

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council and Washington County Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Brenham City Hall, Conference Room 2A, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

City Councilmembers present:

Mayor Atwood C. Kenjura
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby
Councilmember Leah Cook
Councilmember Shannan Canales
Councilmember Dr. Paul F. LaRoche, III
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright

City Councilmembers absent:

None

Washington County Commissioners present:

Judge John Durrenberger
Commissioner Candice Bullock
Commissioner Kirk Hanath
Commissioner Don Koester
Commissioner Dustin Majewski

City Staff present:

City Manager Carolyn Miller, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, General Manager of Public Utilities Debbie Gaffey, Strategic Budget Officer Tim McRoberts, and Teresa Rosales.

Others present:

Dyann White and Peggy Kramer.

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Discussion and Presentation by the Washington County Chief Appraiser Related to Freeport and Goods in Transit Exemptions and Associated Items

Washington County Chief Appraiser Dyann White presented the following information related to Freeport and Goods in Transit exemptions:

- Defined Freeport exemptions and Goods In-Transit as outlined in Section 11 of the Property Tax Code.
- Explained the annual application process for these exemptions.
- Provided an example of each exemption.
- Provided some statistics for both the City and County based on largest inventory values of the following:
 - Valmont: \$31M
 - Grocery Supply Company: \$24M
 - Blue Bell Creameries: \$18M
 - Sealy: \$9M

White explained that if these exemptions were approved by the governing bodies it would apply to all businesses with inventories and goods in-transit; it could not be specific to one business or industry.

White advised that the estimated annual reduction in tax revenue for these exemptions would be \$270,000 to the City and \$220,000 to the County.

The meeting was adjourned.

Atwood C. Kenjura
Mayor



Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary