

Dickey County Commissioners submit the following budget for the 2021 Budget year. Cuts have been made to spending for 2020. The actual estimated expenses for 2020 is \$7,020,905.23 when the original budget was \$8,960,862.51. The 2021 budget shown below is after cuts have been completed. The 2021 budget includes \$1,000,000 to complete repairs in the basement of the Courthouse. Grant and loan money have been allocated by the USDA for this project to help with the tax effect of this project on the residents of Dickey County. The revenue from the grants and loan reduce the amount of money needed to fulfill the needs of the individual budgets, especially the budget that includes the basement project. The County Commissioners have felt the need to increase spending for the Road Department to fix roads after the excessive moisture in rain or snow the county has received in the last couple years. This increase in the Road Department, \$2.265 million in 2020 to \$2.521 million in 2021, offsets the decrease in expenses from other departments within the County.

Cuts were made to individual budgets partly due to decrease in spending because of less travel during the months of March through June. Conventions were cancelled or meetings were done using Zoom. Purchase of equipment that were not deemed as essential were delayed. Purchase of some equipment were left in the budget but are the purchase is dependent on getting grant money to assist in paying a portion of the cost of the equipment. Costs that could be incorporated to the basement project were included in the cost of the loan from the USDA and therefore will come from the USDA loan at this time.

Additions included in the Road budget include road projects such as County Road 14 that was a two-part project. The first part was completed in 2020 and was funded by the Federal government. The second part will be completed in 2021 and will be funded 80% of the cost from the Federal government, which Dickey County's portion is approximately \$280,000 for that project alone. Because the project was funded 100% in 2020, the portion in 2021 had to be completed. The original 100% funding in 2020 could be lost if the second portion was not completed within. Other additions to the Road budget include crushing of gravel to be used on county and township roads need to be done to keep up on the needs from the excessive moisture in the county.

The preliminary budget hearing will take place at the County Commissioner Room at the Courthouse on September 15, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Dickey County residents are welcome to attend the meeting to voice any concerns at that time concerning these budgets or taxes to be collected for these budgets. See directions below, if you would prefer to attend via Zoom.

**Zoom – Use the link below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87385151476?pwd=bVl5NUd5U3lmL05ZQWlVUWdyc2tCUT09> or join the meeting by entering meeting ID **873 8515 1476** and a password of **Commiss at www.zoom.com** or dial **1-301 715 8592** and enter Meeting ID# **873 8515 1476** and use the password of **178461**