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Commissioners Court approves 2017 budget

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The Comal County Commissioners Court on Tuesday approved an \$84.02 million budget for 2017, a 5.8 percent increase over the 2016 budget.

After amendments made by the court, the budget now includes 10 new positions, seven of them in a new road-paving crew, as well as \$2.5 million in equipment for the Sheriff's Office and \$2.1 million in equipment for the Road and Bridge Department. Even with the addition of a new sheriff's deputy, other changes to the budget brought it about \$50,000 below the initial proposal by County Judge Sherman Krause.

The new positions will bring to 649 Comal County's total number of full-time employees.

"I'm proud that by working together, we were able to approve a budget for 2017 that meets the county's needs while being good stewards of the taxpayers' money," Krause said.

The budget process continues with public hearings on and eventual approval of a tax rate to fund the budget; Krause's proposal leaves the rate at the same level it's been since 2014, 34.29 cents per \$100 of property value. A hearing on the tax rate is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, with adoption scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13.

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