

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
YOUNG COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled meeting of the Young County Commissioners Court will be held on MONDAY – August 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the courtroom of the Young County Court, Young County Courthouse, 516 Fourth Street, Room 106, Graham, Texas, for the purpose of discussing and taking any necessary action on the below identified matters.

Agenda Topics

ITEM NO. 1. Call to order - All stand if convenient.

THEN, County Judge, Edwin “Win” S Graham IV, called the meeting to order and made note that all Commissioners were present and that the meeting had been posted in the manor and for the time required. Commissioner’s Court was streaming and will be available on You Tube.

ITEM NO. 2. Invocation was given by Commissioner Jimmy Wiley followed by the U.S. Pledge and Texas Pledge (**Honor the Texas Flag, I pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State Under God, One and Indivisible**).

ITEM NO. 3. “PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE”
AS REQUIRED BY TRUTH IN TAXATION

A tax rate of \$.587674 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Young County. This rate does not exceed the lower of the No-New-Revenue or Voter-Approval tax rates. However, state law requires that a public hearing be held by the governing body before a budget may be adopted or vote may be taken on the proposed tax rate.

A hearing to formally adopt the budget and set the tax rates for maintenance and operation and for debt service has been set in the manner and time as required by Truth-in-Taxation, Texas Government Code, Chapter 26 and Local Government Code, Chapter 111, for August 21, 2023 @ 9:30 AM in the Young County Courtroom, Room 106, Graham, Texas.

Announcement calculation of the Tax Rates for Young County, Texas, were completed August 7, 2023, as follows:

Proposed Tax Rate	.650652
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate	.544013
Voter Approval Rate	.779355

COUNTY JUDGE EDWIN “WIN” S GRAHAM IV ADDRESSED THE PUBLIC AS FOLLOWS.

Thank you for allowing us to present our proposed budget today. The Commissioners, County Auditor and I worked very hard to craft the budget that we are presenting today. We formally started this project on June 5th and met weekly over this 78-day period. Although, the commissioners and I met weekly, special thanks goes out to our auditor Cheryl Roberts. She worked on this daily. You can’t imagine the amount of work she put into this process. Thank you, Cheryl.

I am also so thankful for all the other elected officials in Young County who also took this process seriously and worked with us to craft the budgets for their departments. This was truly a group effort.

Our budget has a proposed tax rate is .587674 (compared to last year's rate of .587609).
The Voter Approval Rate is .779356.
The No New Revenue Rate is .544013

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$562,945, which is an 8% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$209,507.

Major Sources of Revenue for this budget are:

\$7.6mm	Property Taxes
\$1.7mm	Sales Taxes
\$1.2mm	Green Energy Reinvestment Zones and Abatements
\$1.0mm	Reinvestment of County Reserves
\$0.5mm	SB22 Sherriff/Criminal Justice Grants

The most expensive item added to this budget was a 5% raise in salaries for our employees. Additionally, we are planning on finishing out our new courthouse annex on 417 Second Street and making some much-needed updates to our 91-year-old courthouse. We are making an investment in upgrading our Sherriff Office's equipment and vehicles. Also, we have budgeted capital improvement for the Young County Arena and added to the Emergency Management budget primarily for the fighting of wildfires.

A lot of work went into this budget and I hope you will be as proud of it as we are.

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 9:36 AM.

ITEM NO. 4. Discuss/Consider adopting the Young County Budget to become effective upon October 1, 2023 for the 2023/2024 Budget Year.

NEXT: I, Edwin "Win" S Graham IV, move to adopt this budget of Young County Texas as presented this 21st day of August, 2023 and to become effective upon October 1st, 2023 for the 2023/2024 Budget Year. This Budget has an M&O tax rate of .587674, a debt tax rate of 0. A No New Revenue Rate of .544013 and a Voter Approval Rate of .779356. for the Year of FY2024; Outlined in Exhibit "A". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Willey and carried unanimously by vote 5-0.

ITEM NO. 5. Discuss/Consider an Order Ratifying a Tax Increase and Adopting a Tax Rate for the 2023/2024 Budget Year.

NEXT: I, Edwin "Win" S Graham IV, move that this budget will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year and thus the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .58764. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 8.026 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES ON

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MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$80.26. This tax rate will raise more revenue form property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$562,945 and the property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$209,507. Outlined in Exhibit "B". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacy Creswell and carried unanimously by vote 5-0.

ITEM NO. 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS-NO ACTION ITEM(S).

[Public comments, announcements and presentations will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes, unless a member of the court requests additional time for the presenter. Any handout materials required must be reproduced and furnished by the presenter.]

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM NO. 7. Discuss/Consider County Clerk Minutes from Previous Meeting-August 14, 2023

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 14, 2023 as presented by Ann Ford, County Clerk; Outlined in Exhibit "C". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Shook and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 8. Consider Treasurers Financial Report/Updates on Securities Pledged
NONE SUBMITTED**

ITEM NO. 9. Consider Auditors Budget Amendments / Vouchers Payable

NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve vouchers for FY2023; presented by County Auditor Cheryl Roberts in the amount of \$25,447.04 and that \$9,981.92 was taken from the General Fund; Outlined in Exhibit "D". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacey K Rogers and carried 5-0.

ITEM NO. 10. Discuss/Consider Komatsu Architecture & Historical Commission's presentation of Komatsu Architecture's Structural Assessment & Architectural Report concerning the 1921 Jail.

MOVED TO NEXT WEEKS AGENDA

ITEM NO. 11. Discuss/Consider invoice from Komatsu Architecture Concerning the 1921 Jail.

MOVED TO NEXT WEEKS AGENDA

**ITEM NO. 12. Discuss/Consider Burn Restrictions.
NO ACTION TAKEN**

ITEM NO. 13. Budget Workshop-Any Matter Pertaining to Budget— (If needed)

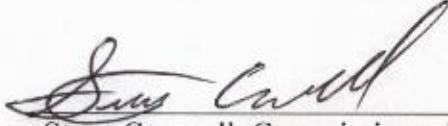
NEXT, County Judge Edwin "Win" S Graham IV made a motion to cancel any budget workshop. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Willey and carried 5-0.

ITEM NO. 14. Adjourn/Recess.

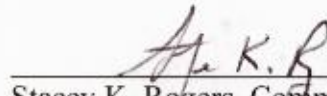
NEXT, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to adjourn; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Shook and carried 5-0.



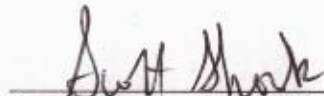
Edwin "Win" S. Graham IV, County Judge



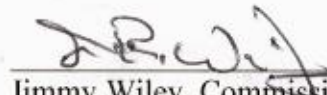
Stacy Creswell, Commissioner Pct. #1



Stacey K. Rogers, Commissioner Pct. #3



Scott Shook, Commissioner Pct. #2



Jimmy Wiley, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTESTED BY:



Ann Ford, County Clerk