

COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

900 S. SEGUIN AVENUE
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130
JEFFREY J. BOOKER, RPA
CHIEF APPRAISER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORMAL BUDGET HEARING MAY 21, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Comal Appraisal District met at the appraisal district office at 900 S. Seguin Avenue, New Braunfels, Texas. Members present were John Tyler, Eric Couch, Bob Slupik, Douglas Miller, James Long and Kristen Hoyt. Others present were Jeffrey J. Booker, Tanner Jones, Ryan Dow, Melissa Jordan, Pam Krause, Sharon Baxter, John Cox, Kurt Andersen-Vie, Rob Johnson, Debra Hindman, Robert Brown, Camille Adams, David Hindman and Michelle Klecan. Quorum was present.

Mr. Tyler called the public hearing to order at 12:03pm stating that this hearing is being held in open session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and business as conducted by the Board will be done so in open session.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were recited. Michelle Klecan led the prayer.

1 - CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to address the board.

2 - PRESENTATION OF COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

Mr. Booker presented the 2025 Proposed Comal Appraisal District Budget and highlighted the following sections.

Total budget increases from \$5,597,330.64 (2024) to \$5,864,557.35 (2025).

#7099 – Increase of 6.65% in Employee Expenses

#7400 – Decrease of 9.46% in Education

#7600 – Decrease in Advertising for the required postings in the newspaper

#7800 & 8000 – Moved funds from Capital Expenses to Office Supplies per the auditor's recommendation for computer & device accessories

#8300 – Increase of 50% to Copier for printing evidence packets for every protest

#8400 – Increase of 35% in Vehicle Expenses for increased maintenance and wear & tear on the CAD cars since they are older

#8600 – Proposed Legal Fees decreased since the workshop presentation from \$668,000 to \$600,000.

#8600 – Proposed Homestead Verification Services increased since the workshop from \$52,000 to \$105,000 to allow the CAD options.

#8900 – Increased budget for ARB Board and TLO to be here daily (except Fridays) through the summer and for the TLO to be here two days a week after that. There was also a \$5/per diem increase for the ARB members, the ARB Chairman and the TLO.

The number of parcels in Comal County was a little over 115,000 in 2023 and is estimated to be 118,872 in 2024.

The District cost per parcel was \$48.50 for 2024 and is projected to be \$49.36 for 2025 (based on 118,872 parcels).

Mr. Booker shared the history of the budget increases over the past 4 years.

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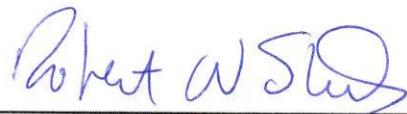
The increase for 2021 was 9.46%
The increase for 2022 was 13.33%
The increase for 2023 was 15.05%
The increase for 2024 was 4.6%
The increase for 2025 is projected to be 4.77%.

3 - **ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion was made by Kristen Hoyt; seconded by Eric Couch; to approve to adjourn the meeting at 12:13p.m. Motion passed unanimously by show of hands.



John Tyler, Chairman



Robert Slupik, Secretary