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Commissioners Court to hold public hearings on budget, tax rate

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The Comal County Commissioners Court will begin conducting public hearings on the proposed 2017 budget and tax rate next week.

The proposed budget, presented by County Judge Sherman Krause on Aug. 4, is \$84.07 million, a 5.8 percent increase over the 2016 budget. The proposed tax rate, however, is the same, at 34.29 cents per \$100 of property value, with new construction and increased valuations, as well as unspent funds from 2016, providing the additional revenue.

Hearings on the budget and tax rate will be **Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.**, with Commissioners Court adoption of the budget scheduled for after the 5:15 p.m. hearing. A separate hearing on the tax rate will be **8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30**, with adoption of the rate scheduled for **Sept. 13**.

The proposed budget includes nine 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.

“Each year, we work hard to craft a budget that will meet the needs of the county in a responsible, fiscally prudent manner,” Krause said. “We welcome the public to come and participate in these hearings and hold us accountable for how we manage taxpayer money.”

The proposed budget is available on the Comal County website:

http://www.co.comal.tx.us/AUD/2017_County_Judges_Recommended_Budget.pdf

Please Note: Commissioners Court will not meet Thursday, Aug. 25, to allow attendance at the Texas Association of Counties Legislative Conference.

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