

## Erath County Judge's Summary (October 4, 2021)

The Erath County Commissioner's Court meets in regular sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. Meeting notices (including special meetings), Agendas and Minutes are posted on the County website <https://www.co.erath.tx.us/agendacenter>

### Selected Agenda items from the September Commissioner's Court meetings:

- A Public Hearing was held on the Tax Rate. 11 non-county employees attended the meeting and several provided comments and asked questions to the Commissioner's Court.
- Approved an interlocal agreement with Somervell County to provide assistance of mutual benefit.
- Approved an agreement with the Texas Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE), a system that will automatically notify a crime victim of suspect/offender status and court event changes. . i.e. release, transfer, death or escape of a suspect/offender.
- It was approved to seek bids on construction of a 40x70 vehicle covering to house a SWAT vehicle and a command trailer.
- Employee payroll for the 2022 budget was approved.
- Elected official's salaries, expenses and other allowances were approved.
- The fiscal year 2022 Budget and 2022 Tax Rate were approved.
- The sale of a 2014 Chevy Tahoe was approved. The sale was for \$5,000 to the City of Dublin.
- It was agreed to continue to hold Commissioner's Court meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month. If a holiday, the Court would be held the following day (Tuesday).
- The Court was updated on the Radio Communications Project. We made a transition to the new radio system in early September. We still have some bugs to work out, but the coverage area has improved substantially. Staff will continue to address concerns, anyone that uses the county radio system (volunteer fire, ems, etc.) is encouraged to provide feedback.
- New Commissioner's Precinct lines were adopted. In a nutshell – Pct. 4 transfers some residents to Pct. 2. Pct's 1 and 3 remain the same. This was due to the 2020 Census changes in population.
- Approved participating with the City of Stephenville on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for a community electronics recycling event.
- Discussed and approved the contracts of several of the Erath County Volunteer Fire Departments.
- Two promotions from the Sheriff's Office were recognized:
  - Cameron Rice was promoted from Patrol Deputy to Investigator; and
  - Cody Cook was promoted from Jailer to Patrol Deputy.

The Erath County adopted budget for fiscal year 2022 is posted on the county website <https://www.co.erath.tx.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/137> .

The budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,058,763, which is a 4.94% increase. Of that amount \$330,791 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The new tax rate of .4355 is reduced by .0089 from last year rate of .4444. Included in the new budget is 3% allowance for employee pay raises, which were distributed by individual office holders.

#### *Did you know.....*

- In 1854 A.H. Dobkins founded the community of Dublin.
- Erath County was formed in 1856 and is named for George B. Erath, an early surveyor, a Texas Ranger, and a soldier at the Battle of San Jacinto!
- In 1856, John M. Stephen offered to donate land for a townsite which was named Stephenville.
- Duffau is listed as an unincorporated "ghost town" in Erath County.

*Fun Facts from Kiddle encyclopedia.*



Citizens are invited to attend and are welcome to address the Commissioner's Court by signing up to speak. Signing up to speak can be done at the meeting(s) just prior to the meeting being called to order. Arrive a few minutes early.

Please call me with any questions. Let me know how we can better serve you.

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

Regards,

Alfonso Campos – Erath County Judge



COVID Cases and hospitalizations are on a downward trend.

- Continue Social Distancing
- Wash Hands Often

We continue to monitoring cases daily.

- Active COVID Cases 9/30/2021 = 157

Erath County website will be updated WEEKLY:

<https://www.co.erath.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/1331/COVID-19-Erath-Co-Daily-Report-PDF>

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