

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FANNIN**

**IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

On this 25th day of August, 2014 the Fannin County Commissioners Court met in a Special Meeting after public notice was posted on the 21st day of August 2014 at 2:38 p.m. with the following members being present:

Creta L. Carter II	County Judge
Gary Whitlock	Commissioner, Precinct 1
Stan Barker	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Jerry Magness	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Dean Lackey	Commissioner, Precinct 4

The following business was transacted to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ITEM 1. TO ATTEND PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE - IN COUNTY COURT-ROOM, FANNIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE BONHAM, TEXAS - REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL IN THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR BY 2.058319 PERCENT (PERCENTAGE BY WHICH PROPOSED TAX RATE EXCEEDS LOWER OF ROLLBACK TAX RATE OR EFFECTIVE TAX CALCULATED UNDER CHAPTER 26, TAX CODE). YOUR INDIVIDUAL TAXES MAY INCREASE AT A GREATER OR LESSER RATE, OR EVEN DECREASE, DEPENDING ON THE CHANGE IN THE TAXABLE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY IN RELATION TO THE CHANGE IN TAXABLE VALUE OF ALL OTHER PROPERTY AND THE TAX RATE THAT IS ADOPTED.

Mr. Norman Lance recommended the commissioners make every effort to keep taxes as low as possible and consider cutting taxes; an assumption is made that with debt paid off there is no interest payments being made.

Judge Carter answered in the affirmative. Mr. Lance stated the debt payoff is an accomplishment and a tax break to the tax payers is hoped for.

Mr. Lance asked what the cause is of the \$152,000 budget increase.

Judge Carter stated the bulk of the increase is due to a 3% employee salary increase and 5.6% health insurance increase. Mr. Lance asked if the employees pay for a portion of the increase in health insurance.

Scott Dyer, Auditor stated the employees pay for any family members, the County pays for the employee's benefits; Mr. Lance stated the tax payer then pays for the increase in costs for health insurance. Commissioner Barker stated the tax payer does not pay 'extra taxes' as the tax rate has

not increased; the tax evaluation has gone up. Mr. Lance stated \$53,000 will come from existing properties.

Mr. Lance asked if the 3% wage increase is given annually; Commissioner Barker stated for the past 11 years that has been the case. Mr. Lance recommended the Court reconsider the annual increase particularly in years such as this with a large increase in health insurance costs.

Mr. Lance stated the Court is mostly made up of Republican Party members, that party supports lower taxes and limited government and that is what is expected.

ITEM 2. ADJOURN

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

Adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The above and foregoing represents true and correct minutes of the Fannin County Commissioner's Court meeting in Special Session the 25th day of August, 2014.

(LGC 81.003)
ATTEST:



Tammy Biggar
Fannin County Clerk

