452) to make an appointment.

Selected Agenda items from the February and March Commissioner's Court meetings:

- GROWTH: Subdivision and Development applications have been a busy area for us. Septic Permits is always a good indicator of growth in the County. Below is the number of Septic Permits issued in the last five calendar years.

2020	240	Permits
2019	226	Permits
2018	175	Permits
2017	172	Permits
2016	164	Permits

- Discussions regarding lowering the speed limits on county roads from 60 to 45 mph.
- Discussions to hire an engineer to review and approve/deny subdivision requests. This person would also ensure that subdivision rules and regulations are always State-compliant.
- New members of the Erath County Historical Commission, Larry Smith and Terry Gibbs were introduced to the Court.
- A registration software purchase was approved (in partnership with City of Stephenville). This software is for registration and scheduling COVID-19 Vaccinations at the Vaccination Center.
- Election Services contracts to hold elections in May were approved. Early Voting begins April 19, please check our website for locations. Be an informed voter and check out all the candidates and issues that are on the ballot.
- Services for an external Audit for the year ending 9/30/2020 were accepted.
- Precinct 2 was approved for purchase of a 1-ton cab chassis.
- Precinct 3 was approved for a purchase of a motor grader.
- The Court heard a presentation for a proposed solar project in the south end of the county off Alexander Road in Precinct 1. Stephenville ISD Superintendent Matt Underwood attended the presentation. The Court entertains partnership possibilities and reviews positive and negative tax ramifications to the County and the ISD's. A solar project in the North end of the county is at or nearing completion.

Erath County Vaccination Center

The Vaccination Center, at the Bosque Shopping Centre has made a significant impact in the vaccinations to both Erath and area residents. Starting last week, the COVID-19 Vaccine was made available to all everyone eligible. The vaccine we have been getting (mostly Moderna brand) includes those 18 years of age or older. While the cases in the area have been trending down, anyone who wants the vaccine is encouraged to call the hotline (254) 459-5053 to make an appointment.

The Center began operating on January 27. Through the end of last week (4/1), the Center had provided 7,163 First Shots, and 3,343 individuals had received both 1st and 2nd doses. Volunteers have been a great help in delivering this service. A special thanks to all the Tarleton and Ranger College Nursing students who have spent countless hours at the Vaccination Center. Chief Chuck Elliott has done a great job coordinating the smooth operation of the Vaccination Center, a cooperative effort that has included City, County, Tarleton and Ranger College staff and numerous citizen volunteers.



The Employee Service Awards is something that we began with the new year. By virtue of their long service, employees and elected officials receive a service pin and congratulatory certificate noting their years of service to the county in five-year increments.

The service pin is a small Erath County Seal suitable for pinning on a tie or a lapel. Like the State Seal, it contains a lone star, and the oak and olive branches. 1856 signifies the year Erath County was formed from Bosque and Coryell Counties by George B. Erath, one of the original surveyors in the area. The longest-serving Erath County employee/Elected Official is Tax Assessor-Collector Jennifer Carey. Ms. Carey has served for more than 40 years. Congratulations!



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