

HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES



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AUGUST 3, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS \*
COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2021, IN THE HAYS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 111 E. SAN ANTONIO ST., SUITE 301, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN SPECIAL MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

RUBEN BECERRA COUNTY JUDGE
MARK JONES COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
LON A. SHELL COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS COUNTY CLERK

WITH COMMISSIONER DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE AND COMMISSIONER WALT SMITH BEING ABSENT AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Clerk's Note: For complete transcript go to Hays County Website
https://hayscountytexas.com/commissioners-court/court-video/
Transcript can be translated into any language through Google.com.

THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Becerra called the meeting to order.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET INCLUDING A PRESENTATION OF THE JUDGE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND THE SELECTION OF DATES FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS.

Judge Becerra spoke of the increase seen in COVID-19 cases within our county and the importance of vaccinating. He stated 44 hospital beds were in use by COVID patients. We are currently at 7.9% and once we reach 15%, we will have deleted use for elective surgeries. He thanked Anita Collins, Vickie Dorsett and Marisol Alonzo for their work and help to create a balanced budget that reaches a No New Revenue rate. Judge Becerra stated he is reducing the tax rate again this year to .3867; FY21 Adopted Rate was .4212. He reviewed some of the highlights of the recommended budget. There will be three budget workshops for the public to provide feedback on the draft budget scheduled for August 10 at 11:00 a.m., August 17 at 11:00 a.m. and August 24 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Shell stated that the No New Tax Rate, previously referred to as the Effective Tax Rate, does not mean that every individual's tax rate will be the same or lower; it will all be based on an average. He stated the other tax entities, including school districts, ESDs and municipalities, in Hays County have increased over the past 10 years, whereas Hays County has decreased. Commissioner Jones stated 42% - 43% of our budget is unfunded mandates. Vickie Dorsett stated the budget will be posted online as well as information regarding budget workshops. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Judge Becerra to adjourn court at 9:29 a.m.

I, ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS, COUNTY CLERK and EXOFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Hays County Commissioners' Court on August 3, 2021.

Elaine H. Cardenas

ELAINE H. CÁRDENAS, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

