

STATE OF TEXAS

AUGUST 5, 2019

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

COMMISSIONERS COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on the 5th day of August, 2019, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, met in Special Session at the 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, and the following items, having been lawfully posted and filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk on August 1, 2019 at 1:03 P.M., were considered.

County Judge, Roger Harmon addressed the Court to comment about the complaints received from the public about property valuations. The Judge stated that the Johnson County Commissioners Court does not control the Central Appraisal District and that the basic control of the Appraisal District comes from the State Comptroller's Office. The Judge went on to comment that in his 25 years the Court has always been responsible, and with the County experiencing a tremendous amount of growth, the goal for this budget year is to lower the tax rate substantially.

Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Woolley also commented and agreed with the thoughts to reduce the debt rate; which would in turn decrease the tax rate for citizens. Commissioner Woolley also urged the other taxing entities to look at their budgets and see what they could trim to help the citizens.

County Auditor, Kirk Kirkpatrick addressed the Court to explain the comparison of the tax rates had the 3.5% tax cap been mandated for the upcoming budget year.

Commissioner Stringer addressed the Court to recommend that the Court look at the current employees first, instead of individual line items. Also, he asked if the Court could look at ending all maintenance contracts in the County.

County Extension Agent, Kristen Clark addressed the Court to present her proposed budget for FY 2019-2020.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET WORKSHOP ITEMS

No Action.

**II. WORKSHOP**

The Commissioners Court convened into Workshop Session at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the Budget and Tax Rate.


The Commissioners Court recessed at 11:59 A.M. and reconvened at 1:33 P.M. to continue the Workshop discussion.

The Commissioners Court recessed at 4:43 P.M. and reconvened at 9:02 A.M. Tuesday, August 6, 2019 to continue the Workshop discussion.

The Commissioners Court recessed at 10:05 A.M. and reconvened at 10:20 A.M. to continue the Workshop discussion.

The Commissioners Court recessed at 11:17 A.M. and reconvened at 1:34 P.M. to continue the Workshop discussion.

There being no further business before the Court concerning this agenda, Commissioners Court adjourned at 2:54 P.M.

Approved by:   
Roger Harmon, County Judge

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I, Becky Ivey, Johnson County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for August 5, 2019.



**FILED & RECORDED**  
**August 26, 2019**  
**Commissioner Court Minutes**



**Becky Ivey, County Clerk**  
**Clerk of Commissioner's Court**  
**Johnson County, Texas**