



POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

August 11, 2026

10:00 AM

2026 - 022

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 2026 TAX RATE.**

A tax rate of \$0.6300 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Polk County.

Proposed Tax Rate: \$0.6300 per \$100

No-New-Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.595467 per \$100

Voter-Approval Tax Rate: \$0.635125 per \$100

The No-New-Revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Polk County from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 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 2026 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 2027 BUDGET.
Notice of Hearing was published in the Polk County Enterprise on August 9, 2026.
A copy of the Proposed Budget was filed with the County Clerk for public inspection on July 30, 2026, and posted to the county website at Polktx.gov.
This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,248,176 or 7.65 percent, and of that amount, \$929,533 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET ADOPTION

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR FY2027.
4. VOTE TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED FY2027 BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED.
5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PURCHASE PROJECTION LISTING FOR THE FY2027 BUDGET.
6. RECEIVE AND RECORD THE APPROVED FY2027 PAY SCALE.
7. ADOPT THE FY2027 BUDGET.
8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING 2026 TAX RATE FOR POLK COUNTY (FY2027).

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.

9. PROCLAMATION FOR POLK COUNTY JURY APPRECIATION DAY - AUGUST 24, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REVISION TO FIRE MARSHAL FEE SCHEDULES, TO BE

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026, AS FOLLOWS: AMEND THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE TO ADD A TEMPORARY (FOOD TRUCK) VENDOR 10-DAY PERMIT FEE OF \$50.00, AND TO ADD WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY AS A LISTED USE UNDER THE \$200.00 INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES PERMIT FEE CATEGORY.

11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO DECLINE/RETURN THE FY2026 IMPROVEMENT GRANT (GRANT NO. 212-26-C17) AWARDED BY THE TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, BASED ON THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISTRICT JUDGES AND COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE OF POLK COUNTY, AND TO RESCIND THE COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 14, 2025 ACCEPTING SAID GRANT.

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).

12. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: July 28, 2026 And August 4, 2026 (Regular/Special Sessions)
13. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS.
14. RECEIVE AND RECORD PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE LAST MEETING.
15. APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BRADLEY BASS TO RESERVE DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL.
16. APPROVE "NO CHANGE" IN COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FEE (\$10) AND CHILD SAFETY FEE (\$1.50) AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, SEC. 502.401 – 502.403.
17. RECEIVE AND RECORD DISTRICT JUDGES' ORDERS SETTING FY2027 COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITORS AND (258TH & 411TH) DISTRICT COURT REPORTERS, COURT COORDINATORS, BAILIFFS PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.
18. APPROVE JOINT CONTRACTS FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH LEGGETT I.S.D. AND LIVINGSTON I.S.D FOR THE COUNTY'S PROVISION OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
19. APPROVAL OF ELECTION JUDGES & ALTERNATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION.
20. APPROVE ORDER ASSIGNING SPACE IN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS.

21. APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE TO THE LOWER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN THE POLK COUNTY OFFICE ANNEX, WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFICE LOCATION AT THE BEATTY BUILDING IF RELOCATION BECOMES NECESSARY DUE TO COUNTY RENOVATIONS, REPAIRS OR IMPROVEMENTS.
22. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF FY2027 RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SHERIFF AND CONSTABLES' OFFICES.
23. ACCEPT AWARD OF SB224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY (MVCPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 FOR THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZE \$9,000 EXPENDITURE FROM THE SHERIFF'S ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR THE REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH.

NEW BUSINESS - REGULAR AGENDA

24. 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. PAYMENT OF VACATION TIME ACCRUED BY DETECTIVE FRANCISCO (JAVIER) SEGURA.
25. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. FY2026 BUDGET REVISIONS, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE;
26. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE SAVE AMERICA ACT, AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY CLERK.
27. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SCORING COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING AND RATING PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL.
28. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDDING Bid #2026-18 FOR LANDSCAPING OF THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE.
29. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY CLERK TO MODIFY THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CAPITAL PURCHASE FOR CABINETS AND SHELVEING FOR THE LAND RECORDS OFFICE, BASED ON AN UPDATED PROPOSAL FROM DATUM STORAGE SOLUTIONS AND A NEW PROPOSAL FROM SOUTHWEST FILING & STORAGE, INCREASING THE APPROVED AMOUNT BY \$50,266.10 FOR A REVISED TOTAL OF \$119,782.10, TO BE FUNDED FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES AND REIMBURSED BY 2026 SERIES TAX NOTES.

30. CONSIDER ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “POLK COUNTY, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2026”; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID NOTES AND TO CREATE A SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION THEREOF AND THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES; AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF’ ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTES.

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ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT FOR DISABLED PERSONS

This meeting site is accessible to disabled persons as follows: A wheelchair ramp provides access to the front entrance. The Commissioners Courtroom is on the first floor. If any special assistance or accommodations are needed in order to attend a Commissioners Court meeting, please contact Commissioners Court staff at 936-327-6813, in advance, so accommodations can be arranged.

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 Wednesday, August 5, 2026, and that said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days 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 5, 2026

By: Sydney Murphy, County Judge

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