

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE MCLENNAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the McLennan County Commissioners Court will conduct a special meeting on **Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.** and act on the items on the following agenda.

No physical meeting open to the public will be held. A temporary suspension of portions of the open meetings act to allow telephone or video conference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott pursuant to Executive Order No. GA-08. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

The opportunity to view and hear the meeting as well as the process if one wishes to address the Commissioners Court is available at: <https://tx-mclennancounty.civicplus.com/1121/Commissioners-Court-Online-Meeting-Infor>

AGENDA

- A. Proof of Posting of Notice**
- B. Moment of Silence / Invocation and Pledge**
- C. Public Comments**
- D. Budget, Budget Amendments/Transfers/Changes, Additional Revenue Certifications, Expenditure Requests:**
 - 1. Regarding FY 21 Budget:**
 - a. Discussion and/or Action regarding Matters relative to the FY 21 Budget / 2020 Tax Rate, including, but not limited to, Budget Policies, Priorities, Timelines, Updates from the County Auditor and/or Budget Work Sessions, as needed
 - a. Vote on the Proposed 2020 Tax Rate
- E. Additional Items for Discussion and Potential Action:**
 - 1. Discussion and/or Action on Matters Regarding Covid-19 including but not limited to Staffing, Emergency Appropriations, Precautions and Plans, Restrictions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, Personnel Compensation and Benefit Matters, Health and Safety Procurements, Technology Procurements for Criminal Justice System to Allow for Operations to Continue Safely, Technology Procurements to Allow for Remote Meeting Participation, Reports on Progression of COVID-19, and related matters
 - 2. Authorization of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the District Clerk's Preservation and Digitization Plan
- F. Executive/Closed Session**
 - 1. **Section 551.071 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.):** An executive/closed session will be held so that the Commissioners Court can seek and receive legal advice from its attorneys regarding pending or threatened litigation, settlement offers, claims, or other matters for which the attorneys' duties to their client under the Texas State Bar Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Conflicts with the Open Meetings Act (Ch.551, Gov. Code) if necessary for a subject contained on this agenda, and advice dealing with pending litigation, administrative claims or notices, and legal effects, liabilities, and legal options including but not limited to claims arising from Opioid Litigation, Civil Rights Cases, Tort Claims, or Other Pending or Threatening Litigation
 - 2. **Section 551.072 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.):** Regarding Real Property, including, but not limited to: (1) Right-Of-Way Acquisitions re: Expansion / Repair Project/s; and/or (2) Real Estate Purchase / Sale / Transfer / Trade / Offers to Purchase, Acquisition / Value / Donations of Real Property / Leases relative to Real Property, including, but not limited to, Potential Properties for Use by County / Public Facilities & Valuation of Current Property for Trade or Sale
 - 3. **Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.):** Regarding Personnel Matters including but not limited to: Personnel Review / Evaluation of Commissioners Court Appointed Department Heads; Employment, Appointment, Termination, Hearing Grievances Against Employees or Public Officials; Incentive Pay; Deliberations regarding Assigning Interim Director for Maintenance of Equipment; Personnel Matters Identified in any Open Session Item if Necessary, and related matters
 - 4. **Section 551.076 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.):** Deliberations regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
 - 5. **Section 551.087 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.):** Regarding Economic Development Negotiations including, but not limited to (1) Discussion of Commercial / Financial Information Received from a Business Prospect/s; (2) Pending Negotiations / Potential Prospects and Projects; and/or (3) Discussion re: Offers of Financial or Other Incentives to Business Prospect/s
- G. Adjourn**

Signed this 23rd day of July, 2020



SCOTT M. FELTON, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF McLENNAN *

I, J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Commissioners Court, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a NOTICE OF MEETING posted by me at the Courthouse door in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where notices are customarily posted this 23rd day of July, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Waco, McLennan County, Texas the 23rd day of July, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

(SEAL) J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

BY: Myrcetez Gowan-Perkins (Deputy)

Notice: Persons with disabilities in need of auxiliary aide or services (including sign language interpretation) may contact the County Judge's Office, (254) 757-5049, prior to the meeting date

J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

FILED: JUL 28 2020

By Myrcetez Gowan-Perkins,
Deputy

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B. Moment of Silence / Invocation and Pledge

CD-574 9:00

County Judge Felton stated that at this time we will have a moment of silence. County Judge Felton then stated that we will now have the Pledge of Allegiance.

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C. Public Comments

CD-574, 9:01

County Judge Felton opened the floor to anyone present who wished to address the Court on County business matters. Not hearing anyone speak, County Judge Felton closed the hearing.

On this the 28th day of July, 2020, the County Judge given the authority by the Commissioner's Court on July 21st, 2020, Ordered an Outdoor Burn Ban for the Unincorporated Areas of McLennan County.

The Court went to Item E. 1. Discussion and/or Action on Matters Re: Covid-19 including but not limited to Staffing, Emergency Appropriations, Precautions and Plans, Restrictions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, Personnel Compensation and Benefit Matters, Health and Safety Procurements, Technology Procurements for Criminal Justice System to Allow for Operations to Continue Safely, Technology Procurements to Allow for Remote Meeting Participation, Reports on Progression of COVID-19, and related matters.

ORDER REGARDING:

ACTION ON MATTERS RE: COVID-19 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO STAFFING, EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS, PRECAUTIONS AND PLANS, RESTRICTIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PERSONNEL COMPENSATION AND BENEFIT MATTERS, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCUREMENTS, TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENTS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO ALLOW FOR OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE SAFELY, TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENTS TO ALLOW FOR REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION, REPORTS ON PROGRESSION OF COVID-19, AND RELATED MATTERS

On this the 28 day of July, 2020, came on for consideration the matter of Discussion and/or Action on Matters Regarding COVID-19 including but not limited to Staffing, Emergency Appropriations, Precautions and Plans, Restrictions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, Personnel Compensation and Benefit Matters, Health and Safety Procurements, Technology Procurements for Criminal Justice System to Allow for Operations to Continue Safely, Technology Procurements to Allow for Remote Meeting Participation, Reports on Progression of COVID-19, and related matters. Emergency Operations Coordinator, Ms. Elizabeth Thomas, updated the Court regarding Covid-19.

The Court went back to D. Budget, Budget Amendments/Transfers/Changes, Additional Revenue Certifications, Expenditure Requests.

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D. Budget, Budget Amendments/ Transfers/Changes, Additional Revenue Certifications, Expenditure Requests:

1. Regarding the FY 21 Budget:

- a. Discussion and/or Action regarding Matters relative to the FY 21 Budget / 2020 Tax Rate, including, but not limited to, Budget Policies, Priorities, Timelines, Updates from the County Auditor and/or Budget Work Sessions, as needed

- b. Vote on the Proposed 2020 Tax Rate

**Discussion Only
(See after
Item E. 1.)**

Approved

CD-574, 9:06

DISCUSSION ONLY:

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION RE: MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE FY 21
BUDGET / 2020 TAX RATE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
BUDGET POLICIES, PRIORITIES, TIMELINES, UPDATES FROM
THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND/OR BUDGET WORK
SESSIONS, AS NEEDED**

RE: THE FY 21 BUDGET

On this the 28 day of July, 2020, came on for consideration the matter Re: FY 21 Budget: Discussion and/or Action regarding Matters relative to the FY 21 Budget / 2020 Tax Rate, including, but not limited to, Budget Policies, Priorities, Timelines, Updates from the County Auditor and/or Budget Work Sessions, as needed. County Auditor, Ms. Francis Bartlett, addressed the Court regarding the following matters regarding the FY 21 Budget: New Personnel Request; the 2020 Tax Rate; the Estimated Beginning Fund Balance; the Target Fund Balance; Revenues and the Proposed Tax Rate. The Court discussed the following matter regarding the FY 21 Budget: County Health Services – Dept. 4310.

ORDER RECESSING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On this the 28 day of July, 2020, at 9:31 o'clock a. m. the County Judge announced that at this time we will go into Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.071 and 551.074 of the Local Government Code (V.C.T.A.)

ORDER RECONVENING REGULAR SESSION

On this the 28 day of July, 2020, at 10:52 o'clock a.m. the Court reconvened in Regular Session with Judge Felton presiding and Commissioners Kelly Snell, Patricia Chisolm-Miller, Will Jones, Ben Perry and the Clerk thereof being in attendance, the following proceedings were had and done to-wit:

The Court went to Item D. 1. b. Re: FY 21 Budget: Vote on the Proposed 2020 Tax Rate.

ORDER APPROVING:

VOTE ON PROPOSED 2020 TAX RATE

On this the 28 day of July, 2020, came on for consideration the matter Regarding the FY 2021 Budget: Vote on Proposed 2020 Tax Rate. After discussion, Judge Felton made a motion to propose a tax rate of .468719 for the 2020-2021 tax year; This rate is comprised of: .023827 for Interest and Sinking and .444892 for Maintenance and Operations. The .444892 for Maintenance and Operations is further broken down into .00281 for the Permanent Improvement Fund and .442082 for the General Fund and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A vote being called for, voting in favor of said motion was Judge Felton, Commissioner Snell, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Perry. It is ordered by the Court that said Proposed 2020 Tax Rate be, and the same is hereby, approved by unanimous vote.

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E. Additional Items for Discussion and Potential Action:

1. Discussion and/or Action on Matters Regarding Covid-19 including but not limited to Staffing, Emergency Appropriations, Precautions and Plans, Restrictions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, Personnel Compensation and Benefit Matters, Health and Safety Procurements, Technology Procurements for Criminal Justice System to Allow for Operations to Continue Safely, Technology Procurements to Allow for Remote Meeting Participation, Reports on Progression of COVID-19, and related matters

2. Authorization of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the District Clerk's Preservation and Digitization Plan

Information Only
(See beginning of Meeting)

Approved
(See after Item D. 1. b.)

CD-574, 9:02

The Court went to Item E. 2. Authorization of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the District Clerk's Preservation and Digitization Plan.

ORDER APPROVING:

**AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING FOR THE DISTRICT CLERK'S PRESERVATION
AND DIGITIZATION PLAN**

On this the 28 day of July, 2020, came on for consideration the matter of Authorization of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the District Clerk's Preservation and Digitization Plan. After discussion, Commissioner Perry made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Jones. A vote being called for, voting in favor of said motion was Judge Felton, Commissioner Snell, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Perry. It is ordered by the Court that said Authorization be, and the same is hereby, approved by unanimous vote.

NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING and/or ACTION

The McLennan County Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing to consider a plan for the District Clerk's Document Preservation and Digitization Plan under §51.305 of the Government Code, to fund the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's court records.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 9:00AM in the Commissioners Courtroom, 1st Floor, West Wing, McLennan County Courthouse, City of Waco, Texas,

Upon conclusion of the public hearing, the Court will take action regarding adoption of the District Clerk's Document Preservation and Digitization Plan.

PUBLICATION
APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT
THIS 28 DAY OF JULY 2020
Scott M. Fea
COUNTY JUDGE

J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

FILED: JUL 28 2020

By Myrcetez Gowan-Perkins,
Deputy

ORDER ADJOURNING SPECIAL SESSION

On this the 28 day of July, 2020, at 10:59 o'clock a.m. Judge Felton announced that the meeting of July 28, 2020 is adjourned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The above and foregoing minutes having been read in open Court and found to be correct, the same are hereby, approved this the _____ day of _____, 2020.

**Kelly Snell,
Commissioner Precinct 1**

**Patricia Chisolm-Miller,
Commissioner Precinct 2**

**Will Jones,
Commissioner Precinct 3**

**Ben Perry,
Commissioner Precinct 4**

**Scott M. Felton,
County Judge**

**ATTEST: J. A. "Andy" Harwell,
McLennan County Clerk**

By _____ Deputy County Clerk
Myrce'tez Gowan-Perkins