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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026 Budget

The Commissioners' Court of Newton County will hold a public hearing on the County's proposed 2026 budget:

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Located at: Newton County Court House
Third Floor Commissioners' Court Room
110 E Court St Newton, Texas 75966.

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

House Bill 1522, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year. Newton County has proposed a budget for the County's 2026 fiscal year. The County intends to adopt its budget on September 23, 2025.

· 2024 Value of Median-Valued Homestead Property in the County: 102,984

· 2024 Property Tax Bill for the Current Fiscal Year (\$0.700924 per \$100 of value):
\$721.84

· Estimated 2025 Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year if the County Adopts the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate (\$0.703124 per \$100 of value): \$776.63

· Estimated 2025 Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year if the County Adopts a Balanced Budget Funded at the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate (\$0.696645 per \$100 of value):
\$734.82

The estimates in this Impact Statement are valid only for the proposed budget and proposed tax rate that the Newton County Commissioners Court will discuss at its hearing/meeting on September 23, 2025. The proposed budget and the proposed tax rate may each be amended by Commissioners' Court before their final adoption.

Executed this 9th day of September, 2025.

Handwritten signature of Ronald J. Cochran in blue ink.
Ronald J. Cochran
Newton County Judge