

AGENDA ITEM # 25August 4, 1998

Consider adopting tentative salaries and other compensation for elected officials and authorize publication of notice.

Judge Doerfler stated the committee they wanted to review and give recommendations did not come together. After much study and comparison with counties of comparable size, Judge Doerfler presented recommendations to the court. He emphasized the salaries could **not** exceed what was published.

Bonnie Wolbrueck District Clerk addressed the court concerning the District Clerk salary and requested fairness and equality.

Constable Jim Wilson requested the constables salaries be equal to the Justices of the Peace salaries.

Vivian Wood County Treasurer stated the county has increased tremendously therefore we are responding to a whole lot more need, demand and responsibility than we have ever had to before. As our salaries are increased another standard is set for the officials to reach and if it is not reached then the public can change things at the ballot box.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Motion: To adopt tentative salaries of Sheriff - \$65,000; County Judge - \$65,000; County Attorney - \$73,798; Treasurer - \$48,431 and remaining elected officials 5% increase and authorize publication of notice.

Vote:

Moved Commissioner Heiligenstein

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Amended Motion: To adopt tentative salaries of Sheriff - \$65,000; County Judge - \$65,000; County Attorney - \$75,000; Treasurer - \$48,431 and remaining elected officials 5% increase and authorize publication of notice.

Vote: Motion died 2 - 3 with Judge Doerfler, Commissioners Hays and Mehevec voting against the motion.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Motion: To adopt tentative salaries Sheriff - \$65,000; County Judge - \$65,00 plus supplement; County Attorney - \$73,798; Treasurer - \$48,431 and remaining elected officials 5% increase and authorize publication of notice.

Vote: Motion died 1 - 4 with Judge Doerfler, Commissioners Hays, Heiligenstein and Mehevec voting against the motion.

Moved: Commissioner Hays

Seconded: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Motion: To adopt Judge Doerfler's recommendation for tentative salaries for elected officials except County Commissioners with a 5% increase and authorize publication of notice.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 2 with Commissioners Mehevec and Boatright voting against.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To approve elected officials miscellaneous compensations.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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**Elected Officials Salary Recommendations - 1998/99 Budget**

County Judge	76,000
County Commissioners	<del>57,000</del> 50,852.81 5%
County Attorney	90,000 (average 77,000.)
County Court at Law	90,000 (average 101,000.)
County Clerk	57,000
District Clerk	57,000
Tax Assessor/Collector	61,000
Sheriff	67,000
County Treasurer	52,000
Justices of the Peace	47,000
Constables	44,000

Public Notice is hereby given of the Williamson County Commissioners Court intention to set the yearly salaries for county and precinct officials for the proposed 1999 budget as follows:

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| a) | Judge of the County Court<br>*(a salary increase of \$12,006.25 per year including supplement of \$4,800. for Juvenile Board)  | \$76,000.*   |
| b) | Judge of the County Court at Law #1  | \$90,000.*   |
| c) | Judge of the County Court at Law #2<br>*(a salary increase of \$10,000. - of this \$90,000.00 salary each County Court at Law Judge's salary is supplemented by the State \$20,000.) | \$90,000.*   |
| d) | County Attorney<br>*(a salary increase of \$24,886.87 per year)  | \$90,000.*   |
| e) | County Sheriff<br>*(a salary increase of \$7,806.25 per year)  | \$67,000.*   |
| f) | County Clerk<br>*(a salary increase of \$8,568.75 per year)  | \$57,000.*   |
| g) | District Clerk<br>*(a salary increase of \$8,568.75 per year)  | \$57,000.*   |
| h) | County Tax Assessor/Collector<br>*(a salary increase of \$12,568.75 per year)  | \$61,000.*   |
| I) | County Treasurer<br>*(a salary increase of \$9,622.75 per year)  | \$52,000.*   |
| j) | Each County Commissioner<br>*(a salary increase of \$2,421.56 per year)  | \$50,852.81* |
| k) | Each Justice of the Peace<br>*(a salary increase of \$8,255. per year)   | \$47,000.*   |
| l) | Each Constable<br>*(a salary increase of \$8,486.82 per year)  | \$44,000.*   |
| m) | District Attorney - Supplement<br>(No change in supplement amount; does not include \$101,700 in state salary)   | \$ 8,900.    |
| n) | Each District Judge - Supplement<br>(No change in supplement amount - \$4,100. Supplement plus \$4,800. for Juvenile Board; does not include \$101,700 in state salary)              | \$ 8,900.    |

The expense allowance for all officials will be as follows:

- a) any county official that is required to use his/her personal automobile while on official county business may be entitled to receive mileage at the Internal Revenue Service allowable deduction for mileage, upon submitting the required documentation to the County Auditor.
- b) any official may be entitled to full reimbursement for lodging expenses when traveling out of the county, beyond a 50 mile radius of Williamson County, on official county business, if the required documentation is submitted to the County Auditor.
- c) all officials may be entitled to reimbursement for any meals eaten when traveling out of the county on official county business, and the required documentation is submitted to the County Auditor. The maximum meal reimbursement is limited to \$28.00 per day.
- d) for any official to receive expense allowance under a, b or c above, the funds to be used to pay the reimbursement must have been appropriated by the Commissioners Court prior to the expense being incurred.

All qualifying County and Precinct officials will be provided with health benefits coverage under the Self Funded Williamson County Benefits Program. Health premiums for all County or Precinct officials will be funded by the county except for any set premium rate decided on by the Commissioners Court. Qualifying dependents of elected officials will also be provided health benefits for a set premium rate.

All County and Precinct Officials are required by law to participate in the Texas County and District Retirement System. The County Auditor shall deduct the required matching contribution. County contributions will be at the same rates applicable to County employees (which may increase by 2.5% or more).

The use of County equipment or vehicles for personal use is prohibited by law, but because of the need for specific officials to respond to emergencies at night and/or on week-ends, the following officials are authorized to take a county vehicle to their home at night, even though this involves the use of a county vehicle for travel to and from their home each day:

- a) the County Sheriff
- b) each Constable

Issued by order of the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

  
John C. Doerfler, County Judge

Please run as a public notice in your publication:

Williamson County Sun - Sunday, August 9, 1998 and Sunday, August 16, 1998

RECORDERS MEMORANDUM  
All or parts of the text on this page was not  
clearly legible for satisfactory recordation.

Round Rock Leader - one time, week of August 9, 1998

Taylor Daily Press - one time, week of August 9, 1998

Hill County News - one time, week of August 9, 1998

Liberty Hill Independent - one time, week of August 9, 1998

## AGENDA ITEM # 26

August 4, 1998

Hear report from Tax Assessor/Collector.

County Tax Assessor/Collector Deborah Hunt submitted a report on Tax Rates to the court and answered all questions.

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## 1998 Effective Tax Rate Worksheet

Entity Name: Williamson County

File Name: WmsnCnty

General Fund

Date: 8/4/98

1.	<b>1997 total taxable value.</b> Enter the amount of 1997 taxable value on the 1997 tax roll today. Include any adjustments since last year's certification; exclude the Section 25.25(d) one-third over-appraisal corrections from these adjustments. This value includes the taxable value of over-65 homesteads.	\$9,135,006,412
2.	<b>SCHOOL DISTRICTS.</b> Enter 1997 taxable value of over-65 homesteads with tax ceilings. Other units enter "0".	\$0
3.	<b>Preliminary 1997 adjusted taxable value.</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1.	\$9,135,006,412
4.	<b>1997 total tax rate</b> (per \$100).	0.2960
5.	<b>1997 taxable value lost because court appeals of ARB decisions reduced 1997 appraised value.</b> A. Original 1997 ARB values: <span style="float: right;">\$0</span> B. 1997 values resulting from final court decisions: <span style="float: right;">\$0</span> C. 1997 value loss. Subtract B from A: <span style="float: right;">\$0</span>	
6.	<b>1997 taxable value, adjusted for court-ordered reductions.</b> Add line 3 and line 5C.	\$9,135,006,412
7.	<b>1997 taxable value of property in territory the unit deannexed after January 1, 1997.</b> Enter the 1997 value of property in deannexed territory, including any territory deannexed by the school district.	\$0
8.	<b>1997 taxable value lost because property first qualified for an exemption in 1998.</b> Note that lowering the amount or percentage of an existing exemption does not create a new exemption or reduce taxable value. If the taxing unit increased an original exemption, use the difference between the original exempted amount and the increased exempted amount. Do not include value lost due to freeport exemptions or tax abatements. A. Absolute exemptions. Use 1997 market value: <span style="float: right;">\$1,616,097</span> B. Partial exemptions. 1998 exemption amount, or <span style="float: right;">\$8,305,473</span> 1998 percentage exemption times 1997 value: <span style="float: right;">+</span> C. Value loss. Total of A and B: <span style="float: right;">\$9,921,570</span>	
9.	<b>1997 taxable value lost because property first qualified for agricultural appraisal (1-d or 1-d-1), timber appraisal, recreational/scenic appraisal or public access airport special appraisal in 1998.</b> Use only those properties that first qualified in 1998; do not use properties that qualified in 1997. A. 1997 market value: <span style="float: right;">\$963,129</span> B. 1998 productivity or special appraised value: <span style="float: right;">\$20,460</span> C. Value loss. Subtract B from A: <span style="float: right;">\$942,669</span>	
10.	<b>Total adjustments for lost value.</b> Add lines 7, 8C and 9C.	\$10,864,239
11.	<b>1997 adjusted taxable value.</b> Subtract line 10 from line 6.	\$9,124,142,173
12.	<b>Adjusted 1997 taxes.</b> Multiply line 4 times line 11 and divide by 100.	\$27,007,461
13.	<b>Taxes refunded for years preceding tax year 1997:</b> Enter the amount of taxes refunded during the last budget year for tax years preceding tax year 1997. Types of refunds include court decisions, Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections, and Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for tax year 1997. This provision applies only to tax years preceding tax year 1997.	\$77,607
14.	<b>Adjusted 1997 taxes with refunds.</b> Add lines 12 and 13.	\$27,085,068