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

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM. 201
2 N. MAIN ST. CLEBURNE, TEXAS 76033
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT KNOWN that on the 8th day of September 2026, 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 September 1, 2026, at 9:59 A.M., were considered:

Judge Boedeker stated for the record that all Members of the Commissioners Court were present, along with other elected officials and department heads, for today's meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Members of the public who sign up prior to the beginning of the meeting will have 3 minutes to address the Court on any matter, whether or not the item is posted on the agenda. The Court is not permitted to respond or take action during this time. Speakers are subject to the Rules of Decorum posted on the County website and posted outside the Commissioners Courtroom.

NONE.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

BT1. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Judge Boedeker opened the Public Hearing at 9:01 A.M.

There being no one to speak, Judge Boedeker closed the Public Hearing at 9:01 A.M.

BT2. Consider and Approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, Including Amendments Made After Filing Proposed Budget

Judge Boedeker presented the amendments that were made after the filing of the proposed budget. At Comm. Bailey's request, Judge Boedeker noted that utility costs are a $1.4 million annual expense.

Comm. Woolley presented the amendments related to Road and Bridge.

Judge Boedeker continued his presentation.

Comm. White stepped out of the meeting at 9:25 A.M. and returned at 9:26 A.M.

Comm. Woolley stepped out of the meeting at 9:53 A.M. and returned at 9:55 A.M.

MOTION by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Woolley, that the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for Johnson County that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by $12,316,478.00 or 14.29 percent, be approved.

All voted aye; motion carried.

BT3. Consider and Approve **Order 2026-86** – "Order Approving Johnson County Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027"

MOTION by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Woolley, that the Commissioners Court approve the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for Johnson County that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by $12,316,478.00 or 14.29 percent and approve **Order 2026-86**.

Commissioner Rick Bailey	aye
Commissioner Kenny Howell	aye
Commissioner Mike White	aye
Commissioner Larry Woolley	aye
Judge Christopher Boedeker	aye

Motion carried.

Comm. Bailey commented on the numbers that had to be read into the minutes regarding the $7 million increase and another $5 million for indigent health, which the county has no choice in. He added that there is also $1.5 to $2 million for ambulance services for the residents.

Judge Boedeker echoed Comm. Bailey's comments and stated that all the public safety items, totaling approximately 90 million dollars for those expenditures, are very close to the county's total tax revenue for the year and that if you got rid of all those things required by the State, they could quite nearly eliminate property taxes.

BT4. Consider and Approve **Order 2026-87** – "Order Ratifying Property Tax Increase for the 2026 Tax Year"

MOTION by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Woolley, that the Commissioners Court ratify the property tax increase for the 2026 Tax Year reflected in the Annual Budget for Johnson County for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and approve Order 2026-87.

Commissioner Rick Bailey	aye
Commissioner Kenny Howell	aye
Commissioner Mike White	aye
Commissioner Larry Woolley	aye
Judge Christopher Boedeker	aye

Motion carried.

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

Taxpayer Impact Statement, Tax Year 2026

Average Taxable Value of Homesteads	Current Tax Bill	Proposed Tax Bill	Tax Bill at No New Revenue Rate	Tax Bill at Voter Approval Rate
$288,069 (2025); $295,102 (2026)	$ 1,121.38	$ 1,230.58	$ 1,117.91	$ 1,244.82
Provided by Tax Assessor-Collector				
Tax Year 2025 Average Homestead Taxable Value	$ 288,069			
Tax Year 2026 Average Homestead Taxable Value	$ 295,102			
Tax Year 2025 Total Rate	0.00389276	$0.389276/$100 value		
Tax Year 2026 Total Rate	0.00417000	$0.417000/$100 value		
Tax Year 2026 No New Revenue Rate, Per Tax Assessor	0.00378820	$0.37882/$100 value		
Tax Year 2026 Voter Approval Rate, Per Tax Assessor	0.00421828	$0.421828/$100 value		

Judge Boedeker stated that this was added during the last legislative session and is a mandatory posting on the agenda. He noted that the Court is not adopting a tax rate at the voter approval rate.

ACTION ITEMS

A1. Consider and Approve to Pay County Bills

County Auditor Steve Watson presented.

MOTION by Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. White, to approve as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners Court convened into Closed Executive Session at 10:03 A.M. to discuss ES1.

ES1. Government Code: *Section 551.072*, Deliberation About Real Property, Real Property Adjacent to Precinct 4 Maintenance Facility, Tax Account Numbers 126.0207.00130 and 126.0207.00120

ES2. Reconvene into Open Session for Potential Action Resulting from Executive Session

The Commissioners Court reconvened into Open Session at 10:33 A.M. to take action on ES1.

ES1. Government Code: *Section 551.072*, Deliberation About Real Property, Real Property Adjacent to Precinct 4 Maintenance Facility, Tax Account Numbers 126.0207.00130 and 126.0207.00120

NO ACTION.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Commissioners Court adjourned at 10:33 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 8, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS COURT JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

FILED & RECORDED
September 28, 2026
Commissioners Court Minutes

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