

COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: August 5, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.
BUILDING: Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom
STREET LOCATION: 400 Spring Street
CITY OF LOCATION: Columbus, Texas

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene in a closed meeting to discuss, deliberate and take action on any of the agenda items listed below. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chapter 551, which provides statutory authority, will be announced.

On this the 5th day August 2019, the Commissioners Court of Colorado County, Texas met in Special Session at 1:30 P.M., in their regular meeting place at the Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 400 Spring Street, in the City of Columbus, Texas.

The Following Members were present, to wit:

Honorable Ty Prause	County Judge
Honorable Doug Wessels	Commissioner Precinct #1
Honorable Darrell Kubesch	Commissioner Precinct #2
Honorable Tommy Hahn	Commissioner Precinct #3
Honorable Darrell Gertson	Commissioner Precinct #4
Honorable Kimberly Menke	County Clerk
By: Nancy Davenport	Deputy County Clerk

County Judge Ty Prause called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M., followed by Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag.

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

__1. Agenda as posted.

Motion by Commissioner Wessels to approve Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Kubesch; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried, it was so ordered.

(See Attachment)

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KIMBERLY MENKE
COUNTY CLERK

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DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1. Agenda as posted.
- 2. Public comments.
- 3. Adopt a burn ban to restrict outdoor burning pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 352.081(c)(1) or (c)(2) for up to 90 days.
- 4. Budget Workshop and receive and consider recommendation of Salary Committee for Budget Year 2020.
- 5. Establish a tax rate for 2019 to fund the 2020 Budget.
- 6. Set dates for public hearings to adopt a tax rate for 2019 to fund the 2020 Budget.
- 7. Adjourn.

The Colorado County Courthouse is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available.

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 2. Public comments.

Judge Prause informed (1) Public Comment Rules Form was completed by Jeff Wamic, and also present with Jeff was Tyler Barnes with Sustainable Pavement Technologies.

Jeff introduced himself and Tyler, and thanked the Court for giving him time to visit this morning. He handed out brochures of their product which is a mix of recycled asphalt material which eliminates dust and extends the life of gravel roads, which there are a lot of gravel roads in Colorado County.

(See Attachment)

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Colorado County Commissioners' Court

Public Comment Rules

1. Citizens wishing to speak must sign in on the bottom of this sheet.
2. Public comment will be limited to five (5) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes per agenda item.
3. Citizens will be allowed to address only items that are on the agenda and as indicated on the bottom of this sheet. A separate sheet must be filled out for each agenda item to be discussed.
4. All comments must be addressed to the Commissioners' Court.
5. The Court may make a request for information from the floor on an "as needed" basis, as determined by the Judge or a Commissioner.
6. The Judge (or Judge pro tem) has full and final authority to amend or terminate any of the above.

Please remember that this is an "Open Public Meeting" and not a "Public Hearing". Very specific rules apply to each.

Public Participation Form

Name (please print) Jeff Wanic, Tyler Barnes - Sustainable Pavement Technologies


Which agenda item do you wish to address? 2

In general, are you for or against this agenda item? For Against

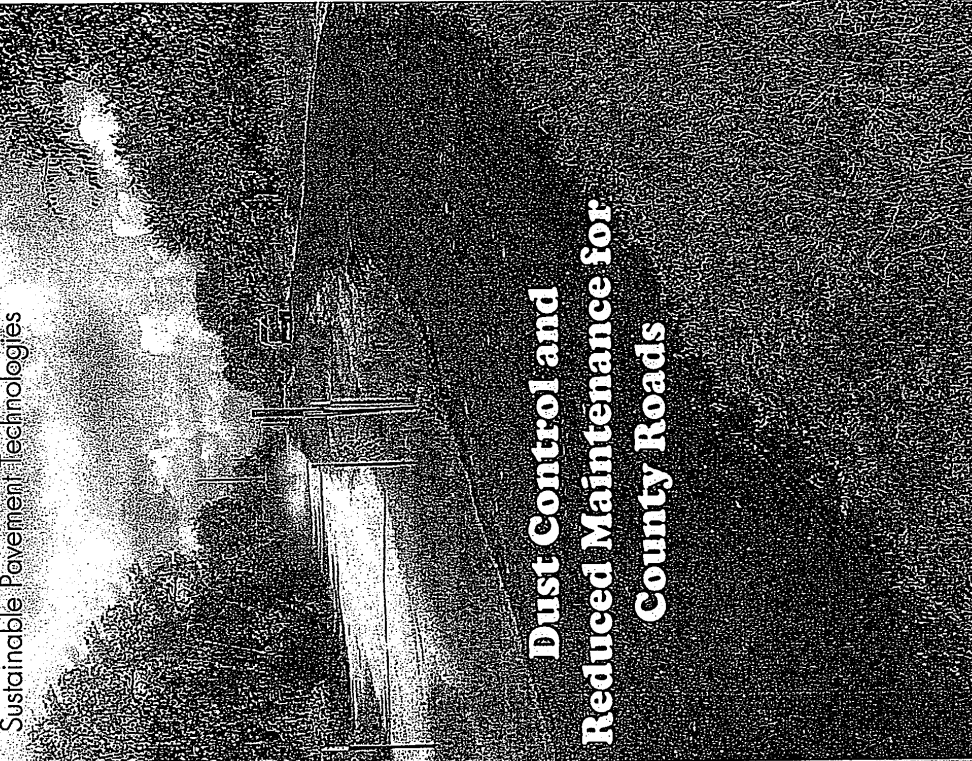
Signature Jeff Wanic

Note: This form must be presented to the County Clerk (or assistant) prior to the time that the agenda item you wish to address is discussed before the Court.


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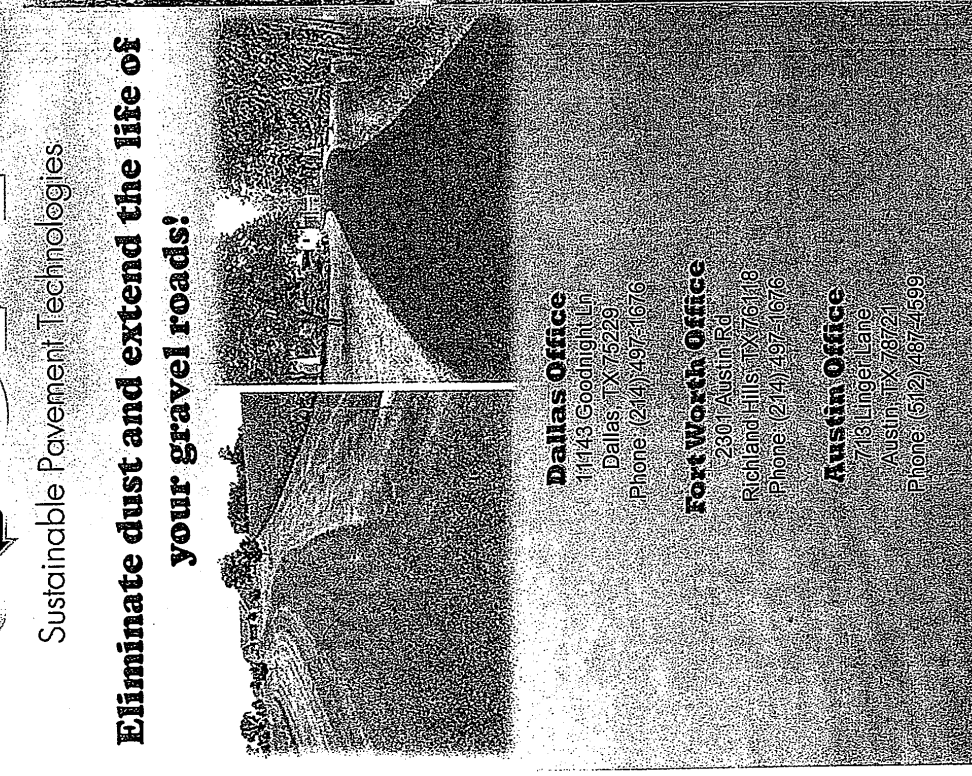


**Dust Control and
Reduced Maintenance for
County Roads**



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**Eliminate dust and extend the life of
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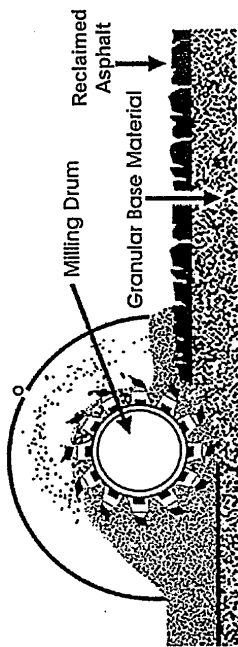
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Benefits of SPT's Reclaimed Asphalt

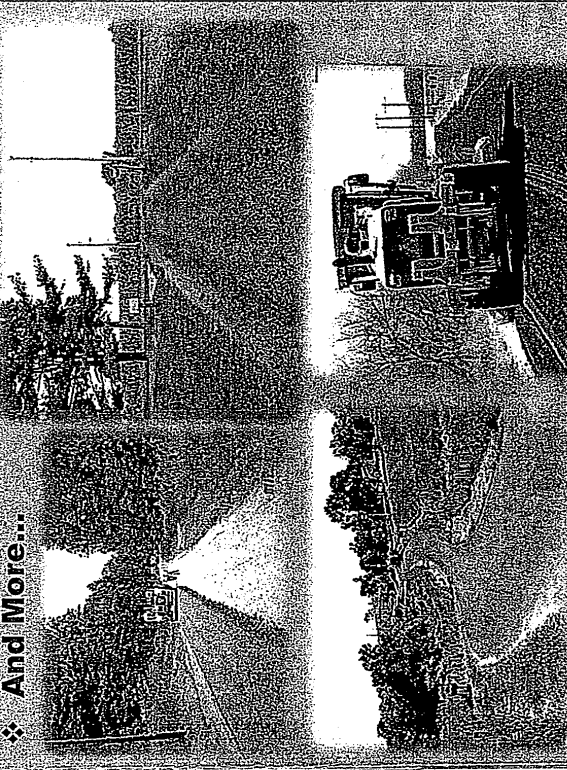
Our reclaimed asphalt pavement process offers you benefits including:

- ❖ **Reduced Cost** — Since our process utilizes recycled asphalt and the gravel from existing road surfaces, costs can be greatly reduced when compared to other alternatives.
- ❖ **Dust Control** — Our reclaimed asphalt suppresses dust through its high binding characteristics and reduced fines content - virtually eliminating dust on the roadway. Several state DOT studies have confirmed long-term dust suppression performance when compared to traditional gravel roads.
- ❖ **Reduced Long-Term Maintenance** — Our reclamation process provides a more durable road surface, greatly reducing the need for short and long-term maintenance intervals on your road or parking lot. County road personnel have reported reclaimed asphalt blends need to be reshaped or bladed less often than typical gravel roadways. In addition, reclaimed asphalt reduces wash-bearing, a phenomenon that exists in many gravel roadways.
- ❖ **Resource Conservation** — By utilizing recycled materials, SPT's process is an environmentally sensitive approach. Energy expenditures are reduced by eliminating the need to haul used materials off-site for disposal.
- ❖ **And More...**



Put in place reclaimed asphalt and existing base gravel structure to specified depth

Sustainable Pavement Technologies provides recycled asphalt. In this process, the reclaimed asphalt and the gravel driving surface are ground up, crushed, and returned to your parking lot or road as high-binding stabilized asphalt base materials. We take the reclaimed asphalt and aggregate and compact it to provide a long-lasting, strong base for your county or ranch road. Due to the binding characteristics of the reclaimed asphalt, no other additives or layers are required, and this resurfacing leads to increased load-carrying, improved dust control, and superior performance.



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- __3. Adopt a burn ban to restrict outdoor burning pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 352.081(c)(1) or (c)(2) for up to 90 days.**

Judge Prause informed that we put the Emergency Burn Ban on last week when the heat index reached 518.

Commissioner Gertson suggested the Order Option (c)(1), if we do get substantial amounts of rain, the Forest Service determination below 500 would lift the Burn Ban.

Motion by Commissioner Gertson to adopt a burn ban to restrict outdoor burning pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 352.081(c)(1) for up to 90 days; seconded by Commissioner Wessels; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried, it was so ordered.

(See Attachment)

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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING
(Drought)

FILED FOR RECORD
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AMBERLY MENKE
COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, the Colorado County Commissioners Court finds that drought conditions exist in all unincorporated areas of the county:

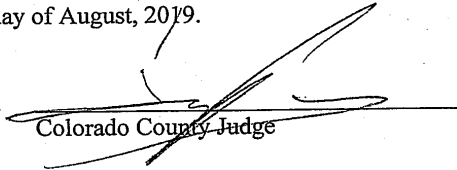
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that outdoor burning is restricted in all unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days from the date of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to local Government Code §352.081(c)(1), and other applicable statutes. This Order restricts outdoor burning as follows:

1. **Outdoor burning banned.** Unless an exception appears below, the use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, burning of trash, brush and open campfires and materials used outdoors in activities that could result in a fire.
2. **Exceptions.** This order does not prohibit the following outdoor activities:
 - **Barbecues and Household Trash.** This order does not prohibit outdoor barbecues and burning of household trash in a receptacle that is enclosed and covered with a mesh material with no more than ¼ inch openings and supervised in a safe area clear of debris.
 - **Controlled burns** necessary for planting and harvesting agricultural crops with a defensible space around the burn area, presence of fire suppression tools, and personal presence during the entire controlled burn.
 - **Authorized by TCEQ.** This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighting training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resource Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resource Code.
 - **Fireworks show.** This order does not prohibit an organized aerial display of fireworks conducted by an experienced pyrotechnician for a large audience where fire suppression equipment is present to prevent the spread of fire.
 - **Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge** maintenance activities.

In accordance with the Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

The purpose of this Order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires due to severe weather conditions by restricting use of combustible materials.

Adopted by Commissioners Court on the 5th day of August, 2019.


Colorado County Judge

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**ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT
RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING
(Public Safety Hazard)**

WHEREAS, the Colorado County Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all of the unincorporated areas of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days from the date of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by this Court or the County Judge. This Order is adopted pursuant to local Government Code §352.081(c)(2), and other applicable statutes. This Order restricts outdoor burning as follows:

1. **Outdoor burning banned.** Unless an exception appears below, the use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, burning of trash, brush and open campfires and materials used outdoors in activities that could result in a fire.
2. **Exceptions.** This order does not prohibit the following outdoor activities:
 - **Barbecues** using above-ground grills in a safe area clear of debris.
 - **Controlled burns** necessary for planting and harvesting agricultural crops with a defensible space around the burn area, presence of fire suppression tools, and personal presence during the entire controlled burn.
 - **Authorized by TCEQ.** This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighting training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resource Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resource Code.
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Approved and so ordered by Commissioners Court on this the ____ day of _____, 2019.

Colorado County Judge

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- __4. Budget Workshop and receive and consider recommendation of Salary Committee for Budget Year 2020.

Mary Jane Poenitzsch, County Tax Assessor/Collector read the Recommendations to the Court.

Raymie Kana, County Auditor informed you should have the Options for 2020 Budget sheet. Took out the maintenance truck for \$15,000.00, since Precinct #3 is giving them his Dodge truck. Also, the CPA supplement for my office which is \$10,000.00 was put back into expenses since I did not have a CPA apply for position.

Raymie Kana, County Auditor informed there was a mineral well that didn't get included in the certified value and they should have something today letting us know. Commissioner Kubesch questioned why Mr. Silver takes his truck home and wants him to complete time sheets for his hours besides when he works 8 – 5.

Judge Prause stated that our citizens want more services, they want more patrol because of the border situation, (2) DPS slots will not be filled, so revenues will continue to be done a little, and all the accident reports are done by the Sheriff's Department. Our legal fees will continue for at least another year, or two or three, on opposing the Landfill and Inland Environmental site cleaned up.

Commissioner Hahn commented, that he has been on the salary committee before, on #2 on the Salary Recommendations, if the wording can be anything but Certificate Pay, I know when they go to class they get a certificate, in my office I have a book of certificates that I have received over the past (23) years I have been in office. So hopefully Certificate Pay will never come up again!

(See Attachment)

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OPTIONS FOR 2020 BUDGET

OPTION #1

Propose a tax rate of \$0.52 with \$300,000 new tax revenue to R&B funds based on percentage of tax division rates plus a percentage of \$0.01395 cents back to Pct #2 and includes salary committee recommendations as presented. Increases deficit by \$205,100 for 3% raises and salary adjustments when added to budget changes deficit of \$157,000 equals total deficit of \$362,100.
Reserved used to balance General Fund is \$1,259,500 (897,400 + 362,100)

OPTION #2

Propose a tax rate of \$0.52 with \$300,000 new tax revenue to R&B funds based on percentage of tax division rates and budget a 2% pay increase instead of a 3% along with the other adjustments from salary committee. Increases deficit by \$151,500 to \$244,500.
Reserved used to balance General Fund is \$1,141,900 (897,400 + 244,500)

OPTION #3

Propose a tax rate of \$0.52 keeping the same tax rate division as the current year of \$0.13605 for R&B funds and all salary committee recommendations. Increase in revenue of \$49,400 to make deficit of \$155,700. Reserved used to balance General Fund is \$1,053,100 (897,400 + 155,700)

OPTION #4

Same as option #3 except budget a 2% raise for officials and employees.
Increase in revenue of \$49,400 to make deficit of \$102,100
Reserved used to balance General Fund is \$999,500 (897,400 + 102,100)

OPTION #5

Propose a tax rate of \$0.52 with no new tax revenue to R&B Funds and all salary committee recommendations. Increase in revenue of \$208,100 less salary committee recommendations of \$205,100 leaving a positive balance of \$3000. Reserved used to balance General Fund is \$894,400 (897,400 - 3000)

OPTION #6

Propose a tax rate of \$0.52 with no new tax revenue to R&B Funds and budget a 2% pay increase instead of 3% along with the other adjustments from salary committee. Increase in revenue of \$208,100 less \$151,500 leaving a positive balance of \$56,600. Reserved used to balance General Fund is \$840,800 (897,400 - 56,600)

AVERAGE HOMESTEAD VALUE AS PER CAD IS \$120,718 SO BY INCREASING \$.01 THE INCREASE TO THE HOMEOWNER WOULD BE \$12.07.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO FY2020 BUDGET					
GENERAL FUND	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 5	
REVENUES					
Current Tax Collections	476,217	540,265	682,462	841,149	
Sales Tax	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
School Resource Officer Reimb	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	
Ambulance Fees	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	
Interest Income	15,583	15,535	15,738	15,751	
Fees of Office	(113,000)	(113,000)	(113,000)	(113,000)	
Septic System Fees	(7,500)	(7,500)	(7,500)	(7,500)	
Court Costs	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	
Development Fees	(2,200)	(2,200)	(2,200)	(2,200)	
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Commission	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	
Grants	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Transfer from R&B Funds	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	
Miscellaneous	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	
TOTAL INCREASE IN REVENUES	340,000	404,000	546,400	705,100	
EXPENSES					
EMC Command Vehicle	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Sheriff's Dept Motor Vehicles (5)	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	
Fuel & Oil	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Central Appraisal District	(15,400)	(15,400)	(15,400)	(15,400)	
Copier Usage Expense	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	
Supplies	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	
Communication Expense	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	
Volunteer Fire Depts - Columbus extra	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	
Single Audit Fees	9,650	9,650	9,650	9,650	
Election Publications & Equipment	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	
Professional Services	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Jail Inmate Medical	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
Jail Repairs	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
Maintaining Office Equipment/Computers	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Outside Legal Services	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Training	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	
Equipment	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	
Adult Probation	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Juvenile Probation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Juvenile Detention Services	(7,000)	(7,000)	(7,000)	(7,000)	
Miscellaneous	615	615	615	615	
EMS Auto Liab Insurance	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
EMS Medical Director Expenses	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	
EMS Uniforms	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	
EMS Radios	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	
EMS Licenses & eDispatch	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	
Transfer to Security Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Colorado County Historical Commission	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
County Clerk - transfer one clerk to EA	(44,952)	(44,952)	(44,952)	(44,952)	
Tax A/C - transfer one clerk to EA	(28,542)	(28,542)	(28,542)	(28,542)	
Elections Administrator - new department	73,494	73,494	73,494	73,494	
CPA Supplement	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	
Sheriff - (2) add'l deputies	89,676	89,676	89,676	89,676	

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Sheriff - benefits for (2) add'l deputies	17,631	17,631	17,631	17,631
EMS - one additional FT EMT	46,584	46,584	46,584	46,584
EMS - increase for (3) supervisors	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
EMC/Grant Writer FT	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
EMC - benefits for grant writer	4,414	4,414	4,414	4,414
EMS - increase for (2) employees	1,640	1,640	1,640	1,640
Group Medical Insurance for (4) FT Emp	41,200	41,200	41,200	41,200
Group Medical Insurance	(55,150)	(55,150)	(55,150)	(55,150)
Longevity	1,540	1,540	1,540	1,540
TOTAL INCREASE IN EXPENSES	497,000	497,000	497,000	497,000
OVER (UNDER) TOTAL	(157,000)	(93,000)	49,400	208,100

**MINUTES OF THE COLORADO COUNTY
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DATE: July 24, 2019

TO: Commissioners' Court

FROM: Salary Committee

SUBJECT: Recommendations of Salary Increases and Adjustments for
Budget Year 2020

The Salary Committee met on July 23rd to discuss salary increases and adjustments for Budget Year 2020. The Salary Committee makes the following recommendations to the court:

- 1.) A 3% pay increase to be added to the department head's salary budget to give to their employees at any amount up to the 3% as determined by each department head. (\$138,700)
- 2.) A 3% increase for elected officials except Constables to receive a 10% increase to compensate them for Certificate Pay.
(\$22,889 + \$7,200 = \$30,089)
- 3.) A 6% increase for the County Judge's Administrative Assistant.
(\$2,208)
- 4.) Budget \$500 for mileage for the County Treasurer for her daily travel.
- 5.) Add the job titles of Housekeeping Director to Grade 5 and Elections Administrator to Grade 8.
- 6.) Increase the minimum for all court sessions for court bailiff's to \$100 for all court sessions less than three (3) hours. (\$1,600 estimate)

Those present were Judge Ty Prause, R.H. Wied, Doug Wessels, Kim Menke, Boe Reeves, Michael Furrh and Raymie Kana.

MaryJane Poenitzsch and Jay Johannes were absent.

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5. Establish a tax rate for 2019 to fund the 2020 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Gertson to approve to adopt Option #5, at which time Judge Prause read Option #5 to the Court; seconded by Judge Prause; Commissioner Hahn called for question; 4 ayes 1 nay (Kubesch) for reasons being, I am looking out for the tax payers and want more for road and bridge as much as I can possibly get, we can use the unencumbered funds to relieve this. Kubesch stated raises is a secondary thing to him when it comes to road and bridge; motion carried, it was so ordered.

(See Attachment)

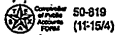
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FUND	TAX RATE	AMT OF REVENUE	BUDGET 98%	DIFFERENCE CURRENT TAXES
CURRENT 2018 TAX RATE				
GENERAL FUND	0.34576	\$ 8,020,275.76	\$ 7,859,870.24	331,328.23
INTEREST & SINKING	0.02819	\$ 653,897.43	\$ 640,819.48	(4,771.50)
ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDS	0.13605	\$ 3,155,826.35	\$ 3,092,709.82	(91.85)
TOTAL 2018 TAX RATE	0.51000	\$ 11,829,999.54	\$ 11,593,399.54	326,464.88
2019 CERTIFIED VALUE	2,438,637,405		0.48484	Effective Tax Rate
INCREASE OF 119,029,654			0.52375	Rollback Tax Rate
EFFECTIVE 2019 TAX RATE			0.02651	Debt Tax Rate
GENERAL FUND	0.31633	\$ 7,714,141.70	\$ 7,559,858.87	\$ (300,011.37)
INTEREST & SINKING	0.02651	\$ 646,482.78	\$ 633,553.12	\$ (7,266.36)
ROAD & BRIDGE	0.14200	\$ 3,462,865.12	\$ 3,393,607.81	\$ 300,897.99
TOTAL EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	0.48484	\$ 11,823,489.59	\$ 11,587,019.80	\$ (6,379.74)
ROLLBACK TAX RATE				
APPLIED TO CERTIFIED VALUES				
ROLLBACK 2019 TAX RATE				
GENERAL	0.34724	\$ 8,467,924.53	\$ 8,298,566.03	\$ 438,695.79
INTEREST & SINKING	0.02651	\$ 646,482.78	\$ 633,553.12	\$ (7,266.36)
ROAD & BRIDGE	0.15000	\$ 3,657,956.11	\$ 3,584,796.99	\$ 492,087.17
TOTAL ROLLBACK TAX RATE	0.52375	\$ 12,772,363.41	\$ 12,516,916.14	\$ 923,516.80

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PROPOSED 2019 TAX RATE									
APPLIED TO CERTIFIED VALUES									
GENERAL	0.00000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(7,859,870.24)		
INTEREST & SINKING	0.00000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(640,819.48)		
ROAD & BRIDGE	0.00000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(3,092,709.82)		
TOTAL PROPOSED TAX RATE	0.00000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(11,593,399.54)		

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**NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR
COLORADO COUNTY**

A tax rate of \$ 0.52 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Colorado County. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Colorado County proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Public Safety and Emergency Medical Services.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.52000</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.51000</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.48484</u> per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.52375</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Colorado County from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Colorado County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

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

Mary Jane Poenitzsch
Colorado County tax assessor-collector
318 Spring St., Suite 102 Columbus, Texas 78934
(979) 732-2710
mj.poenitzsch@co.colorado.tx.us
www.co.colorado.tx.us

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 26, 2019 @ 9:00 am at Courthouse, County Courtroom, Columbus, Texas
Second Hearing: August 29, 2019 @ 9:15 am at Courthouse, County Courtroom, Columbus, Texas

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__6. Set dates for public hearings to adopt a tax rate for 2019 to fund the 2020 Budget.

Judge Prause suggested to have the times of the (2) meetings to be held at 9:00 AM, not to be confusing.

Motion by Judge Prause to approve to set dates for public hearings to adopt a tax rate for 2019 to fund the 2020 Budget:

First Hearing: August 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM;

Second Hearing: August 29, 2019 at 9:00 AM; seconded by Commissioner Hahn;

5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried, it was so ordered.

(See Attachment)

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__7. Adjourn.

Motion by Judge Prause to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Hahn.

**An audio recording of this meeting of August 5, 2019 is available in the County
Clerk's Office.**

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Minutes were taken and prepared by Kimberly Menke, County Clerk on the 5th day of August, 2019 with Judge Ty Prause presiding.

I, KIMBERLY MENKE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AND FOR COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Commissioner Court in session on the 5th day of August, 2019.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this date August 5, 2019.

