

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING JONES COUNTY 2024 BUDGET VOTE ON 2023 TAX RATE

The Commissioners Court of Jones County will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 9:00 AM at the Jones County Commissioners Courtroom, Jones County Courthouse 100 Courthouse Square Anson, Texas. The Commissioners Court at the conclusion of the public hearing will be voting on the 2024 budget and voting on the 2023 tax rates.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$614,190.33 (10.6%), and of that amount \$127,080.15 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

A summary of the budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed 2024 budget	\$11,142,718
The total amount of increase from the 2023 budget	\$743,852
The proposed 2023 M&O tax rate	\$0.494876/\$100 valuation
The proposed 2023 I&S tax rate	\$0.041679/\$100 valuation
Total proposed 2023 tax rate	\$0.536555/\$100 valuation
Preceding year's tax rate	\$0.550786/\$100 valuation
The 2023 no new revenue rate	\$0.488572/\$100 valuation
The 2023 voter approval rate	\$0.536555/\$100 valuation
The 2023 De minimus rate	\$0.545528/\$100 valuation

The increase base pay for eligible County Employees and Elected Officials will be an 8.0% cost of living increase, in addition to a longevity schedule of \$0.06-\$0.29 per hour depending on years of continued service up to 20 years.

Additional Salary increases from SB 22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant will provide an additional salary increase for the Jones County Sheriff of \$15,428.40. Deputies and Jailers will also receive an additional salary increase of a range of \$0.75 to \$4.09 per hour depending on job title and classification. Additional salary increase could be available for jailers and deputies, depending on the adoption of the final grant rules by the Texas Comptroller Office. The proposed pay increase will only be funded in future years depending on the State of Texas continuing funding this grant. If funding is not provided by the State of Texas, these pay increases will be removed from the salary of the eligible positions.

The elected County Tax Assessor/Collector in their responsibility as voter registrar has a \$2,300 annual salary increase in the election – tax assessor/collector budget.

All proposed salaries are subject to the final budget approval on September 25, 2023.

A copy of the proposed budget is on file in the Jones County Clerk's office and on the Jones County website www.co.jones.tx.us.