

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.659487 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of RUNNELS COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.659487 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.606472 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.661657 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for RUNNELS COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that RUNNELS COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that RUNNELS COUNTY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 25, 2026 AT 9:30 AM AT Runnels County Courthouse, Commissioner Court Room 3rd Floor, 613 Hutchings Ave, Ballinger, TX 76821.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, RUNNELS COUNTY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioners Court of RUNNELS COUNTY at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED
AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal:

County Judge, Julia Miller

Commissioner, Carl King (Via
Telephone)

Commissioner, Chris Ocker
Commissioner, Juan Ornelas

Commissioner, Brandon Poehls

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by RUNNELS COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by RUNNELS COUNTY this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.579778	\$0.659487	increase of 0.079709 per \$100, or 13.75%
Average homestead taxable value	\$126,711	\$149,410	increase of 17.91%
Tax on average homestead	\$734.64	\$985.34	increase of 250.70, or 34.13%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$5,939,155	\$6,286,817	increase of 347,662, or 5.85%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The RUNNELS COUNTY spent \$30,000 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$30,000. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.003169/\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The RUNNELS COUNTY spent \$82,006 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$37,188. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000236/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for RUNNELS COUNTY at 325-365-2339 or susan.hallford@runnelscounty.org, or visit runnelscounty.org for more information.