THE COUNTY OF NEWTON

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COMMISSIONERS COURT
RONNIE J. COCHRAN, County Judge
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PRENTISS L. HOPSON, Precinct 3
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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADOPTING 2026 TAX RATE

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF NEWTON

On this the 8th day of September 2026, the 2026 tax rate for Newton County, Texas came to be considered, and the Court further finding that at least four members of the Commissioners' Court are now present, as required by law.

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court did consider the following:

ORDER ADOPTING A TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code section 26.05 provides that the Newton County Commissioners' Court shall adopt the tax rates for the current year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to levy ad valorem taxes on each $100 valuation of all taxable property in Newton County, Texas for the Tax Year beginning January 1, 2026, in order to meet the 2027 budget requirements of the County, and to pay the expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the services and improvements provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Newton County Commissioners' Court has complied with all the requirements set forth in the Tax Code,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Newton County Commissioners' Court, by the record vote set out herein below, hereby adopts the following ad valorem tax rates:

Newton County Maintenance and Operations	**0.669320** per $100 of valuation
Lateral Road Maintenance and Operations	**0.065680** per $100 of valuation

TOTAL TAX RATE ADOPTED IS 0.735000

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Newton County Commissioners' Court levy taxes in accordance with the foregoing tax rates and the provisions of the law and direct the Newton County Tax Assessor/Collector to the Assessment and Collection thereof;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that if for any reason, the action of the Newton County Commissioners' Court setting tax rates or levying taxes should be held ineffective by a court of competent jurisdiction, that this Order shall serve as evidence of the good faith of Newton County in attempting to comply with the law in as substantial fashion as could be done under the circumstance, and as evidence that Newton County would have lawfully adopted a tax rate but for the conditions completely beyond control of Newton County.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEARS'S TAX RATE.

ORDERED and APPROVED this the 8th day September, 2026.

Court Members Voting:

Ronald J. Cochran
Newton County Judge

Danny Bentsen
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Phillip A. White
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Prentiss L. Hopson
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

Sandra K. Duckworth, County & Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioners' Court
Newton County, Texas