

CLAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET
Minutes of September 06, 2022 Hearing

Clay County Appraisal District Board of Directors held a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 06, 2022, in the Clay County Appraisal District office building located at 101 E. Omega, Henrietta, Texas for the purpose of hearing comments from the public regarding the 2023 Proposed Budget and the 2023-2024 Periodic Reappraisal Plan. The following members were present: John Grunseich, Chase Broussard, Bobby Elledge, Richard Harding, and Dee Ann Littlefield. Roy Boswell and Mike Coker were absent. Chief Appraiser Lisa Murphy and Office Manager Lisa McLachlan were also present.

2022-098. At 6:00 p.m. John Grunseich opened the hearing.

2022-099. A quorum was established

2022-100. Public Access: Mr. Morris Castle was in attendance, primarily to observe and listen, as he had read the notice published in the paper and questioned the amount of increase in the budget for 2023 compared to 2022. His specific question was how had Clay County grown to need the addition of another appraiser.

2022-101. Although the preliminary budget as modified for publication in the newspaper and presentation at this hearing had already been approved by this board at their August 16, 2022 meeting, there was lengthy discussion and consideration among board members during the hearing. John Grunseich presented several comparisons of teacher salaries to the amount budgeted for hiring a new appraiser. Bobby Elledge pointed out that comparing positions from two very different professions was an “apples to oranges” premise. Mr. Grunseich concluded with a statement that Bellevue ISD cannot afford to hire teachers they need because of construction projects, therefore they cannot afford to support a staff increase for CCAD. Mr. Elledge left the meeting to take a phone call at 7:40 and returned at 7:45. At the conclusion of the discussion and consideration, Bobby Elledge made a motion that the budget be approved (again). Dee Ann Littlefield seconded the motion, and it passed 4-1-0, with John Grunseich casting the “Nay” vote.

2022-102. No public comments on the 2023-2024 Clay County Appraisal District Periodic Reappraisal Plan were offered. Motion to approve it was made by Chase Broussard, seconded by Bobby Elledge, and passed 5-0-0.

2022-103. Chief Appraiser, Lisa Murphy presented a letter from the state comptroller regarding 2021 School District Property Value Study Invalid Findings, as required. No board action was necessary.

2022-104. Hearing was closed at 8:12 pm

_____ Chairman, Clay County Appraisal District