



MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC HEARING

Call to Order

A public hearing of the Commissioners' Court of Brazos County, Texas was held in the Brazos County Commissioners Courtroom in the Administration Building, 200 South Texas Avenue, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, beginning at 9:17 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 with the following members of the Court present:

Kyle Kacal, Acting County Judge, Presiding;
Bentley Nettles, Commissioner of Precinct 1;
Chuck Konderla, Commissioner of Precinct 2;
Fred Brown, Commissioner of Precinct 3;
Wanda J. Watson, Commissioner of Precinct 4;
Karen McQueen, County Clerk.

The attached sheets contain the names of the citizens and officials that were in attendance.

The Court will hear comments on the Proposed Tax Increase for 2025.

Interested parties are invited to attend said hearing and present their cause, if any, for or against the tax increase for 2025.

Judge Kacal called for public comment.

Chris Barnes, resident of Precinct 2, addressed the Court concerning State Mandates.

Cathie Viens, resident of Precinct 4, addressed the Court concerning the calculations of the tax rate.

Budget Officer Nina Payne and First Assistant County Auditor Marci Turner provided clarification.

Judge Kacal stated we are moving toward better transparency.

John Book, resident of Precinct 2, addressed the Court concerning the Tax Rate.

Cindy Wylie, resident of Precinct 1, addressed the Court concerning the Tax Rate. Ms. Wylie submitted her statements for the minutes, it is attached hereto. Judge Kacal and Commissioner Nettles provided clarification.

Judge Kacal called for comments from the Court. Commissioner Watson stated that the Court wants to provide the best services to the community while being fiscally responsible.

Commissioner Brown expressed his concerns with the financial situation the County is currently in due to the Comptroller and Appraisal District.

Commissioner Konderla shared that he agrees with Commissioner Brown on his concerns for the position that the County is in. He also provided clarification on the proposed tax rate.

Commissioner Nettles expressed his frustrations with the unfunded State Mandates. He also provided clarification on where the County is financially, currently having to pull from reserves to cover the budget noting, the reserves will be depleted fast.

Judge Kacal thanked the Budget team and the Court for all their hard work. He provided clarification on the process of setting the tax rate. He stated that the County has done its best to create a lean budget and not increase taxes.

Judge Kacal thanked the public for attending and for their participation. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.



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**BRAZOS COUNTY
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PUBLIC HEARING

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

**BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL CONDUCT A
PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 AT 9:15 AM
IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM OF THE BRAZOS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 200 SOUTH TEXAS
AVENUE, SUITE 106, BRYAN, TEXAS 77803**

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The Commissioners Courtroom of the Brazos County Administration Building, 200 S. Texas Avenue, Suite 106, Bryan, TX 77803 is wheelchair accessible. Handicap parking spaces are available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made two working days before the meeting. To make arrangements, please call (979) 361-4102.

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

9th DAY OF September, 20 25
9:15 AM/PM, Public Hearing

Name

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Delia Sandoval
Sheryl Lowe
Amberly Leggett
Chris Barron
Ronald Rhodes
Chadler Caperton
Cathy Viers
marci turner
ERIC CALDWELL
Billy Melzan
Karen McLynn
Nina Payne
Kimberly Guntaker
Ed Bull
Ignacio Contreras Jr

Organization

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Comm. Court
Comm. Court
Comm. Court
Self
Self
AgriLife
taxpayer
author
BCIT
BCIT
Co Clerk
Budget
CU Judge
COMM court
BCSO

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

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Name

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KYLE GREENWOOD

MIKE STREET

D Long

Joseph Tracy

Leslie Contreras

Barbara Smith

Kevin Stuart

Spencer Mays

Joe Southern

C Wiley

Wm. Charles Wmst

Kathryn Battles

Paul Martinez

Melvin Bowi

Raeanna McConatny

Organization

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CITIZEN

BCC Pdz

Risk

Risk

Co Judge

BCIO

Budget

Bayly

Self

Purchasing

Purchasing

SO

co. JUDGE

HR

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

9th DAY OF September, 20 25
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Name

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Jennifer Salazar

Desmond Harris

Trevor Lansdown

Bob Lankin

Bruce Erratt

Cristian Villorreal

Donald Lampo

Ashlie Peters-Bowman

John Book

Victoria McCoy

Nathan Wood

Natalie Daniel

Karen Simpson

Prarthana Banerji

Melissa Leonard

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Citizen

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BRAZOS COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S COURT

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9:15 (AM)/PM, Public Hearing

Name

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NICK PHILIPELLOMary Ruth RosierBOBBY ROSIERDon R GilmanKeith R. F. R.Christine ShimekTony PiccoloTerrence NunnLINDA Ricketson

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CITIZEN""PDOBrazos County Permanent ResidentPct 2JPDJuvenile



Tax
Hearing

Brazos County Commissioners Court

CITIZEN SPEAKERS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: 9/9 TIME: ~~9:00 AM~~ 9:15am

Name:	Precinct:	Circle One:
1. <u>Chris Barnes</u>	<u>2</u>	For/ Against/ <u>Concerning</u>
2. <u>Ronald Rhodes</u>	<u>3</u>	For/ Against/ <u>Concerning</u>
3. <u>Cathy Viers</u>	<u>4</u>	For/ Against/ <u>Concerning</u>
4. <u>John Book</u>	<u>2</u>	For/ Against/ <u>Concerning</u>
5. <u>Cynde Wiley</u>	<u>1</u>	For/ Against/ <u>Concerning</u>
6. _____		For/ Against/ Concerning
7. _____		For/ Against/ Concerning
8. _____		For/ Against/ Concerning
9. _____		For/ Against/ Concerning
10. _____		For/ Against/ Concerning

Property Tax rate

Cynde Wiley

Accountability safeguards a civil society.

97 taxes in U.S. tax code ... Handout

Governments First Duty is to Protect The People, NOT RUN THEIR LIVES. Pres. Reagan.

Our dollars have less value but you want more of them to spend. TAXES PLAY INTO PERSONS DECISION MAKING

When you take money from your constituents that means they have less to patronize the local businesses. How many businesses shut down in 2024 and 2025 due to unsustainable low sales ? How many once thriving businesses now have for lease signs posted in the windows ?

Small businesses are the backbone of our labor force, if I decide to add on to my property ... you know what my first thought is ... great if it has a roof , my property taxes go up ! Instead of thinking, I can support a business, while improving my property, win win for both. I wish. Businesses are struggling and expanding is too costly for Mom and Pop, they are forced to be static.

Do renters think .. I will invest and improve this property. No, but homeowners do. The higher property taxes go up, the less affordability for young people to attain the American dream.

I look around CS and cant help but wonder ... Is the strategy to be a city of majority apartment dwellers ? Seems that is the obvious progression.

Can one really believe they own their land and home ? Try not paying property taxes and you risk seizure. It is a perpetual state of renting.

NNR stills provides a cushion of several million. This body in the last 10 years has never been in a situation of deficit spending and it was forced into NNR recently and all was well, the surplus was over 10 million.

While we will fuss and fight over spending... if I FOIA this body for a list of projects put on hold because of fiscal concerns ... would any projects be listed ?

You gotta know that We The People have very little faith and trust in our elected, we see a lot of political correctness, but very little of accountability.

No one can predict how AI will change the labor landscape. You assume we will need these office spaces, these employees, these buildings, these reports, but your only assuming and you know what happens when we do that.

Here are the 97 taxes in the US tax code:

1. Air Transportation Taxes
2. Biodiesel Fuel Taxes
3. Building Permit Taxes
4. Business Registration Fees
5. Capital Gains Taxes
6. Cigarette Taxes
7. Court Fines
8. Disposal Fees
9. Dog License Taxes
10. Drivers License Fees
11. Employer Health Insurance Mandate Tax
12. Employer Medicare Taxes
13. Employer Social Security Taxes
14. Environmental Fees
15. Estate Taxes
16. Excise Taxes On Comprehensive Health Insurance Plans
17. Federal Corporate Taxes
18. Federal Income Taxes
19. Federal Unemployment Taxes
20. Fishing License Taxes
21. Flush Taxes
22. Food And Beverage License Fees
23. Franchise Business Taxes
24. Garbage Taxes
25. Gasoline Taxes
26. Gift Taxes
27. Gun Ownership Permits
28. Hazardous Material Disposal Fees
29. Highway Access Fees
30. Hotel Taxes (these are becoming quite large in some areas)
31. Hunting License Taxes
32. Import Taxes
33. Individual Health Insurance Mandate Taxes
34. Inheritance Taxes
35. Insect Control Hazardous Materials Licenses
36. Inspection Fees

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37. Insurance Premium Taxes
38. Interstate User Diesel Fuel Taxes
39. Inventory Taxes
40. IRA Early Withdrawal Taxes
41. IRS Interest Charges
42. IRS Penalties
43. Library Taxes
44. License Plate Fees
45. Liquor Taxes
46. Local Corporate Taxes
47. Local Income Taxes
48. Local School Taxes
49. Local Unemployment Taxes
50. Luxury Taxes
51. Marriage License Taxes
52. Medicare Taxes
53. Medicare Tax Surcharge On High Earning Americans Under Obamacare
54. Obamacare Individual Mandate Excise Tax
55. Obamacare Surtax On Investment Income
56. Parking Meters
57. Passport Fees
58. Professional Licenses And Fees (another form of taxation)
59. Property Taxes
60. Real Estate Taxes
61. Recreational Vehicle Taxes
62. Registration Fees For New Businesses
63. Toll Booth Taxes
64. Sales Taxes
65. Self-Employment Taxes
66. Sewer & Water Taxes
67. School Taxes
68. Septic Permit Taxes
69. Service Charge Taxes
70. Social Security Taxes
71. Special Assessments For Road Repairs Or Construction
72. Sports Stadium Taxes
73. State Corporate Taxes

74. State Income Taxes
75. State Park Entrance Fees
76. State Unemployment Taxes (SUTA)
77. Tanning Taxes
78. Telephone 911 Service Taxes
79. Telephone Federal Excise Taxes
80. Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Taxes
81. Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Taxes
82. Telephone State And Local Taxes
83. Telephone Universal Access Taxes
84. The Alternative Minimum Tax
85. Tire Recycling Fees
86. Tire Taxes
87. Tolls
88. Traffic Fines
89. Use Taxes
90. Utility Taxes
91. Vehicle Registration Taxes
92. Waste Management Taxes
93. Water Rights Fees
94. Watercraft Registration & Licensing Fees
95. Well Permit Fees
96. Workers Compensation Taxes
97. Zoning Permit Fees