



County Judge Ruben Becerra
DIRECTOR

Date: August 3, 2021

To: Elected Officials
Department Heads

Re: FY 2022 Budget as Recommended by the Hays County Judge

Dear Fellow Public Servants,

The FY 2022 County Judge's Recommended Budget was presented to Commissioners Court today and is now available for review in NWS.

As our County continues to face the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have recommended a lean budget that focuses on core essential services with a **no new revenue tax rate** to offer tax relief to our citizens at this critical time. It was a difficult road to reduce the tax rate. Reductions to operating budgets and reducing any requested staffing changes were needed to help balance the budget.

As a result, I am asking all Elected Officials and Department Heads to work within a similar operating budget next year but have allowed a 2% COLA for all employees and Department Heads. I have also included technology updates as requested by IT and the Treasurer's Office; a new countywide phone system and a new timekeeping system are necessary to replace systems that are no longer supported.

The County Commissioners Court as a whole, will now review my balanced budget and any final changes will be made prior to voting on a proposed budget on August 24th. The final adoption will be made on September 21st. Please contact Vickie Dorsett in the Auditor's Office should you have any questions regarding your FY22 Recommended Budget or if you would like to schedule a budget workshop with the Court.

I want to thank all our County employees who continue to step up during this unprecedented time and serve our citizens. We are a united front and will continue to work through this challenge together.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ruben Becerra".

Ruben Becerra
Hays County Judge