

# JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

**Christopher Boedeker**  
County Judge

**Rick Bailey**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 1

**Kenny Howell**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 2

**Mike White**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 3

**Larry Woolley**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 4

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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF  
THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM. 201  
2 N. MAIN ST. CLEBURNE, TEXAS 76033  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 - 9:00 AM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

**BE IT KNOWN** that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, met in Special Session at the Johnson County Courthouse thereof, in the City of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. The following items, having been lawfully posted and filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk on August 31, 2023, at 11:11 A.M., were considered:

## **WORKSHOP**

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 9:01 A.M. to discuss WS1.

### **WS1. Discussion of Budget and Tax Rate**

Judge Boedeker read the following changes made to the Johnson County FY 2023-2024 Budget since the proposed budget was approved and filed into court record:

1. The Sheriff's travel allowance was removed.
2. The Court voted to approve a \$600.00 increase in pay to all employee salaries and adjust the fringe.

Judge Boedeker stated that the increase will not take place for any elected official because elected officials' salaries were required to be posted ten days prior to today's meeting and the change was made eight days ago. The Judge also noted that the Auditor was also excluded from the increase by Judge Bosworth's prior order.

3. There were changes made to budgeted line items for the County Court at Law No. 1, County Court at Law No. 2, and the District Courts from the request from the Auditor's Office but there is no change to the total budget from any of those numbers.
4. Reclassifying District Clerk Positions F31-001, F30-011, F03-023, and F02-103 as approved after the Executive Session during the last Court Session.
5. Making changes to the FY24 Classification Plan.
6. Minor updates to the life and vision insurance increasing from \$65.00 to \$69.00.
7. Movement of Truancy Case Manager to JP3 as presented by Judge Nolan.

Judge Boedeker commented that due to an oversight, Comm. Woolley and Comm. White are not eligible to receive a cellphone allowance next year as intended because it was not posted in the newspaper.

**WS2. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Workshop Session**

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 9:10 A.M. to take action on WS1.

**WS1. Discussion of Budget and Tax Rate**

**MOTION** by Judge Boedeker, seconded by Comm. White, to approve the changes that were just listed and include those in the approved budget.

Comm. Woolley asked if that was in addition to Judge Nolan's.

Judge Boedeker answered yes, and stated for the record that was regarding the Sheriff's Travel Allowance, the \$600.00 pay increase for employees only, the changes within budgeted line items for the County Court at Law No. 1, County Court at Law No. 2, and the District Courts, reclassifying several District Clerk positions, updating the FY24 Classification Plan, updating life and vision insurance costs, cellphone allowance for two Commissioners, and the Truancy Case Manager being moved to JP3, and that he would move that we approve those as a part of the proposed budget.

Comm. White. stated that he would second.

Public Works Director Jennifer VanderLaan asked for confirmation that the planner position that was requested by Public Works was withdrawn.

Budget Coordinator Rexann Knowles stated that the position was removed.

Judge Boedeker asked if the position was removed prior to the proposed budget being filed and posted online.

Mrs. Knowles stated that she did not recall.

Judge Boedeker stated that they would make sure that the request was included. He commented that there was a request by Public Works to create a Planner Position and fund that at a higher level than an existing position. Judge Boedeker stated that the request had been withdrawn and that the proposed budget does reflect that the position was withdrawn.

The Judge asked Comm. White if he still seconded the motion.

Comm. White answered that he did.

All voted aye; motion carried.

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 9:12 A.M. to continue discussion of WS1.

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 9:24 A.M. and moved directly into a Public Hearing.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**PH1.** Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

There being no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:25 A.M.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**A1.** Consider and Approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024-County Judge's Office

**MOTION** by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Bailey, that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Johnson County that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$4,127,169.00 or 6.24 percent be approved.

All voted aye; motion carried.

Comm. Bailey stepped out of the meeting at 9:27 A.M.

**A2.** Consider and Approve **Order 2023-69** – “Order Approving Johnson County Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024”-County Judge’s Office

Judge commented, so that the record is clear, that Comm. Bailey did vote on item A1 as he was walking behind him and that the vote was unanimous.

Comm. Bailey returned to the meeting at 9:29 A.M.

**MOTION** by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Bailey, that the Commissioners Court approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Johnson County that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by \$4,127,169.00 or 6.24 percent and approve **Order 2023-69**.

Comm. Bailey	aye
Comm. Howell	aye
Judge Boedeker	aye
Comm. White	aye
Comm. Woolley	aye

Motion carried.

**A3.** Consider and Approve **Order 2023-70** – “Order Ratifying Property Tax Increase for the 2023 Tax Year”-County Judge’s Office

**MOTION** by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Bailey, that the Commissioners Court ratify the property tax increase for the 2023 Tax Year reflected in the annual budget for Johnson County for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and approve **Order 2023-70**.

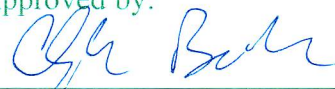
Comm. Bailey	aye
Comm. Howell	aye
Judge Boedeker	aye
Comm. White	aye
Comm. Woolley	aye

Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the Commissioners Court adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

Approved by:




Christopher Boedeker, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON §

I, April Long, Johnson County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for September 5, 2023.



**FILED & RECORDED**  
**September 25, 2023**  
**Commissioner Court Minutes**

  
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April Long, County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Johnson County, Texas