

2017 Tax Rate and 2018 Budget Planning Calendar

June 23, 2017	Deadline for Human Resources to complete the 12 county Salary and Benefit Survey
July 11,13,14,19	Auditor and Commissioner's Court to meet with Dept. Heads to discuss departmental budgets and collect input. (Post all meetings 72 hrs in advance)
July 21	Draft 2018 Expense Budget compiled by Auditor and County Judge
July 26	Deadline for Chief Appraiser to certify tax roll to Tax Assessor
July 25 - 10:00 a.m.	First Commissioner's Court Workshop to review departmental budget proposals, proposed pay increases and first draft of 2018 Budget. (Post 72 hrs in advance)
July 28	Tax Assessor to calculate 2017 effective tax rate and rollback rate
August 1 - 10:00 a.m.	Second Commissioner's Court workshop to discuss 2017 tax rate and finalize initial 2018 revenue and expense budget. (Post 72 hrs in advance)
August 2 & 3	Budget feedback to individual departments as necessary by County Judge, one Commissioner and Auditor
August 4	File proposed Countywide 2018 Budget with County Clerk for public inspection. (Post on website)
August 14	Regular Commissioner's Court Meeting: Review proposed 2017 Tax Rate, 2018 Budget and announce time and date of Public Hearings at Commissioner's Court (all department heads and elected officials need to attend)
August 16	1st notice in newspaper announcing tax rate calculations, proposed 2017 tax rate and public hearing dates
August 23	2nd notice in newspaper announcing tax rate calculations, proposed 2017 tax rate and public hearing dates. Publish any proposed changes to elected officials' salaries.
Aug 21 - Aug 29 - 6:30 p.m.	Community Communication Meetings, to discuss budget with citizens. Aug 21 - Courthouse-Cameron, Aug 24-One Stop Center-Rockdale, Aug 23-Community Center-Buckholts, Aug 22-Chamber of Commerce-Thorndale, Aug 29-Fire Station-Milano
August 31-9:00 a.m.	Conduct Public Hearing on 2017 Tax Rate and 2018 Budget (County Courtroom, Cameron) (Post 72 hrs in advance)
September 6	Notice in newspaper of adoption of tax rate and budget
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September 11	Adopt final 2017 Tax Rate and 2018 Budget at Commissioner's Court