



THE COUNTY JUDGE

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Roles of the County Judge

**Presiding Officer of the
Commissioners Court.**

**Represents County in
many administrative
functions.**

**Budget Officer in
counties with fewer than
225,000.**

**Presiding Officer of the
County Court.**

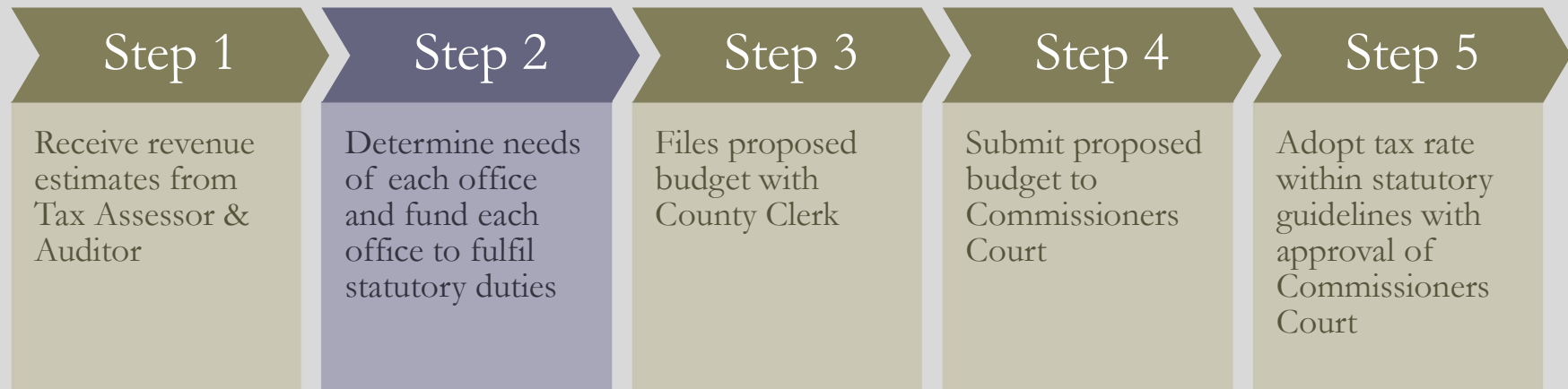
**Head of Emergency
Management.**

Presiding Officer of the Commissioners Court

- Call hearings and meetings
 - Provides notice
 - Prohibits illegal closed meetings
- Receives applications for designation as County Depository
- Provides report at each regular meeting of Commissioners Court of any money collected for County in statutory format.
- Signs and approves requisition for purchase of materials before claim can be paid.
- Keep accounts of all monies accruing to office.
- Signs bonds issued by County
- Approves bond from Commissioners and other officials
- Third skill



County Budget Officer





Administrative Functions

- Elections
- Financial Responsibilities
- Orders elections
 - Relocation of County Seat
- Serves on various boards
 - Election Board
 - Emergency Board
 - Juvenile Board
- Requests legal assistance from AG following disasters
- Temporary declaration of disasters
- May conduct marriage ceremonies
- Many others...



Presiding Officer of County Court

- Misdemeanor- Class A & B
- Appellate Court for Municipal & Justice Courts
- Mental Health
- Civil Matters
- Jury Selection
- Juvenile Court functions
- Charge fees according to statute
- Sets fees for court appointed attorneys and physicians.
- Monitors CJIS reports

Head of Emergency Management

Management of Emergency Preparedness & Response

Appoints Emergency Management Coordinator:

- Risk identification, prevention, and mitigation activities,
- Emergency planning outlined within Emergency Operation Plan
- Procuring and arranging training, drills, and exercises,
- Carrying out public education relating to known hazards
- Designing and implementing hazard mitigation programs
- Coordinating community emergency response operations, and
- Carrying out recovery activities in the aftermath of a disaster.





Duties as assigned...

- Mediator
- Liaison with other jurisdictions
- Ribbon cutter
- Primary negotiator of county business
- Economic Developer
- Therapist
- Lobbyist
- Chief Elected Official



THANK YOU!

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