

**FORT BEND COUNTY
BUDGET CALENDAR
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

Month	Stage	Budget Office	Departments	Commissioners Court	
January	PRELIMINARY	Jan 1-3: Review and Amend Budget Policy		Jan. 14: 2026 Budget Policy adopted	
		Feb. 3-6: Power Plan Training	Feb. 3-6: Power Plan Training		
February		Feb. 7: Budget Kick-off Meetings	Feb. 7: Budget Kick-off Meetings		
March	REQUEST	Feb. 10: Budget Office Releases Power Plan for users to begin 2026 budget requisitions	Feb. 10: Departments begin entering budget requests into Power Plan		
			Feb. 14: JEQ forms to HR are due (New Positions only) Email to: HRCompensation@fortbendcountytx.gov		
			Feb. 21: IT Expenditure & IT Renewal(s) Forms due to IT department Email forms to: ITApprovals@fortbendcountytx.gov		
			March 07: New Position Forms due to Facilities Email forms to Leah.Gibson@fortbendcountytx.gov		
		March 31: Budget Office closes Power Plan (Budget Requests Due)	March 31: Budget Requests Due		
		April	April 25: Budget Office distributes budget requests to Commissioners	April 2: Capital Improvement Project Requests are due	April 25: Budget Office distributes budget requests to Commissioners
		May	May 5-7: Preliminary Budget Workshop	May 5-7: Preliminary Budget Workshop	May 5-7: Preliminary Budget Workshop
			May 8-9: CIP Workshop	May 8-9: CIP Workshop	May 8-9: CIP Workshop
June	RECOMMENDED	June: Budget Office analyzes budget requests and prepares a recommended budget			
July		July 3: Recommended Budgets are distributed to Offices and Departments	July 3: Recommended Budgets are distributed to Offices and Departments		
		July 8-11: Budget Meetings	July 8-11: Budget Meetings		
		July 25: Last day for chief appraiser to certify appraisal roll to each taxing unit (Tax Code sec. 26.01)			
		Aug. 4-6: Final Budget Hearings	Aug. 4-6: Final Budget Hearings	Aug. 4-6: Final Budget Hearings	

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August	PROPOSED	Aug. Budget Office finalizes the Budget for Proposal		
		Aug. 18: Submit Agenda Request for Aug. 26		Aug. 26: Commissioners Court 1. Propose a Tax Rate (Court must take record vote) 2. Set Public Hearings on a tax increase Sept. 23 @ 1:00 p.m. 3. Set Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Drainage District. Sept. 22 @ 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 23 @ 1:00 p.m. 4. Propose Salaries for Elected Officials
August	PROPOSED	Aug.27: Submit legal Notice of Property Tax Rates, and Public Hearing on Proposed Budgets, to the County Clerk's Office for newspaper publication.		
		Aug. 27: Send out Salary Notification Letters to Elected Officials		
		Aug. 28: Legal Notices published in local newspaper (No later than Sept 13)		
		Sept. 15: Submit Agenda request for Sept.23 Court		
		Sept. 15: Proposed Budget is filed with County Clerk and County Auditor.		
September				
September	ADOPTED			Sept. 22: Hold 1st Public Hearing on the Proposed FBC and Drainage District 2026 Budget.
				Sept. 23: Commissioners Court: 1. Hold 2nd Public Hearing on Proposed FBC 2026 Budget and FBC Drainage District 2026 Budget 2. Hold Public Hearing on the Tax Increase for FBC and FBC Drainage District 3. Adopt Proposed Positions for FBC and FBC Drainage District. 4. Adopt Salaries for FBC Elected Officials 5. Approve 2026 Fleet Management for FBC and FBC Drainage 6. Approve 2026 Take Home Vehicles for FBC and FBC Drainage District 7. Adopt the 2025 Tax Rate for FBC and FBC Drainage District 8. Adopt the 2026 Budgets for FBC and FBC Drainage District