

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL SESSION
AUGUST 17, 2015**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 17th day of August, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Courtroom, in Meridian, Texas, the Bosque County Commissioners' Court convened in Special Session with the following present:

**Dewey Ratliff, County Judge
Douglas Day, Commissioner, Precinct #1
Durwood Koonsman, Commissioner, Precinct #2
Sammy Leach, Commissioner, Precinct #3
Ronny Liardon, Commissioner, Precinct #4
Tabatha Ferguson, County Clerk**

1) CALL TO ORDER – 9:10 a.m.

2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

All present

3) PROOF OF NOTICE

4) PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

Judge Ratliff opened the public hearing. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$551,964.34, which is an 8.35% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$109,775.22.

Wayne Fogle spoke regarding concerns with the 3% across the board pay increase for each employee. Judge Ratliff explained that it is up to each elected official how much increase is given to each employee. Simone with Meridian Tribune ask what the main differences were between last year's budget and this year. Judge Ratliff explained that the only employee being added to the budget is the Election Administrator. Out of the additional \$551.964.34 in revenue \$65,000 is going into general fund and the balance goes into road and bridge. Judge Ratliff closed the public hearing at 9:21 a.m.

5) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO VOTE ON SETTING SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS

Commissioner Leach made the motion to set salaries of all Elected County and Precinct Officers as published. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

Court recessed at 9:25 a.m. to wait on figures from Tax Assessor/Collector.

Court reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

6) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT 2015-2016 BUDGET

Commissioner Leach made the motion to adopt the 2015-2016 budget as presented. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

7) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SETTING PROPOSED TAX RATE AND TAKING RECORD VOTE

Commissioner Leach made the motion to move that the Proposed Property Tax Rate be increased by the adoption of a tax of 0.475000, which is effectively an 8.82% increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. Commissioner Day voted for, Commissioner Koonsman voted for, Commissioner Leach voted for, Commissioner Liardon voted for and Judge Ratliff voted for.

8) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SETTING DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED TAX RATE

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to have the hearings on September 14 and September 21 at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

9) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

The EMC recommends we watch the KDB Index closely. Commissioner Liardon recommends the burn ban be put on the next agenda.

6) ADJOURN

Commissioner Leach made the motion to adjourn at 10:29 a.m.

I, TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF A PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT HELD AUGUST 17, 2015.

TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK