



# Ellis County Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Calendar

## Office of County Judge

<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>
Tuesday, April 15	Budget packets distributed to elected officials and department heads via email.	Set by Budget Officer	County Judge
Wednesday, April 30	Property value estimate due from appraisal district.	Tax Code §26.01 (e) and (f)	Chief Appraiser
Tuesday, May 20	Budget packets due back to countyjudge@co.ellis.tx.us	Set by Budget Officer	Elected Officials & Department Heads
Tuesday, May 27	Budget workshop with the Commissioners Court - Day 1	Set by Budget Officer	Elected Officials & Department Heads
Wednesday, May 28	Budget workshop with the Commissioners Court - Day 2	Set by Budget Officer	Elected Officials & Department Heads
Wednesday, May 29	Budget workshop with the Commissioners Court - Day 3	Set by Budget Officer	Elected Officials & Department Heads
Tuesday, June 24	Select the composition of the salary grievance committee.	Local Gov't Code §152.014	County Clerk & County Judge
Tuesday, July 22	Vote to propose any increases in salaries or allowances for elected county and precinct officials.	Local Gov't Code §152.013 (b)	Commissioners Court
Friday, July 25	Certified property values due to Tax Assessor-Collector.	Tax Code §26.01 (a) and (a-1)	Chief Appraiser
Friday, August 1	Appraisal roll with total appraised, assessed, and taxable values of all property and the total taxable value of new property due to the commissioners court.	Tax Code §26.04 (b)	Tax Assessor-Collector
Thursday, August 7 (or as soon thereafter as practicable)	Submit the calculated no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate to the commissioners court and post the rates on the County's website.	Tax Code §26.17, 26.04 €	Tax Assessor-Collector
Friday, August 8	Notice of public hearing for proposed budget and proposed elected official salaries must be published in newspaper of general circulation in the county.	Local Gov't Code §111.007 and §152.013 (b)	County Judge

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Monday, August 11	Proposed budget filed with the County Clerk and posted to the county website.	Local Gov't Code §111.006	County Judge
Tuesday, August 19	Public hearing on the proposed budget. Vote to set the salaries and allowances for elected county and precinct officials.	Local Gov't Code §111.007 (b); Local Gov't Code §152.013 (a)	Commissioners Court
Wednesday, August 20	Written notice to each elected county and precinct official of the salary and personal expenses to be included in the budget.	Local Gov't Code §152.013 (c)	County Judge
Monday, August 25	Requests for hearing due from aggrieved officials.	Local Gov't Code §152.016	Elected Officials
Tuesday, September 2	Commissioners Court selects the public members of the salary grievance committee (if grievances received).	Local Gov't Code §152.015	Commissioners Court
Friday, August 29	Notice of public budget hearing (Sep 9) must be published in newspaper of general circulation in the county.	Local Gov't Code § 111.007	County Judge
Friday, September 5	Notice of public budget hearing (Sep 16) must be published in newspaper of general circulation in the county. (if needed)	Local Gov't Code § 111.007	County Judge
Tuesday, September 9	Public hearing of the grievance committee prior to Commissioners Court meeting.	Local Gov't Code §152.016 (b)	Grievance Committee
Tuesday, September 9	Consider Grievance Committee recommendations receiving 6-8 votes. Public hearing on the proposed budget. First opportunity to adopt the FY2026 budget and set the county's ad valorem tax rate for 2025.	Local Gov't Code §152.016 (c) Local Gov't Code §111.008-009	Commissioners Court
Friday, September 12	Notice of public budget hearing (Sep 23) must be published in newspaper of general circulation in the county. (if needed)	Local Gov't Code § 111.007	County Judge
Tuesday, September 16	Public hearing on the proposed budget. Second opportunity to adopt the FY2026 budget and set the county's ad valorem tax rate for 2025.	Local Gov't Code §111.008-009	Commissioners Court
Friday, September 19	Notice of public budget hearing (Sep 30) must be published in newspaper of general circulation in the county. (if needed)	Local Gov't Code § 111.007	County Judge
Tuesday, September 23	Public hearing on the proposed budget. Third opportunity to adopt the FY2026 budget and set the county's ad valorem tax rate for 2025.	Local Gov't Code §111.008-009	Commissioners Court
Tuesday, September 30	Public hearing on the proposed budget. Final opportunity to adopt the FY2026 budget and set the county's ad valorem tax rate for 2025.	Local Gov't Code §111.008-009	Commissioners Court