

COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

900 S. SEGUIN AVENUE
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130
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CHIEF APPRAISER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORMAL BUDGET HEARING May 13, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Comal Appraisal District met at the appraisal district office at 900 S. Seguin Avenue, New Braunfels, Texas.

Board Members present were Robert Brown, Eric Couch, Kristen Hoyt, Rob Johnson, James Long, Douglas Miller II, Bob Slupik and John Tyler. Debra Hindman was not present. Quorum was present.

Others present were Jeffrey J. Booker, Tanner Jones, Ryan Dow, Pam Krause, John Cox, Kurt Andersen-Vie, Sharon Baxter, Hector Rios, Debbie Fraser and Michelle Klecan.

Mr. Tyler called the public hearing to order at 5:31pm 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

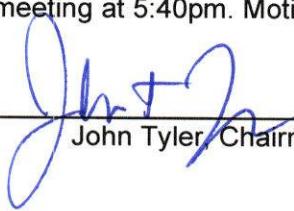
Mr. Booker presented the 2026 Proposed Comal Appraisal District Budget and highlighted the following sections.

Total budget increases 7.57% from \$5,864,557.35 (2025) to \$6,308,654.27 (2026).

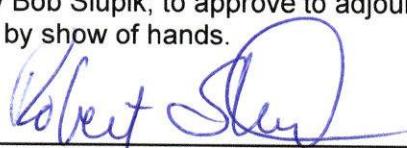
- #7099 – Increase of 6.93% in Employee Expenses to hire one additional employee
- #7400 – Increase of 14.93% in Education since 14 employees are on track to earn RPA
- #7450 – Increase of 50% in Director Expenses with the addition of team building funds
- #8300 – Increase of 25% in Copier expenses due higher rates on new lease
- #8500 – Increase of 73.91% in Data Processing since the CAD will be responsible for CyberSecurity software and licensing whereas the County had previously covered those expenses
- #8600 – Increase of 10.39% in Contract Services for Laser Processing to send out notices for every property that increased in value and for additional services being provided by Just Appraised for BPP and Homestead Exemptions
- #8700 – Increase of 3.06% for increasing Cybersecurity insurance limits
- #8900 – Decrease of 3.94% since we only paid 89% of the ARB budget in 2024

3 - ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Eric Couch; seconded by Bob Slupik; to approve to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm. Motion passed unanimously by show of hands.



John Tyler, Chairman



Robert Slupik, Secretary