

ORDER FOR SPENDING BY CERTAIN COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code §130.908 states that if an incumbent county or precinct officer is not renominated or is not reelected to the county or precinct office in a county, during the time following the date of the results of the official canvass of the primary or election returns are announced, the Commissioners Court must approve any expenditure by the incumbent county or precinct officer who was not renominated or reelected that is over an amount set by the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, Grimes County, Texas desires to adopt such a policy in accordance with the rules adopted herein.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Grimes County Commissioners Court that bills incurred by outgoing county and precinct officer(s) shall be subject to Texas Local Government Code §130.908 and the following:

For the first quarter of the new budget year, expenditures by an incumbent county or precinct officer(s), who was not re-nominated or reelected, may not exceed the quarterly pro-rated budget amount for any individual line item.

Any expenditure that will exceed the amount set above must be approved by Commissioners Court prior to the issuance of a purchase order. Any financial obligation incurred by an outgoing precinct or county officer that exceeds the limit set out above without prior approval from Commissioners Court will be the personal responsibility of the outgoing precinct or county officer.

This is applicable to the following county or precinct officers, who shall comply with this policy and State statute:

County Judge	County Commissioner	Treasurer
Constable	County Clerk	Co. Attorney
Court at Law Judge	District Clerk	District Attorney
District Judges	Justice of The Peace	Sheriff
	Tax Assessor Collector	

Bills, invoices, statements, quotes, purchase orders, etc. may not be divided into separate or smaller transactions for purposes of avoiding this policy. In the event this occurs, all requests for spending for the remainder of the term of office will become subject to prior approval by the Commissioners Court. Bills may not be held or delayed for payment with the intention of avoiding this policy.

The county or precinct officer who was not re-nominated or reelected will provide documentation to the Commissioners Court, upon request, to ensure compliance with this policy and statute. The County Auditor or County Treasurer will notify the Commissioners Court of any known discrepancies.

Effective this 13 day of September, 2024.



Joe Fauth, III
Grimes County Judge