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Comal County sets 2016 budget

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The Comal County Commissioners Court on Thursday approved a \$77 million budget for 2016.

Over a pair of public hearings, commissioners made minor revisions to the recommended budget of Judge Sherman Krause, which is about \$7 million larger than last year's.

The budget provides an across-the-board 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment for county employees plus an extra 2 percent raise pool for department heads to award to their employees at their discretion, at a total cost of about \$1 million.

Most of the \$7 million increase comes from additional employees and equipment in the county's two largest departments: \$3.6 million for 16 new employees and new and replacement equipment in the Sheriff's Office and \$1.5 million for a new five-person brush-clearing crew plus other personnel changes and equipment in the Road and Bridge Department.

"Comal County's growth increases the need for county services, including public safety and roads," said County Judge Sherman Krause. "This budget provides the finances needed to improve services."

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