

On this the 24th day of October, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. came on to be held a **SPECIAL** meeting of the Ector County Commissioners' Court at **South Ector Community Center, 4455 W. Apple, Odessa, Texas** with the following members present:

Debi Hays, County Judge
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2
Dale Childers, Commissioner Precinct #3
Armando Rodriguez, Commissioner Precinct #4
Minutes taken by Jennifer Martin, Chief Deputy County Clerk

A quorum of the court was present for the meeting however this was an informal meeting with no official action to be taken up for consideration by the court.

1. To consider and discuss all matters and issues related to the formation, purpose, and taxing authority of a proposed county assistance district for Ector County (authorized by Chapter 387 of the Texas Local Government Code).

Debi Hays – County Judge

This meeting is open to the public, and the public is invited to attend and make public comments and provide input to the Ector County Commissioners Court.

Judge Hays provided information related the formation of the Ector County Assistance District and the upcoming election scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The election for the establishment of the district is limited to those voters living within the district which includes all portions of Ector County outside or beyond any of the incorporated municipalities in Ector County. Judge Hays explained there would be no increase in ad valorem property taxes as a result of the creation of the district. Judge Hays described the tax as a consumption / sales tax. She stated that the current sales tax rate is 7% and if approved the sales tax rate would increase to 8.25%. Judge Hays provided examples of the sales tax for purchases within the city limits and explained that if the county assistance district was approved by voters the sales tax would be equal to the tax already being paid by citizens for purchases within the city limits.

Judge Hays went on to provide information on the limitations for the use of the sales tax revenue. The revenue raised as a result of the 1.25% increase in sales tax can only be used within the district and for projects approved by law. Chapter 387 of the Texas Local Government Code provides specific information on County Assistance Districts.

Following Judge Hays' opening comments, the meeting was opened up for comments and for a question and answer session. Judge Hays introduced and recognized the Ector County Employees attending the meeting. Those attending included the following:

- Sheriff Mike Griffis and Sheriff's Department staff members
- Evans Kessey, Director of the Highways and Streets Department
- David Peck, Projects Manager with the Public Works Department
- Ricky George, Environmental Enforcement Officer

- Gena Arroyo, County Judge's Administrative Assistant
- Donna Moffett, County Judge's Court Administrator
- Debbie Clay, Commissioners Court Administrative Assistant
- Jennifer Martin, Chief Deputy County Clerk
- Liliana Grajeda, Assistant Chief Deputy County Clerk

Arlo Chavira, PAC Chairman for Citizens for Ector County attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the question and answer session.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ECTOR

I, Linda Haney, County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court Proceedings for the Special Commissioners' Court meeting of October 24, 2018.



Linda Haney

**COUNTY CLERK
ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS**