



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AGENDA OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF STEPHENS COUNTY, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Stephens County, Texas, will be holding a Public Hearing and a Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting on *Monday, September 14, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.* In the Stephens County Annex Building located at 222 N Baylor Ave, Breckenridge, Texas, for the purpose of discussion and possible action on matters brought before the Court.

PURPOSE: A Public Hearing will be held by the Commissioners Court of Stephens County, Texas, pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, will conduct a public hearing on September 14, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. in the Stephens County Annex Building located at 222 N Baylor Ave, Breckenridge, TX, to receive comments regarding the FY27 tax rate for Stephens County, TX.

PROCEDURE: The Court conducts the County's business with participation from county staff, elected officials, and invited parties. The public is encouraged to attend and to provide input through the procedures set out in the adopted *Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum*. Each speaker must submit a Public Participation Form (attached) before the meeting.

Type of Comment	Max. Speakers	Time Each	Total Time	Balanced Participation
Non-agenda items /Public Comments (§9.B)	Six (6)	3 minutes	Not fixed	Does not apply
Agenda items (§9.C)	Ten (10)	3 minutes	Up to 30 minutes	Applies (§10)
Public hearings (§9.D)	As time allows	Up to 5 minutes	60 minutes	Applies (§10)

AGENDA

2026-09-101 Call order and establish quorum.

2026-09-102 Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
 A. Invocation
 B. American Flag
 C. Texas Flag

2026-09-103 *****PUBLIC HEARING*****

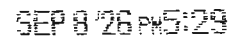
Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2027 ad valorem tax rate of \$0.658000 per \$100 of taxable valuation, which will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.36 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$17.42, pursuant to Texas Tax Code §§ 26.05 and 26.06, and an increase of 8.44 percent in gross revenues.

The Stephens County Commissioners Court is considering the adoption of a budget and tax rate. Both contain a property tax rate of \$0.658 per \$100 valuation for the 2026 fiscal year. This rate is \$0.001% lower than the no-new-revenue rate of \$0.6587 per \$100 of valuation.

If adopted, the owner of a home valued at \$141,069 (the average taxable value of a homestead residence in Stephens County) will pay approximately -\$10.43 less in county property taxes in the 2026 fiscal year than in the 2025 fiscal year on the same average homestead value.

The proposed budget and tax rate include:

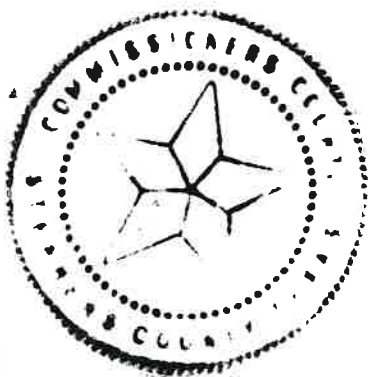
PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.658000
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.606769
VOTER-APPROVAL RATE	\$0.658700
DE MINIMUS RATE	\$0.697639





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- 2026-09-117 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on a resolution authorizing the Stephens County Sheriff to enter into a multiple-use agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation allowing the installation and operation of automated license plate recognition cameras in the TxDOT right-of-way; and providing an effective date. (County Judge)
- 2026-09-118 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on obtaining county credit cards for the County Commissioners. (Commissioner McCullough)
- 2026-09-119 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to execute the 2027 RAMP grant agreement and designate the county treasurer as an authorized representative. (County Judge)
- 2026-09-120 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the appointment of a representative to the Stephens County Appraisal District Board of Directors. (County Judge)
- 2026-09-121 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding a sales agreement for the purchase of 2 ambulances through HB3000 grant. (County Judge)
- 2026-09-122 Acknowledge and file for record:
- A. The Stephens County cybersecurity & AI training compliance report.
 - B. Secretary of State Cybersecurity Course Compliance for Jackie Ensey, Amy Barrera, Rita Belfiore, Stephanie Elder, Valerie Carr, Ricki Boles, Crystal R. Shook, Hayli Davis and Whitney Stultz.
 - C. State and Local Record Management Compliance for County Judge William Thompson, Commissioner Tanner Wade and Constable Justin Shockley.
- 2026-09-123 EXECUTIVE SESSION
- The Commissioners Court reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by Title 5 of the Texas Government Code:
- 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)
 - 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations)
 - 551.074 (Personnel Matters, including but not limited to the appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers, the Chief or other employee)
 - 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices)
 - 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
- Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section(s) of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All voting actions or decisions will take place in an open meeting.
- 2026-09-124 Adjourn.



STEPHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONER COURT

BY: 
WILLIAM THOMPSON - COUNTY JUDGE

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