

33rd & 424th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SETTING COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF

AUDITOR AND ASSISTANTS OF LLANO COUNTY

On the 19th day of August, 2026, a public hearing was held in the District Courtroom #2, Burnet County Courthouse Annex, 1701 E. Polk (highway 29 East), Burnet, Texas 78611, pursuant to Section 152.905, Texas Local Government Code, for the following purposes:

1. setting the annual amount of compensation and travel allowances of the county auditor and assistant auditor in Llano County for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

After hearing and considering the testimony, evidence, questions, and comments of all persons appearing at the hearing:

It is **ORDERED** for the fiscal year 2026-2027 that the salaries of the Auditor and Assistants, as set out in Schedule 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof as if set out in full herein, be paid in equal monthly installments and the travel expenses and other allowances, as set out therein, be paid, as incurred, from the General Fund of Llano County, Texas.

It is further **ORDERED** that the District Clerk of Llano County file this Order and certify same to the Commissioners' Court of said county, and that said Commissioners' Court shall cause this Order to be recorded in its minutes. Transcription of the public hearing of August 19, 2026 together with all documentary and/or written evidence introduced at said hearing are ordered to be filed in the office of the District Clerk of Llano County, Texas, and maintained as a public record as part of this Order.

Signed this 19th day of August, 2026.

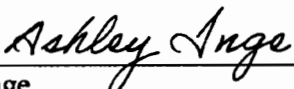


Allan Garrett
Presiding Judge
33RD Judicial District Court



Evan Stubbs
Presiding Judge
424TH Judicial District Court

I, Ashley Inge, Llano County District Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing Administrative Order was submitted to the Commissioners Court of Llano County, Texas, on the 28th day of September, ~~2025~~, for recording in the minutes of said Court.
2026



Ashley Inge
District Clerk
Llano County, Texas

LLANO COUNTY AUDITOR BUDGET				
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2027				
	010-495-1020	Exempt Employee		\$113,000.00
	010-495-1030	Hourly Employee		\$133,183.00
	010-495-1100	Vehicle Allowance		\$1,520.00
	010-495-1110	Phone Allowance		\$0.00
	010-495-1600	Longevity		\$9,400.00
	010-495-2010	SS/Medicare		\$19,400.00
	010-495-2020	Group Insurance		\$39,390.00
	010-495-2030	Retirement		\$17,700.00
	010-495-2060	Term Life Insurance		\$460.00
	010-495-3250	Operating Supplies		\$8,000.00
	010-495-4300	Travel/Training/Mileage		\$12,000.00
	010-495-4400	Mileage		\$0.00
	010-495-4520	Maintenance & Repair		\$500.00
	010-495-5760	Capital Outlay		\$11,500.00
		Total Budget		\$366,053.00

	LLANO COUNTY AUDITOR TOTAL COMPENSATION	
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2027	
POSITION	EMPLOYEE	BASE PAY
Auditor	Lance Center	\$113,000.00
First Assistant Auditor	Harris, Maegan	\$61,177.00
Assistant Auditor	Yoho, Michelle	\$58,920.00
Grant Manager	Kepp, Cheryl (20%)*	\$13,086.00
	Department Totals	\$246,183.00

*Employee is shared with Treasurer's Department 80/20.

LONGEVITY	VEHICLE	CELL	TOTAL
\$150.00	\$920.00	\$0.00	\$114,070.00
\$5,700.00	\$600.00		\$67,477.00
\$2,950.00			\$61,870.00
\$600.00			\$13,686.00
\$9,400.00	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$257,103.00

33RD/424TH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS
BLANCO, LLANO, BURNET AND SAN SABA COUNTIES

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS FOR SETTING COMPENSATION AND
EXPENSES FOR AUDITORS AND ASSISTANTS
AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SETTING COMPENSATION AND
EXPENSES FOR COURT REPORTERS

AUGUST 19, 2026

District Courtroom
Burnet County Courthouse Annex North
1701 E. Polk Street
Burnet, Texas 78611

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1 IN ATTENDANCE:

2 The Honorable J. Allan Garrett, 33rd Judicial
3 District Judge

4 The Honorable Evan Stubbs, 424th Judicial District
5 Judge

6 The Honorable Bryan Wilson, Burnet County Judge
7 The Honorable Rob Hardy, Llano County Judge

8 Commissioner Chad Collier, Precinct 3

9 Casie Walker, District Clerk, Burnet County

10 Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk, Burnet County

11 Karrie Crownover, County Treasurer, Burnet County

12 Greg Harris, Director of Technologies and Cyber
13 Security, Burnet County

14 Captain Mike Sorenson, Burnet County Sheriff's
15 Office

16 Marci Morris, Assistant Public Defender

17 Jennifer Bunting, Court Coordinator 424th District
18 Court

19 Jaclyn Milum, Court Coordinator 33rd District Court
20 Lance Center, Incoming Llano County Auditor

21 Clair Nybro, Burnet County resident, public comment

22 Mark Kamlah, member of the public

23 Karen Heimann, Court Reporter

1 (In open public forum)

2 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. I'm going to
3 call the meeting to order. My name is Allan Garrett. I
4 am District Judge for the 33rd Judicial District Court.

5 JUDGE STUBBS: And I am Evan Stubbs. I am
6 the District Judge for the 424th covering Burnet,
7 Blanco, Llano, and San Saba, same as the 33rd.

8 JUDGE GARRETT: Okay. Yeah, same counties.

9 Well, let's see here. We are here by -- on
10 public hearing for the appointments of auditors, and
11 then the other information that we posted, including the
12 annual compensation of the court reporters, and then any
13 reimbursements for those roles, including auditor roles
14 for three of those four counties.

15 And so before we begin -- and I forgot my
16 belt, so apologies for being overly casual, no
17 suspenders luckily, but let's -- I think, we have a few
18 enough people in attendance where I'll ask you to
19 introduce yourself for the record. The court reporter
20 is taking down everything that happens today. And I'm
21 going to start to my left, and if I do this we'll
22 just -- tell us your name, and that way she has everyone
23 down.

24 MS. NYBRO: I have public comments. May I
25 be allowed to speak, or are you opening that now or not?

1 JUDGE GARRETT: No. I'll tell you, you
2 will be allowed to speak.

3 MS. NYBRO: Thank you, sir. My name is
4 Claire Nybro. I am a resident of Burnet County.

5 JUDGE GARRETT: Thank you, ma'am.

6 DISTRICT CLERK CASIE WALKER: Casie Walker,
7 District Clerk, Burnet County.

8 COUNTY CLERK VICINTA STAFFORD: Vicinta
9 Stafford, County Clerk, Burnet County.

10 COUNTY TREASURER KARRIE CROWNOVER: Karrie
11 Crownover, County Treasurer, Burnet County.

12 DIRECTOR OF IT MR. HARRIS: Greg Harris,
13 Director of Technologies and Cyber Security.

14 CAPTAIN MIKE SORENSON: Mike Sorenson,
15 Burnet County Sheriff's Office.

16 COMMISSIONER COLLIER: Chad Collier,
17 Commissioner Precinct 3.

18 JUDGE GARRETT: Going this way.

19 ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER MS. MORRIS:
20 Marci Morris, Assistant Public Defender.

21 COURT COORDINATOR MS. BUNTING: Jennifer
22 Bunting, Court Coordinator for the 424th District Court.

23 JUDGE WILSON: Bryan Wilson, Burnet County
24 Judge.

25 JUDGE HARDY: Rob Hardy, Llano County

1 Judge.

2 MR. CENTER: Lance Center, incoming Llano
3 County Auditor.

4 JUDGE GARRETT: After today, it's only
5 going to be a few minutes, yes.

6 JUDGE STUBBS: Thanks for being here.

7 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. I thank all of
8 you for being here, and so --

9 JUDGE STUBBS: And Jaclyn Milum, also,
10 Court Coordinator for the 33rd District.

11 JUDGE GARRETT: He made that announcement
12 for you now --

13 JUDGE STUBBS: And then we also have two
14 bailiffs present.

15 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. That is
16 absolutely everyone.

17 So with that, we're going to go straight
18 into our agenda. And the No. 1 agenda item is
19 reappointment of the Burnet County auditor. So having
20 called that agenda item, I will open it up for comment.

21 So I know that you had mentioned that you
22 wanted to make comments. So I'm going to let you go
23 first.

24 MS. NYBRO: Yes, sir. Do I do it here, or
25 would you like --

1 JUDGE GARRETT: If you don't mind standing,
2 just so she can hear you, and all of us can hear you.

3 JUDGE GARRETT: I have a copy of this, as
4 well, for the record. Thank you.

5 (Written copy attached to record)

6 MS. NYBRO: Good morning, Your Honors. I
7 appreciate the opportunity to address you. My name is
8 Claire Nybro. I am a Burnet County resident. I
9 previously wrote to you about the recurring public
10 tension between the Burnet County Auditor's office and
11 the Information Technology Department.

12 That tension is recent. It did not exist
13 until this year, and it has consumed a significant
14 amount of time from both the Court and the public on
15 matters that should be routine. It has continued
16 through multiple recent meetings, including disputes
17 over computer purchasing standards, the tagging and
18 inventory of IT equipment, and a proposed change to the
19 County's travel-reimbursement policy. During the travel
20 reimburse- -- travel-policy discussion, the county clerk
21 publically raised concerns about possible retaliation.

22 Both the auditor's purchasing and inventory
23 responsibilities, and the IT Department's cyber security
24 and operational responsibilities are important to the
25 County. I understand the computer-standards issue may

1 be moving toward resolution, with the Court now seeking
2 to obtain the IT director's recommendation at the
3 August 25th meeting. Even so, the broader pattern of
4 inter-departmental tension remains a concern. I ask
5 that, in considering the auditor's reappointment, you
6 give meaningful weight to her ability to work
7 cooperatively with other departments and to help
8 establish practical processes that best serve the
9 County's overall interests.

10 Thank you for your time, and thank you for
11 your service.

12 JUDGE GARRETT: Thank you, ma'am.

13 Yes. And, sir, you just walked in. Just
14 for the record, with everything being taken down, can
15 you just state your name?

16 MR. KAMLAH: Mark, last name is
17 K-a-m-l-a-h.

18 JUDGE GARRETT: Thank you, sir. Appreciate
19 that.

20 And then I'm going to go through and then
21 we'll get to -- anyone else? We do have one that was
22 sent in for public comment, and pursuant to ADA
23 Ms. Bunting will read that into the record. Anybody
24 else have comments from the audience?

25 So, Ms. Bunting?

1 MS. BUNTING: Jennifer Bunting, 424th
2 District Court Coordinator, and I am here with an ADA
3 accomodation request from Patty Cope.

4 (Statement read into the record,
5 copy submitted to be attached)

6 MS. BUNTING: (Reading) May it please the
7 Court:

8 I am grateful for the opportunity to offer
9 public comments about the reappointment of the Burnet
10 County Auditor and Purchasing Agent.

11 The county auditor serves as the chief
12 financial officer of the county. During budget
13 sessions, when knowledge of revenues, expenditures, and
14 constraints is most needed, the auditor has been absent
15 from Commissioner's Court. That absence has limited
16 timely financial clarification and hindered budget
17 discussions for two cycles.

18 As a court-appointed member of the Burnet
19 Country Jail Operations Committee since 2023, I follow
20 jail revenue and finances closely. As of September
21 2025, public information requested about the 24 percent
22 increase in jail revenue from 5.3 million to 7 million
23 in FY26 was answered with substantial redactions
24 characterized as "audit-working papers," without an
25 attorney general ruling. Budget-working papers and

1 audit-working papers are distinct under the Public
2 Information Act. An open-records complaint to the OAG
3 is pending for the redactions. A similar PIR will focus
4 on the proposed 12 percent increase in jail revenue to
5 8 million in FY27.

6 I had an open-door invitation from the
7 previous auditor for several years. When I asked to see
8 a jail revenue related budget document, front desk
9 auditor staff stated that I was interrupting. Within
10 days, the office was posted "closed to the public
11 without an appointment."

12 A prior year-end budget amendment to split
13 excess jail housing revenue equally between jail
14 maintenance and jail-related vehicles remains
15 unresolved. It is not mentioned in any CAFRs or budget.
16 In my view, this is a material omission.

17 On August 5th, 2026, the auditor stated
18 that \$1,130 from one employee's travel reimbursement had
19 been added to taxable wages. County policy authorizes
20 the single-room rate and contains no GSA limit. Under
21 IRS accountable-plan rules, actual substantiated lodging
22 reimbursements are not taxable merely by exceeding the
23 GSA rate. And treating the sum as taxable wages is not
24 authorized by County policy or the tax framework.

25 As purchasing agent, already approved IT

1 purchases have been delayed through rejection of a
2 technical standard already in use for several years.
3 Chapter 262 assigns control of the purchasing process,
4 not authority to reengineer technical specifications
5 once competitive availability exists. The County is now
6 being asked to fund an outside consultant, while a
7 subject-matter expert IT director is already on staff.
8 The same employee whose lodging reimbursement was
9 treated as taxable wages.

10 I respectfully request that the Court
11 consider these matters of presence, judgment,
12 open-records compliance, and statutory role in its
13 decisions on reappointment and compensation.

14 Respectfully submitted.

15 Patty Cope.

16 (Concludes public comment reading)

17 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. Thank you,
18 Ms. Bunting.

19 Do we have any other public comments?

20 Okay. I guess, it's time to vote.

21 JUDGE STUBBS: Just for the record, a copy
22 of the -- what was read into the record by Ms. Bunting
23 and Ms. Cope has been provided to the court reporter to
24 be attached to the record.

25 Furthermore, I make a motion that the

1 current Burnet County auditor not be reappointed, at
2 this time, and that we open it up to applications to be
3 filled at a later date.

4 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. There's a
5 motion, um, two notes. I am going to second the motion.
6 Any discussion?

7 JUDGE STUBBS: No.

8 JUDGE GARRETT: All in favor say "aye."

9 JUDGE STUBBS: Aye.

10 JUDGE GARRETT: Aye.

11 That matter will be posted or that position
12 will be posted as soon as we can, and all are welcome to
13 apply.

14 Going to the next one is appointment of the
15 Llano County auditor to fulfill the 2025-2026 fiscal
16 year auditor position from September 1st, 2026 to
17 September 30th. And so that y'all know by way of
18 edification, the current auditor, she's going to be done
19 and retired, and I know she's been planning that for
20 awhile. We went through applications and a search
21 process. And Mr. Lance Center has graciously accepted
22 that role, and we've gotten him up to speed to where
23 there's a month left of the prior auditor's term. And
24 that's what this agenda item is for that last month, so
25 that Mr. Center can start beginning September 1st,

1 before the next term. That's the next agenda item.

2 So with that, I am going to open it up for
3 public comment. If there's anyone here that has
4 anything to say on that agenda item, I want to make sure
5 you have the ability. There were no right -- and just
6 so the record is clear, the only time folks wrote in was
7 for that first agenda item. But if anybody else has
8 anything else, now is our chance.

9 All right. Hearing none, Judge Stubbs?

10 JUDGE STUBBS: First, I want to just thank
11 Kelly Eckhardt to honor our request for staying on for
12 the term that she has, because she could have simply
13 just retired and left. And instead I think she did a
14 really good service to Llano County in staying on and
15 helping Judge Hardy, as I understand it, and also
16 helping Mr. Center get acclimated to it. And I just
17 want to thank her very publically and on the record.

18 And with that, I would make the motion that
19 we appoint Lance Center as the Llano County auditor to
20 fulfill the '25-'26 fiscal year position, from
21 September 1st through September 30th of 2026.

22 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. I second the
23 motion and, also, the comments. Kelly's not here. I
24 was hoping she would be here, but I second the comments
25 and the motion.

1 Any discussion regarding that item?

2 JUDGE STUBBS: I'd just add that,
3 Mr. Center, we're really happy to have you, and thank
4 you for accepting the position.

5 JUDGE GARRETT: If you're waiting for me to
6 say that, and I was going to wait for the appointment
7 for the two years, because it needs to be longer than a
8 month. So with that, all in favor say "aye."

9 JUDGE STUBBS: Aye.

10 JUDGE GARRETT: Aye.

11 None oppose, so we will move along to the
12 No. 3 on the agenda. And that is the appointment of
13 Llano County auditor to serve a term of two years
14 beginning October 1st, 2026. And that is Lance Center
15 who's taking over the unexpired month remaining on the
16 prior term. So with that, thank you, Lance. He's a --
17 those of you who don't know, he's a Llano Yellowjacket
18 at heart. He's, also, the announcer for the football
19 games and has been for several years. So him finding
20 his way back to Llano, I think he's going to be a great
21 fit; and if it's not, I'm sure I will hear about it.
22 We'll have some other -- some other conversations.

23 JUDGE STUBBS: He's going to be a great fit
24 for sure.

25 JUDGE GARRETT: So that's the agenda item.

1 And I need to open it up again for public discussion, if
2 anybody has anything they want to say.

3 Yes, sir.

4 JUDGE HARDY: Thank you, Your Honor. And I
5 would like to echo what Judge Stubbs said. Lance has
6 fulfilled more than to the Court's satisfaction over the
7 past few months in the interim capacity. And we're sad
8 to see Kelly go, but we feel like Lance is going to be a
9 very good replacement for her. And we work together
10 very well, and I think she's -- he's done a very good
11 job, and I thank y'all for letting us be a part of the
12 process.

13 JUDGE GARRETT: Thank you, Judge,
14 appreciate that.

15 MR. CENTER: Yes, I'd like to comment and
16 I'd like to thank you for the opportunity. I'll stand,
17 because -- all right. I have been wanting to come back
18 local, and been out in the corporate world. Great
19 opportunity with Kelly being around and being helpful.
20 You said "replace," yes, I will replace the role, but I
21 will not be able to replace Kelly. She has done an
22 outstanding job helping me to get lined up and up to
23 speed. So we are starting in a good pace ahead of us
24 and hope to get it wrapped up on time, so very, very --
25 very happy for the opportunity to fulfill it.

1 JUDGE GARRETT: Excellent. Well, thank
2 you, again, for applying and being willing to fill that
3 position. We are excited, so...

4 Anybody else have any comments on that
5 agenda item?

6 So I'll entertain motions.

7 JUDGE STUBBS: All right. I'd make a
8 motion that we appoint Lance Center as the Llano County
9 auditor for a two-year term beginning October 1st of
10 2026.

11 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. There's a
12 motion, and I will second that motion.

13 Any discussion.

14 JUDGE STUBBS: (No response.)

15 JUDGE GARRETT: Hearing none from
16 Judge Stubbs, all in favor say "aye."

17 JUDGE STUBBS: Aye.

18 JUDGE GARRETT: Aye. None opposed.

19 Number 4 on the agenda is reappointment of
20 the Blanco County Auditor, Shelly Wenmohs.

21 And so, um, before we get into that agenda,
22 it's been opened, so if there's any public comment or
23 discussion on that item, we can hear it now. I don't
24 see anyone from Blanco County here, so...

25 And no one else is making public comments,

1 so I will entertain any motions.

2 JUDGE STUBBS: All right. I'll make a
3 motion that we reappoint Shelly Wenmohs as the Blanco
4 County auditor for a two-year term beginning, I believe,
5 October 1st of 2026.

6 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. The motion was
7 made, and I will second that motion.

8 Any discussion?

9 JUDGE STUBBS: To my knowledge, she's doing
10 a wonderful job, and we appreciate her service. And I
11 have -- I have not heard a single complaint, since she
12 was originally appointed, that I can remember. And so I
13 think we should -- wish she were here to tell that to,
14 but anyway, I think -- I think that she's doing a good
15 job, as far as I know.

16 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. I will backup
17 that comment, so all in favor say "aye."

18 JUDGE STUBBS: Aye.

19 JUDGE GARRETT: Aye. And none opposed.

20 Moving to No. 5, reappointment of Burnet
21 County purchasing agent and setting annual compensation.
22 Any public comment on that? What I can do, since some
23 of the public comment, I think both of them, involved
24 the purchasing agent, as well, I will include that under
25 this agenda item, as well. So for the record, it will

1 be considered in this agenda item, as well. That's --
2 unless you want to restate it, we are going to attach
3 your thing to it.

4 MS. NYBRO: Thank you so much.

5 JUDGE GARRETT: So anyone else have a
6 comment or discussion on that?

7 (No response)

8 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. Judge Stubbs?

9 JUDGE STUBBS: Then I would make a motion
10 that we appoint Jolene Mock, as the purchasing agent,
11 and I presume that would begin October 1st of 2026,
12 because the current auditor is the purchasing agent, I
13 think, through the end of the term, and it's my
14 understanding that Ms. Mock has served as a purchasing
15 agent previously for some period of time. That
16 appointment would be a temporary for interim
17 appointment, so that we can reconsider who the
18 purchasing agent would be, after receiving applications
19 for the auditor position. And that would, also, be
20 subject to Ms. Mock agreeing to accept those duties.
21 But it's my understanding that she's done this
22 previously, and is familiar with the role, and has
23 worked for the County for a number of years. So I would
24 make the motion that she be appointed, if she's willing
25 to go accept the duties on an interim basis.

1 JUDGE GARRETT: I don't see Ms. Mock here,
2 so I like that it's quantified for her accepting that.
3 Obviously, I don't want anyone to feel like they are
4 thrust into a role they don't want.

5 JUDGE STUBBS: And I want to add to my
6 motion that she would be, at least, temporarily
7 compensated in accordance with the -- what's listed in
8 the budget for the purchasing agent on, I believe, it's
9 a biweekly payment for the term that she's serving in
10 that capacity.

11 JUDGE GARRETT: And I guess -- okay.

12 So there's the motion. Well, I am going to
13 second the motion.

14 Any further discussion?

15 JUDGE STUBBS: No.

16 JUDGE GARRETT: I just want to make sure
17 it's understood that its quantified --

18 JUDGE WILSON: Right, I think under the
19 current statute it indicates that the County Judge is
20 part of the purchasing board; is that correct?

21 JUDGE STUBBS: I will be honest with you, I
22 don't know. I know historically the auditor has served
23 as the purchasing agent in each of the counties where we
24 have an auditor. I'm not trying to cut you out by any
25 means, but it seems like someone in the auditor's

1 office, at least historically, has always been the
2 purchasing agent in the 12 years that I have been
3 involved in this. I don't have any background, other
4 than that, so I don't know the answer, but --

5 JUDGE GARRETT: I want to back up on that,
6 Judge, and just so the record is clear.

7 JUDGE WILSON: I'm Bryan Wilson, Burnet
8 County Judge.

9 JUDGE GARRETT: Judge Wilson.

10 JUDGE WILSON: Yes, I remember last year
11 looking at the statute and the purchasing board was made
12 up of the district judges and the county judge, so...

13 JUDGE GARRETT: What we can do, if you
14 want -- if you want, we can table that item. And then
15 we can, the three of us can get together and see how
16 that is to happen. Because I will just say, I'm going
17 to be quite honest with you and tell you how it's
18 happened in the past. I took office, and there was no
19 purchasing agent. And then it was brought to my
20 attention two to three years in -- Judge Stubbs might
21 have already taken office, when someone said we don't
22 have a purchasing agent for the County. And so it
23 hasn't been a county run by boards, and I've never
24 really known it to be. So if there is a need to follow
25 statute, obviously, we should do that, and because

1 that's been raised in discussion, I think we should
2 table that.

3 JUDGE STUBBS: I'll just withdraw my
4 motion. Just so you're aware there's nothing intended
5 in that motion to deprive you of any authority you may
6 have in any form or fashion.

7 JUDGE WILSON: None taken. I just wanted
8 to clarify.

9 JUDGE STUBBS: Then I will withdraw the
10 motion and move that we table that issue for a later
11 hearing.

12 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. I'm going to
13 second that motion. And let the record reflect the
14 withdrawal of it.

15 JUDGE STUBBS: And just so it's clear, it's
16 my understanding that the current auditor is the
17 purchasing agent, as we sit here today, and will remain
18 the purchasing agent until the end of the existing term,
19 so that gives us some time to figure it out.

20 JUDGE WILSON: Thank you.

21 JUDGE GARRETT: That's fine. That was in
22 my mind when I said, Let's just table it, and we can
23 talk to make sure it's done right.

24 JUDGE WILSON: Good.

25 JUDGE GARRETT: But thank you for that.

1 So all in favor say "aye," to table.

2 JUDGE STUBBS: Aye, correct.

3 JUDGE GARRETT: Aye.

4 Moving along. So Item No. 6 is setting the
5 annual amount of compensation, travel expenses, and
6 other allowances of the county auditors and assistant
7 auditors for Burnet, Blanco, and Llano Counties and, I
8 guess, that's how the agenda item reads. And I think we
9 can go forward, when it comes -- I haven't thought about
10 this considering what happened in agenda Item 1, but we
11 may need to table the compensation of the Burnet County
12 auditor to see who that's going to be.

13 JUDGE STUBBS: I would think we could go
14 forward with it, and then if we needed to do an amended
15 at the point of making the -- depending on who applies
16 and what the scenario is, I would think we could amend
17 it at a later hearing, if needed.

18 JUDGE GARRETT: I'll agree with that. So
19 let's do it that way.

20 JUDGE STUBBS: All right.

21 JUDGE GARRETT: Anybody have any public --
22 any comment on that agenda item? It's inclusive of the
23 three counties that have auditors, so...

24 JUDGE WILSON: Bryan Wilson, Burnet County
25 Judge. Thank you for proceeding with this, because

1 obviously, you know, we're all at the end of budget. So
2 if you adopt it, even if we have to come back --

3 JUDGE GARRETT: That's my thought.

4 JUDGE WILSON: Yeah, even if we have to
5 come back and modify the budget later, we can deal with
6 that easier than not having a budget going forward. So
7 I think, at this point, all of our counties has adopted
8 and I believe we have submitted to you or your auditors
9 the salary, and wages, and COLA, and whatever's going to
10 happen within our budgets, and so going ahead and
11 adopting it would be helpful. And then we can proceed,
12 and then if it turns out that we need more money later,
13 we'll figure it out.

14 JUDGE GARRETT: Thank you. And I think
15 that's the way to go. And one point of clarification,
16 only because some people don't know how it works, and I
17 only learned after taking office. They are not our
18 auditors, just so it's clear that they're the counties'
19 auditors, so you might have said to the counties, the
20 different counties' auditors. But with that, thank you,
21 Judge, appreciate that.

22 Any other comment before we move along?

23 (No responses)

24 JUDGE GARRETT: Motions?

25 JUDGE STUBBS: I would make a motion that

1 we set the annual amount of compensation, travel
2 expenses, and other allowances of the county auditors
3 and assistant auditors for Burnet, Blanco, and Llano
4 Counties in accordance with the -- what's been provided
5 from each of those three counties to our office and from
6 their proposed budgets as attached to the back of the
7 orders that were prepared in preparation for this public
8 hearing; is that sufficient?

9 JUDGE GARRETT: I think so, because we've
10 received schedules. They'll be addendums or exhibits to
11 the orders that were filed with the clerk that sets
12 those rates.

13 All right. There's a motion, and I'll
14 second that motion and open it up for discussion.

15 Anything from you, Judge Stubbs?

16 JUDGE STUBBS: (Nods head.)

17 JUDGE GARRETT: All in favor say "aye."

18 JUDGE STUBBS: Aye.

19 JUDGE GARRETT: Aye. None opposed.

20 And then agenda Item No. 7, setting the
21 annual compensation of the official court reporters of
22 the 33rd and 424th Judicial District Courts, and hiring
23 and setting hourly compensation for additional deputy
24 reporters, as necessary, to meet the Court's schedule.

25 And just so it's clear, for those of you

1 who aren't involved with the district courts that much,
2 the additional deputy reporters are -- from time to
3 time, we need kind of freelance court reporters. They
4 won't be officially county employees. It's a contract
5 situation, when we get busy and need to pull another
6 reporter. Like, she's not affiliated with either court,
7 because this agenda item is on the agenda, and she will
8 not benefit from this agenda item directly. So from
9 time to time, just so that's clear, if there's any
10 question about, you know, deputy court reporters.

11 We have two officials. Anyone who is
12 called a deputy court reporter is a contract situation
13 where one of those reporters is ill, unable to attend,
14 or if we get too much work, and we have to have an extra
15 court reporter.

16 JUDGE STUBBS: Or a visiting judge.

17 JUDGE GARRETT: Or a visiting judge. Yeah,
18 that's probably the most common. So with that, I'm
19 going to open it up for comment or discussion. Anybody
20 have one on that agenda item? Any comments?

21 (No response)

22 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. Hearing none,
23 Judge Stubbs?

24 JUDGE STUBBS: All right. I'd make a
25 motion that we set the annual compensation of the

1 official court reporters for the 33rd and the 424th
2 District Courts as -- and hiring and setting an hourly
3 compensation for additional deputy reporters, as
4 necessary, to meet the Court's schedule, as attached in
5 the proposed order. It would then, also, outline the
6 percentage due from each of the four counties that we do
7 cover, based on population as I understand it. I guess,
8 that's it.

9 JUDGE GARRETT: Those have previously been
10 submitted to the counties, as they go through their
11 budget process, and it will be included as part of the
12 order that's filed with the clerks.

13 All right. I will second that motion. Any
14 further discussion?

15 JUDGE STUBBS: None from me.

16 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. All in favor
17 say "aye."

18 JUDGE STUBBS: Aye.

19 JUDGE GARRETT: Aye. And none opposed.

20 All right. I am just -- since we do have
21 some folks here today. I mean, I guess we finished the
22 agenda, but if anyone else has any public comment I
23 don't want them to feel like they weren't able to speak,
24 so kind of a last chance, if anybody has a comment or
25 question.

1 (No response)

2 JUDGE STUBBS: Then I make a motion to
3 adjourn.

4 JUDGE GARRETT: All right. I will second.
5 Aye.

6 JUDGE STUBBS: Aye.

7 (Hearing was concluded)

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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BURNET COUNTY AUDITOR
REAPPOINTMENT
August 19, 2026**

Good morning, Your Honors. I appreciate the opportunity to address you. My name is Claire Nybro. I am a Burnet County resident. I previously wrote to you about the recurring public tension between the Burnet County Auditor's Office and the Information Technology Department.

That tension is recent — it did not exist until this year — and it has consumed a significant amount of time from both the Court and the public on matters that should be routine. It has continued through multiple recent meetings, including disputes over computer purchasing standards, the tagging and inventory of IT equipment, and a proposed change to the county's travel reimbursement policy. During the travel-policy discussion, the County Clerk publicly raised concerns about possible retaliation.

Both the Auditor's purchasing and inventory responsibilities and the IT Department's cybersecurity and operational responsibilities are important to the county. I understand the computer standards issue may be moving toward resolution, with the Court now seeking to obtain the IT Director's recommendation at the August 25 meeting. Even so, the broader pattern of inter-departmental tension remains a concern. I ask that, in considering the Auditor's reappointment, you give meaningful weight to her ability to work cooperatively with other departments and to help establish practical processes that best serve the county's overall interests.

Thank you for your time and for your service.

May it please the Court:

I am grateful for the opportunity to offer public comments about the re-appointment of the Burnet County Auditor and Purchasing Agent.

The County Auditor serves as the chief financial officer of the County. During budget sessions, when knowledge of revenues, expenditures, and constraints is most needed, the Auditor has been absent from Commissioners Court. That absence has limited timely financial clarification and hindered budget discussions for two cycles.

As a court-appointed member of the Burnet County Jail Operations Committee since 2023, I follow jail revenue and finances closely. A September 2025 public information request about the 24% increase in jail revenue from \$5.3 million to \$7 million in FY26 was answered with substantial redactions characterized as "audit working papers," without an Attorney General ruling. Budget working papers and audit working papers are distinct under the Public Information Act. An open-records complaint to the OAG is pending for the redactions. A similar PIR will focus on the proposed 12% increase in jail revenue to \$8 million in FY27.

I had an open-door invitation from the previous auditor for several years. When I asked to see a jail revenue related budget document, front-desk Auditor staff stated that I was interrupting. Within days the office was posted closed to the public without an appointment.

A prior year-end budget amendment to split excess jail housing revenue equally between jail maintenance and jail-related vehicles remains unresolved. It is not mentioned in any CAFRs or budget. In my view, this is a material omission.

On August 5, 2026, the Auditor stated that \$1,130 from one employee's travel reimbursement had been added to taxable wages. County policy authorizes the single-room rate and contains no GSA limit. Under IRS accountable-plan rules, actual substantiated lodging reimbursements are not taxable merely by exceeding the GSA rate, and treating the sum as taxable wages is not authorized by County policy or the tax framework.

As Purchasing Agent, already-approved IT purchases have been delayed through rejection of a technical standard already in use for several years. Chapter 262 assigns control of the purchasing process, not authority to re-engineer technical specifications once competitive availability exists. The County is now being asked to fund an outside consultant while a subject-matter expert IT Director is already on staff—the same employee whose lodging reimbursement was treated as taxable wages.

I respectfully request that the Court consider these matters of presence, judgment, open-records compliance, and statutory role in its decisions on re-appointment and compensation.

Respectfully submitted.

Patty Cope