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AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

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Date: _____

Meeting Date: 8/10/2026

Submitted By: Auditor's Office

Department: _____

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

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Court Decision:
This section to be completed by County Judge's Office



8.10.2026

Description:

Consider and Approve District Judges' Order Establishing Salaries for the County Auditor's Office; County Auditor's Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and Judges' Order Establishing Salaries for Court Reporters for Fiscal Year 2026-2027-Auditor's Office

Motion to Exclude Auditor's Budget from Agenda Item

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: _____

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) ☑ PUBLIC ☐ CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: _____ minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

☐ Action Item ☑ Consent ☐ Workshop ☐ Executive ☐ Public Announcement

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

☐ County Attorney ☐ IT ☐ Purchasing ☐ Auditor

☐ Personnel ☐ Development Services ☐ Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents In Your Submission Email

Approved in CC on 9/11/2023

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JUL 28 2026
DEAN A. SULLIVAN
DISTRICT CLERK – JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY _____ DEPUTY

IN RE: COUNTY AUDITOR § IN THE 18TH, 249TH, AND 413TH

AND ASSISTANTS § JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS

JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS § JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

9:11 A.M. FILED P.M.
JUL 28 2026
DEAN A. SULLIVAN
DISTRICT CLERK, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY _____ DEPUTY

ORDER ESTABLISHING SALARIES

Pursuant to, and with authority therefrom, of the provisions of Section 152.031 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, we are hereby setting the auditor's annual salary, travel expenses and other allowances as follows:

County Auditor, Steven E. Watson, annual salary of $205,000 travel allowance of $6,000, and cell phone allowance of $960.

Pursuant to, and with authority therefrom, of the provisions of Section 84.021 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, we are hereby making the following annual salary budget adjustments to the assistants of the County Auditor's Office as follows:

Assistant Auditor, First Assistant, Jennifer Lyon, annual salary of $140,750;

Assistant Auditor, Director of Financial Management, Barbara Abdalla, annual salary of $111,664 and bilingual supplement of $600;

Assistant Auditor, Technology and Project Manager, Mark Graham, annual salary of $105,300; and cell phone allowance of $480;

Assistant Auditor, Senior Accountant, Laura Darby, annual salary of $85,721;

Assistant Auditor, Senior Accountant, Melissa Elvsaas, annual salary of $85,721;

Assistant Auditor, Accountant I, Kelsey Giddens, annual salary of $75,192;

Assistant Auditor, Accountant I, Vernita Luke, annual salary of $75,192;

Assistant Auditor, Accounting Specialist, Savannah Rhodes, annual salary of $62,522;

Assistant Auditor, Accounts Payable Auditor, Patrick Tarin, annual salary of $62,522;

Assistant Auditor, Accounts Payable Auditor, Michelle Hofstetter, annual salary of $62,522;

Assistant Auditor, Audit Manager, Kathy Rice, annual salary of $105,300;

Assistant Auditor, Senior Internal Auditor, Ricardo Ocegueda, annual salary of $85,721;

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Assistant Auditor, Internal Auditor, Carter Staats, annual salary of $75,192;

Assistant Auditor, Internal Auditor (Vacant), annual salary of $75,192

The above salaries are to be paid in equal bi-weekly installments out of the General Fund of Johnson County, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2027.

Assistant Auditor, Accountant I, Angelica Villagomez, annual salary of $75,192

The above salary is to be paid in equal bi-weekly installments out of the Healthcare Fund of Johnson County, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2027.

In addition to the salaries listed above, the assistant county auditors shall receive the same salary increase and/or additional salary payment, authorized by Commissioners Court, to be paid Johnson County Employees for the ensuing fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the above listed salaries and any potential salary increase authorized by the Commissioners Court, the County Auditor is hereby authorized and has the discretion to determine and set the total salary to be paid each assistant at an amount less than the annual salary amount provided for in this Order.

Entered this 28 Day of July, 2026.

Sydney Hewlett, District Judge
18th Judicial District

Tiffany Strother, District Judge
249th Judicial District

William C. Bosworth, Jr., District Judge
413th Judicial District
Local Administrative District Judge

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STATE OF TEXAS – COUNTY OF JOHNSON
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COURT REPORTERS)(
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IN THE 18TH, 249TH, AND 413TH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS
AND COUNTY COURTS AT LAW
NOS. 1 AND 2
JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER ESTABLISHING SALARIES

Pursuant to, and with authority therefrom, of the provisions of Chapter 152.905 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, we are hereby making the following annual salary adjustments:

Court Reporter, 18th District Court, annual salary of $124,586*
Court Reporter, 249th District Court, annual salary of $124,586*
Court Reporter, 413th District Court, annual salary of $124,586*
Court Reporter, County Court at Law No. 1, annual salary of $124,586*
Court Reporter, County Court at Law No. 2, annual salary of $124,586*
Court Reporter, Child Protection Court & Sub, annual salary of $124,586*

*The above salaries are to be paid in equal bi-weekly installments out of the General Fund of Johnson County, Texas, effective October 1, 2026. In addition to the salaries listed above, the court reporters shall receive the same salary increase and/or additional salary payment, authorized by Commissioners Court, to be paid Johnson County Employees for the ensuing fiscal year

Entered this 28 day of July, 2026.

Sydney Hewlett, District Judge
18th Judicial District

John Neill, Judge
County Court at Law No. 1

Tiffany Strother, District Judge
249th Judicial District

Steven McClure, Judge
County Court at Law No. 2

William C. Bosworth, Jr., District Judge
413th Judicial District and Local Administrative Judge

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