COMMISSIONERS' COURT
COUNTY OF ANDREWS
201 N. MAIN, ROOM 107
ANDREWS, TX

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 08, 2026
09:00 AM

COUNTY JUDGE
Sam H. Jones
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
Kerry Pack
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
Mark Savell
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
Vernon (Buddy) Hobbs
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
Jim Waldrop

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Commissioners' Court met in a Regular Meeting on September 08, 2026, with Judge, Sam H. Jones, presiding and with the following members present:
   Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Savell, Commissioner Hobbs, and Commissioner Waldrop.
   Vicki Scott, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Andrews, Andrews County, Texas.
   This meeting was held in the Commissioners' Courtroom and via video conferencing through Zoom Feed.
   Judge Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and the following business was conducted:

2. **INVOCATION**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US/TEXAS**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

   4.1. Proposed Tax Rate, Robin Harper

   Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for Andrews County for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 26.06 (b-2).

   No public comments.

   4.2. Archive Plan, Vicki Scott

   Conduct a Public Hearing on the County Clerk’s Records Archive Plan for the Andrews County Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

   No public comments.

   4.3. 2026-2027 County Budget, Serena Payne

   Conduct a Public Hearing on the Andrews County Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

   No public comments.

5. **2026-2027 TAX RATE:**

   5.1. Adopt Tax Rate, Robin Harper

Discuss and consider adopting the Tax Rate for Andrews County for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and take a record vote.

Motion made by Commissioner Pack and duly seconded by Commissioner Hobbs to increase the property tax rate by adopting a tax rate of $0.4528 per $100.00 of taxable property, which is effectively a 3.73% percent increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. This tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.73% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a $100,000 home by approximately $16.30.
Record Vote:
AYES: Commissioner Kerry Pack, Precinct 1; Commissioner Mark Savell, Precinct 2; Commissioner Vernon (Buddy) Hobbs, Precinct 3; Commissioner Jim Waldrop, Precinct 4; and County Judge, Sam H. Jones
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

6. **2026-2027 COUNTY BUDGET:**

6.1. Proposed Changes

Discuss and consider making changes to the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget that the Commissioners' Court considers warranted by the law and required by the interest of the taxpayers.

Motion made by Commissioner Hobbs and duly seconded by Commissioner Pack to approve the changes to the proposed budget.
ALL VOTED AYE

6.2. Adopt Budget

Consider adopting the Budget for Andrews County for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and take a record vote, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 111.008.

Motion made by Commissioner Pack and duly seconded by Commissioner Savell to adopt the County Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.
Record Vote:
AYES: Commissioner Kerry Pack, Precinct 1; Commissioner Mark Savell, Precinct 2; Commissioner Vernon (Buddy) Hobbs, Precinct 3; Commissioner Jim Waldrop, Precinct 4; and County Judge, Sam H. Jones
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Open the floor for public forum. (Public comments, announcements and presentations will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless a member of the Court requests additional time for the presenter.)

8. **COUNTY CLERK REQUEST:**

8.1. Records Archive Plan and Order, Vicki Scott

Discuss and consider approving the County Clerk's Records Archive Plan and Order for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, pursuant to Local Government Code Sections 118.011 and 118.025.

Motion made by Commissioner Savell and duly seconded by Commissioner Waldrop.
ALL VOTED AYE

8.2. Records Archive Fee, Vicki Scott

Discuss and consider approving the County Clerk's Records Archive Fee of $10.00 to preserve and restore the County records, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 118.025(h), effective October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Motion made by Commissioner Savell and duly seconded by Commissioner Pack.
ALL VOTED AYE

8.3. Records Management Plan, Vicki Scott

Discuss and consider approving the County Clerk's Records Management Plan for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, pursuant to Local Government Code Sections 118.011 and 118.0216.

Motion made by Commissioner Pack and duly seconded by Commissioner Savell.
ALL VOTED AYE

9. **AUDITOR REQUEST:**

9.1. Auditor's Office Expenses and Salaries

Acknowledge certification by Sherry Dushane, District Clerk, of the orders from John L. Pool, 109th Judicial District Judge, to set the salaries of the County Auditor, First Assistant Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and the Auditor's Office budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and to cause the orders to be recorded in the minutes of these Commissioners' Court meeting, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 152.031(b).

Motion made by Commissioner Pack and duly seconded by Commissioner Hobbs.
ALL VOTED AYE

10. **EXTENSION OFFICE REQUEST:**

10.1. Validation Dates, Jennifer Fowler

Discuss and consider approving the use of the ACE Arena for two stock shows. The first on October 19, 2026, for Sheep and Goat Validation and the second on November 16, 2026, for Swine Validation.

Motion made by Commissioner Pack and duly seconded by Commissioner Savell.
ALL VOTED AYE

11. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST:**

11.1. Provider Agreement, MyLissa Powers

Discuss and consider approving the Provider Agreement between Andrews County Health Department and Joyce Miller, DNP, RN NP, effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027.

Motion made by Commissioner Waldrop and duly seconded by Commissioner Hobbs.
ALL VOTED AYE

12. **RECREATION CENTER REQUEST:**

12.1. Construction Materials Testing, Commissioner Pack

Discuss and consider approving the proposal for Construction Materials Testing and Observation Services for the Recreation Center, for a total estimated cost of $11,977.29. To be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion made by Commissioner Pack and duly seconded by Commissioner Hobbs.
ALL VOTED AYE

13. **RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT:**

13.1. Right-of-Way Easement, Reid Redman

Discuss and consider approving the right-of-way easement between Andrews County and Hydrosource Midstream, LLC to construct, reconstruct, lay, and maintain two road bores across NE 8201 also known as Plant Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Hobbs and duly seconded by Commissioner Savell.
ALL VOTED AYE

See OPR No. 26-3265

14. **AUDITOR REPORTS:**

14.1. Budget Amendments, Serena Payne

Discuss and consider approving the various budget amendments for the 2025-2026 Budget Year under Local Government Code Section 111.010(d).

No amendments were presented.

14.2. Financial Obligations, Serena Payne

Discuss and consider approving the financial obligations and payroll payments for Andrews County and cancel all warrants.

Motion made by Commissioner Savell and duly seconded by Commissioner Waldrop.
ALL VOTED AYE

15. **ENTER INTO WORKSHOP:**

15.1. Grant Budget Workshop, Albert Mendoza

Conduct a workshop regarding the upcoming grant for countywide towers and take action as necessary. Discussion will include but is not limited to:

- Updated quotes for towers
- Tower equipment
- Radios
- Estimated dollar amounts needed for any road improvements or additions

No action was taken.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

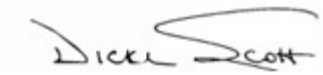
As authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, the Commissioners' Court of Andrews County, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, but not limited to, as they may relate to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Real Property), Section 551.0725 (Contract Being Negotiated), Section 551.073 (Gifts and Donations), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.0745 (Personnel Matters Affecting County Advisory Body), Section 551.076 (Security Devices), and Section 551.087 (Economic Negotiations). In the event that the Court adjourns into Executive Session, unless otherwise specified in the agenda, the Court will announce any other parties who are authorized to be present during the deliberations in the Executive Session and will announce under what section of the Texas Government Code the Commissioners' Court is using as its authority to enter into Executive Session. Take action as necessary.

No Executive Session.

17. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion made by Commissioner Waldrop and duly seconded by Commissioner Hobbs to adjourn the meeting.
ALL VOTED AYE

Attest:



Andrews County Clerk
September 29, 2026, 04:03 PM