Budget Calendar



Fiscal Year 2026

March 11	Approve budget calendar for Fiscal Year October 1, 2025— September 30, 2026 (FY26)
April 15	9:00 a.m. — Commissioners Court Workshop to discuss priorities for budget
	Request forms due to Building Maintenance, Management Information Services (MIS), and Human Resources
May-June-July	Budget meetings with Elected Officials / Department Heads to review budget
May 13	Deadline for budget requests to be submitted (LGC §111.005)
June 10	Distribute Requested Budget to Commissioners Court Determine Salary Grievance Committee (LGC §152.014), and request Grand Jury listing from the District Clerk
June 17	Select Grievance Committee and notify members of committee (LGC §152.015)
	9:00 a.m. — Commissioners Court Workshop: review capital projects, major expenditures and priorities
July 25	Chief Appraiser to certify appraisal rolls (Tax §26.01)
August 7-8	County Judge's Proposed Budget provided to Commissioners
	Post calculated tax rates on homepage of County website (Tax §26.04(e)) Note: Posted "By August 7th or as soon thereafter as practicable".
August 11-13	WORKSHOPS to review FY26 Budget with Commissioners Court
August 12	Approve publication of proposed increases of salaries, expenses or allowances for elected county or precinct officials and approves publication
	Set Proposed Tax Rate, post Notice on homepage of County's website (Tax §26.065)
August 15	County Judge files Proposed Budget with the County Clerk Not later than August 15 (LGC §111.006)
August 17	Publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice of any elected county or precinct officials salaries, expenses or allowances that are proposed to be increased; and the amount of the proposed increase (LGC§152.013) Note: Must be published 10 days prior to meeting.
	Publish "Notice of Public Hearing on FY26 Budget" 10-30 days before the hearings (Public Hearing 9/02/2025) (LGC §111.0075)
	Publish "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate Increase" if necessary (Public Hearing 9/02/2025) (Tax §26.06)
August 18	Date by which Proposed Tax Rate must be adopted if it exceeds "Voter-Approval Rate" (3.5% over "No-New Revenue Rate") Tax §26.05(a) and notify Elections to place on General Election Ballot (Elections §201.054) Note: Must be done 78 days before November 4, 2025 election
August 19	Record Proposed Budget
September 2	Set salaries, expenses, and allowances of the elected county and precinct officers (Notify elected officials of salary; protests must be received by the County Judge within 5 days) (LGC §152.013)
	Ratify the increase, in the county's FY26 Budget, in revenue from property taxes which will be more than the previous year (LGC §111.008c)
	PUBLIC HEARING on FY26 Budget; at conclusion adopt FY26 Budget (LGC §111.007, §111.008)
	PUBLIC HEARING (if needed) on the 2025 Tax Rate (Tax §26.06 Notice must be published 5 days prior to the meeting)
	VOTE to adopt 2025 Tax Rate