

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF HOOD

Be it known that on this the 30th day of July, 2013, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Hood County was duly convened in a special session, in the Central Jury room at the Hood County Justice center at 1200 West Pearl St., Granbury, Texas, for the following purposes to wit:

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Notice is hereby given that a special called meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Hood County, Texas will be held on **TUESDAY, July 30, 2013, at 11:00 AM** in the **CENTRAL JURY ROOM of the Hood County Justice Center**, 1200 West Pearl St., Granbury, TX 76048, at which meeting, the following subjects will be discussed, and the following matters acted upon:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order.
- II. Discuss Tax Rate and take appropriate action.
- III. Schedule public hearing regarding tax rate.
- IV. County Judge to present 2013 – 2014 budget proposal for consideration.

Addendum

- V. Take appropriate action to conduct a vote to specify a proposed tax rate, and authorize publishing of same. (AUD)

Adjourn

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Darrell Cockerham, County Judge
James Deaver, Commissioner Precinct 1
Jeff Tout, Commissioner Precinct 3
Steve Berry, Commissioner Precinct 4
Dean Armstrong Chief Deputy County Clerk

REGARDING ITEM I: Judge Cockerham called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 A.M. on the aforesaid date of July 30, 2013.

REGARDING ITEM II: Judge Cockerham described the projects, unfunded state mandates and the tornado damage that affects the changes to the tax rate. Judge Cockerham presented slides showing tax rates from 1996 to the present.

Auditor Stan McBroom discussed the County's upcoming debt. Members of the public, Laster Cox, Brenda Massingill, Lollier Albright and Stanley Mears gave written testimony supporting a tax raise, more pay for deputies and the need for more deputies. A discussion took place between the Sheriff Deeds and the Commissioners regarding deputy pay scale compared to the City of Granbury, Johnson County and Parker County. Auditor Stan McBroom covered some of the increases in the budget for various departments and the salary step plan.

Commissioner Berry spoke about the growth of the County over the past 10 years and stated there has been no increase to the tax rate to support the growth. Commissioner Berry stated if they are going to raise taxes they need to fix this one time and take it back to the roll back rate. Commissioner Deaver agreed. Auditor Stan McBroom reminded the Court that there needs to be a vote on record before he can publish the tax rate the court wants to consider.

REGARDING ITEM III: Judge Cockerham informed the Court the 1st Public Hearing on the tax rate increase will be August 13, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the Jury Selection Room at the Justice Center, and the 2nd Public Hearing on the tax rate increase will be August 27, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the Jury Selection Room at the Justice Center and stated the rate will be set.

REGARDING ITEM IV: Judge Cockerham presented his 2013 – 2014 budget proposals.

REGARDING ITEM V: Motion made by Judge Cockerham to raise the tax rate to 38.3908. Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All vote aye. Motion carried

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:57 A.M.

APPROVED:

DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARY BURNETT, COUNTY CLERK