

**CHEROKEE COUNTY
2018 ADOPTED BUDGET
AUGUST 28, 2017**

ANNUAL BUDGET

OF

CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS

FOR THE

YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

CHRIS DAVIS, COUNTY JUDGE

KELLY TRAYLOR, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

STEVEN NORTON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2

PATRICK REAGAN, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

BYRON UNDERWOOD, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

DANA YOUNG, COUNTY ATTORNEY

L. H. CROCKETT, COUNTY AUDITOR

LAVERNE LUSK, COUNTY CLERK

LINDA LITTLE, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

PATSY LASSITER, COUNTY TREASURER

PREPARED BY:

CHRIS DAVIS, COUNTY JUDGE

ASSISTED BY

L. H. CROCKETT, COUNTY AUDITOR AND THE
AUDITOR'S STAFF

ADOPTED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ON AUGUST 28, 2017

CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS

TEXAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Primary missions for Texas County governments are to provide road and bridge construction and repair, law enforcement, particularly in rural areas, court and judicial operations, public welfare services, and the promotion of local agricultural and livestock trade.

Counties in Texas are organized under a commissioner form of government whereby the Commissioners' Court, comprised of four Commissioners and the County Judge, serve as the governing body of the county. While the Commissioners' Court has budgetary authority over most county departments, it has none of the functions of a judicial court. General functions as entitled in the Constitution and statutes are:

1. Lay out, establish, change, maintain, and discontinue public county roads.
2. Build and maintain bridges.
3. Administer and provide for public welfare services.
4. Establish a courthouse and jail.
5. Appoint numerous minor officials and fill vacancies in certain offices.
6. Perform numerous duties in regard to elections.
7. Set the County tax rate and adopt the budget.
8. Issue debt and let contracts.

Constitutional offices are those of Commissioner, Constable, County Attorney, County Clerk, District Attorney, District Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Tax Assessor/Collector, County Judge and Treasurer. These officials are elected at large with the exception of the four Commissioners, all Justices of the Peace, and Constables, which are elected by precinct. The County Judge serves as an executive and administrator with judicial responsibility.

Offices created by legislative act include County Court-at-Law, County Auditor, and Juvenile Probation. The County Court-at-Law Judge is elected at large. The County Auditor serves as the chief accountant for the County and is appointed by the State District Judges. State District Judges are elected by district. The 2nd Judicial District jurisdiction is comprised of only Cherokee County, while the 369th Judicial District jurisdiction includes Cherokee Anderson, and Leon counties.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

BUDGET CERTIFICATE

RUSK, TEXAS

AUGUST 28, 2017

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$704,029.00, WHICH IS 4.94% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$250,634.00

THE RECORD VOTE OF EACH MEMBER OF COMMISSIONER COURT VOTING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET.

COUNTY JUDGE CHRIS DAVIS YES

COMMISSIONER KELLY TRAYLOR YES

COMMISSIONER STEVEN
NORTON YES

COMMISSIONER PATRICK
REAGAN YES

COMMISSIONER BYRON
UNDERWOOD YES

