



POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

August 26, 2025

10:00 AM

2025 - 034

Polk County Regional Health Building

Suite A

Livingston, Texas

NOTICE

is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court will be held on the date stated above, at which time the following subjects will be discussed;

Agenda Topics

(Persons wishing to provide Public Comment must complete and submit a Public Participation Form to the County Clerk prior to the Call To Order).

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CALL TO ORDER * INVOCATION * PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2025 TAX RATE.

A tax rate of \$0.598600 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Polk County.

Proposed Tax Rate: \$0.598600 per \$100

No-New-Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.566070 per \$100

Voter-Approval Tax Rate: \$0.598659 per \$100

The No-New-Revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Polk County from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The Voter-Approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Polk County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the No-New-Revenue rate. This means that Polk County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the Voter-Approval rate. As a result, Polk County is not required to hold an election at which the voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Polk County Commissioners Court at their offices, or by attending this public meeting.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amounts = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Tatum White

Polk County Tax Assessor-Collector

416 N. Washington, Livingston, TX 77351

(936) 327-6801

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET.

Notice of Hearing was published in the Polk County Enterprise on August 14, 2025. A copy of the Proposed Budget was filed with the County Clerk for public inspection on August 14, 2025, and posted to the county website at <https://www.polktx.gov/upload/page/3552/FY2026%20Proposed%20Budget.pdf>. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,181,931 or 7.99 percent, and of that amount, \$843,237 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ADOPTION

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR FY2026.
4. VOTE TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED FY2026 BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED.
5. ADOPT THE FY2026 BUDGET.
6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING 2025 TAX RATE FOR POLK COUNTY (FY2026).
7. APPROVE CHANGES TO THE FY2026 PAY SCALE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This item is included to allow public comments on topics relating to the business of the county. In accordance with law, this Court cannot discuss, deliberate or take action on any item or topic not listed on this agenda. Public comments requesting or requiring action or deliberation may be scheduled on a future agenda. Each public comment will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes, unless a member of the Court requests additional time for the presenter. Any handout materials must be reproduced prior to the meeting and furnished by the presenter. **After the close of this portion of the Agenda, public comment for the remainder of the Court session is no longer appropriate or accepted unless specifically requested by a Member of the Court.**

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

This item is included on the Agenda to receive announcements from the Court members and/or other Elected Officials and Department Heads of Polk County.

OLD BUSINESS

8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON CONSTRUCTION BIDS RECEIVED ON THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED ROADS PROJECTS, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. GLO Contract No. 24-065-044-E536
 - B. GLO Contract No. 24-065-045-E537

NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA

(The items listed within the Consent Agenda are deemed to be of a routine nature and are not scheduled for individual consideration by the Commissioners Court. However, any member of the Court retains the option to remove any one or more items from the Consent Agenda and to have the item/s individually considered).

9. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: August 12, 2025 (Regular Session)
10. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS.
11. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING SURPLUS PROPERTY.
12. RECEIVE AND RECORD PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE LAST MEETING.
13. RECEIVE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 114.025.
14. RECEIVE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2025.
15. APPROVE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FY2026 INDIGENT DEFENSE FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION
16. ADOPT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN FY2026 EXPENDITURES (CAPITAL PURCHASES) TO BE INCURRED BY POLK COUNTY, TEXAS (REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION).
17. APPROVE ORDER ADOPTING PLAN REVIEW FEES FOR UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR FACILITIES.
18. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING REGULAR TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR FY2026.
19. APPROVE ORDER SETTING TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT
20. APPROVE ORDER OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025.
21. APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE ONE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2025, AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
22. APPROVE EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION, AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
23. AUTHORIZE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHELLY SITTON TO ENTER INTO A NON-TERMINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ONALASKA POLICE DEPARTMENT.
24. RATIFY CONTRACT WITH GARLAND DBS INC. FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE ADULT PROBATION CENTER.
25. RECEIVE GRANT AWARD AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT NUMBER C-00928 WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY VICTIM COORDINATOR AND LIAISON GRANT (VCLG)

PROGRAM FOR 2026-2027.

26. APPROVE USE OF \$2,096.32 FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL OUTLAY REPAIR/REPLACE IT EQUIPMENT (BUDGETED FUNDS) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FOUR BATTERY BACK UP AND ONE RACK MOUNT.

NEW BUSINESS - REGULAR AGENDA

27. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. PERSONNEL ACTION FORM REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS SINCE LAST MEETING AND REVIEW OF ANY AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY HIRING.
 - B. UPDATE TO PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BOOK 1.
28. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. FY2025 BUDGET REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE;
29. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE AND INCLUDED ON THE FY2026 REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR YEAR-END ISSUANCE OF LEGALLY AUTHORIZED DEBT, AS FOLLOWS;
 - A. PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR BY TOTAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS COMPANY AT THE POLK COUNTY JAIL, NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.
 - B. PURCHASE OF JAIL TRANSPORT 2025/26 STARCRAFT ALLSTAR XL 40' BUS THROUGH BUY BOARD PURCHASING COOPERATIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,653.
 - C. AFTER-MARKET EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY TEXAS FIRST RESPONSE SERVICES ON TWO LEASED VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,869.93.
 - D. AFTER MARKET EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY TEXAS FIRST RESPONSE SERVICES ON TWO LEASED VEHICLES FOR CONSTABLES PRECINCT 2 AND 3, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,397.30.
30. CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING ANNUAL BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF:
 - A. BID #2026-01.01 thru 01.08 : Precinct 1 Road Materials
 - B. BID #2026-02.01 thru 02.08 : Precinct 2 Road Materials
 - C. BID #2026-03.01 thru 03.08 : Precinct 3 Road Materials

- D. BID #2026-04.01 thru 04.08 : Precinct 4 Road Materials
 - E. BID #2026-05 : Bulk Purchase of Limestone Road Base
 - F. BID #2026-06 : Tires
 - G. BID #2026-07 : Oil, Grease, Gasoline & Diesel
 - H. BID #2026-08 : Pest Control Services
 - I. BID #2026-09 : Motor Grader Blades
 - J. BID #2026-10 : Material Hauling
31. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM PENWAUGH MARINA, LOCATED IN PRECINCT 2, FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE POLK COUNTY RV PARK REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS AT EXISTING SITES.

ADJOURN

I do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice in the Polk County Courthouse at a place readily accessible to the general public during normal business hours on Thursday, August 21, 2025, and that said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting. This notice has also been posted on the official website of Polk County, Texas (www.co.polk.tx.us).

Posted: AUGUST 21, 2025 at 2:30 PM

By: Sydney Murphy, County Judge

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sydney Murphy", is written over the printed name.