



October 2025

Strategic Plan 2050

Starting in 2023, I was chosen to represent the Commissioners Court, working with a dedicated group of county residents to develop a county strategic plan that reflected our community's priorities and values. We finalized and



adopted this shared vision in April 2025, aiming to build a foundation for a thriving, sustainable future that respects our community's values and creates a prosperous, family-friendly environment for everyone. Currently, the County's Plan Goal Owners are focusing on

short-term initiatives and will provide updates on the website early next year. Please use the QR code to visit the 2050 Plan and learn more.



I-30 Expansion/Improvement Project

The contractor estimates that the last drill shafts for the Westbound Frontage



Road Bridge over the lake will be installed by Thanksgiving. Crews are being moved to complete the concrete deck pours for the Eastbound Frontage Road, which are expected to be finished within the next 3-4 months. Additional work remains on the

Eastbound Frontage Road Bridge to complete it and to build connections to the new access and exit ramps. The earliest expected use of the bridge is projected for late 2026 or early 2027.

Infrastructure (Road) Consortium Update

The monthly Infrastructure Meeting was held on October 15, 2025. Michael Morris, the Director of Transportation at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, presented a comprehensive recap and overview of the



Rockwall County Outer Loop Alternate Routes. The presentation was thorough and informative. If you would like a copy of the presentation, please let me know, and I will be happy to email it to you.

On Wednesday, October 29, at 1:00 p.m., the Commissioners Court convened for a workshop. Three agenda items were discussed: the Trip 21 Road Bond Issuance, the 2026 Thoroughfare Plan, and the Rockwall County Outer Loop. These topics are highly significant for the county and align with the top discovery themes within the Strategic Plan 2050. During the discovery phase of the Strategic Plan, the county received thousands of comments emphasizing the need to "Improve and Build Roads" and "Control Development Density."

In the discussion about the \$150 million Trip 21 bond, the focus was on selecting key road projects that are at advanced planning, engineering, or ready for construction. Our next steps involve collaborating with the county's road consultant and auditor to determine the total amount for the initial bond issuance. Additionally, the 2025 Road Consortium meetings with city leadership have helped narrow down each party's top 3 to 5 projects.

Brian Williams appointed 503rd Judicial District Court Judge

Governor Greg Abbott appointed J. Brian Williams as Judge of the 503rd Judicial District Court in Rockwall County, effective December 1, 2025, for a term set to expire December 31, 2026, or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified. Congratulations, Judge Williams.

Williams has been the Presiding Judge for the Rockwall County Court at Law #1.

Fiscal Year 2026 County Budget

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court approved a rate of \$0.2510 per \$100 of property valuation with a vote of 5 to 0 for Fiscal Year 2026. This rate is lower than last year's rate of \$0.2547 per \$100 of assessed value. The fiscal year started on October 1, 2025.



The total amount of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget is \$59,018,950.00.

Some highlights in the total FY 26 budget are...

- a. A lower tax rate than the voter-approved rate of 0.2521.
- b. Allocated nearly \$1.4 million for road repair and maintenance of the 22 miles of county roads, as well as for acquiring additional equipment to complete repairs.
- c. The Sheriff's Office and the County Courthouse 3rd Floor Courtroom remodel projects were funded without an increase to the tax rate.
- d. Partial funds were allocated for the expansion of the County Courthouse District Attorney's Office.
- e. Added a Fire Marshal, which will allow better inspection of new construction within the county and enforcement of our rules and regulations.
- f. To effectively meet the demands of our growing county, we will hire more 911 Dispatcher/Communication Officers to prioritize the safety and well-being of our residents by expanding our team.

Rockwall County has received a new District Court, as mentioned in the announcement about Judge Williams. This will add about \$1.7 million to the FY 2026 Budget, supporting law enforcement and judicial goals in the Strategic Plan.

Contact Information for Commissioner Dana Macalik

My office is located on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse. For questions or to set up an appointment, please call me: 972-204-6020.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 14, 2025

10:00 AM

County Courthouse Annex
1101 E. Yellow Jacket
Rockwall, Tx. 75087
