

# Lott Housing Authority is visited by HUD San Antonio

The Lott Housing Authority has been in troubled status since 2017 and in jeopardy of going into receivership.

In August 2023, The Board of Commissioners voted to hire DeBorah Goffney, as Executive Director, Oleavia Hill, as Resident manager, Juan Delgado as Maintenance Supervisor, Martha Hernandez as Cleaning Supervisor. The state of the Lott Housing was almost beyond repair.

Units had been neglected for 20+ years, policies were in place but not enforced. Many Residents didn't even have a valid lease. Several did not have valid ID's. There were Roach Infested units, AC's that were over 20 +years old. Water Heaters were found to have car parts on them, all 48 of them. Depleted reserve funds, missing equipment and furniture,

missing/ rusted appliances. The windows were so bad, during the winter storm ice accumulated inside the windows. Capital Funds had not been obligated since 2017 and the list goes on and on.

The present Director and the amazing staff and the supportive Board of Commissioners have made the following improvements: They are in compliance with 6 out of the 10 of the Recovery Agreement with HUD.

The last INSPIRE Inspection, the LHA passed. Before in 2022 it failed. Units have been upgraded, all windows on all sites have been replaced with the company Window World, AC's have been replaced. Work Orders are completed in a timely manner and efficiently. All Policies are being enforced with all residents, not just a select few. Water Heaters



Pictured are PMS HUD San Antonio Office, James Davidson, Vice Chairman Donna Woodruff, Lott Mayor David Stimmel, Housekeeping Supervisor Martha Hernandez, Maintenance Supervisor Juan Delgado, Executive Director DeBorah Goffney, and Resident Commissioner Grace Kling. Not pictured is Chairman Claudie Shelton, Commissioner Sherry Massington and Commissioner Mary Vessey.

have been replaced with correct parts. Outside dusk to dawn porch lights were installed, the rest will be installed when funds become available. Mailboxes are being placed on each site.

There is still much to do. The grounds are well kept by Tracy Miller's Lawn Service, any plumbing Mr. Juan can't handle is done by N&N Services and electricity by Seely Electric. They all have been a tremendous help in turning this Housing Authority around.

The goal of the Board of Commissioners, Director, Manager and Staff is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing to all residents. All we ask is that the residents follow their lease so this property can remain open and they have a decent, sanitary place to live.

# Falls County Emergency Service Districts 1-2-3 approve PHI Cares services

Falls County Emergency Service Districts (ESD) 1-2-3 have renewed their agreement with PHI Cares, a division of PHI Air Medical, a leading U.S. helicopter-based medical transport provider. Local residents requiring authorized emergency air medical transport from Falls County or its adjacent counties when utilizing PHI Air Medical will benefit from no out-of-pocket expenses thanks to the agreement. The municipal agreement is effective from Sept. 1, 2024, to Aug. 31, 2025.

Importantly, the agreement includes residents not on Medicaid who aren't covered by existing medical insurance or have no third party responsible for their medical transport. In all other cases, PHI Air Medical works with the resident's insurance provider to resolve claims for medically necessary transports to ensure members face no out-of-pocket expenses, so they

can focus on what matters most, their recovery.

As an additional benefit of this agreement, residents qualify for Coast-to-Coast coverage at a subsidized \$30/year per household. This optional expanded plan provides coverage for residents to be flown by PHI Air Medical when they travel out of county, giving them peace of mind whenever and wherever they travel. Household coverage also extends to resident's household dependents – the entire household remains covered, even when picked up outside the coverage area. To enroll in Coast-to-Coast coverage for Falls County contact Michelle Chaisson, PHI Cares Sales Manager at 855-628-6718 or visit <https://phicare.com/falls-county-tx>.

In emergencies, residents should contact 911. In the weeks following a flight, the resident flown or representative on their Behalf should notify

PHI Cares at 1.888.I.Fly.PHI (1.888.435.9744) and supply the County membership number #1000551 for ESD 1, #1000571 for ESD 2, and #1000575 for ESD 3 and any transport details available.

The local agreement was facilitated by PHI Cares Field Representative Michelle Chaisson who said: "PHI Cares provides a vital service to the local community, so renewing this agreement was important to keep residents and their household safe in the event of a serious emergency. We urge all residents to pick up their membership cards and seriously think about protecting the rest of their household and themselves when traveling out of county."

For more information, visit <https://phicare.com/falls-county-tx/> or [www.PHIAirMedical.com](http://www.PHIAirMedical.com). Inquiries can be directed to [membership@PHIAirMedical.com](mailto:membership@PHIAirMedical.com) or 855-628-6718, referencing the "Falls County Resident"

Membership program.

## ABOUT PHI AIR MEDICAL

PHI Air Medical is a leading air medical transport provider, operating over 80 air medical bases in the nation. These bases provide outreach education to

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Article 152.013, Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Falls County hereby notifies the public that at their meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., the following proposed amount of annual salary, expenses and allowances of elected county officials were presented for the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES FOR

#### FALLS COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 01, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

OFFICE	CURRENT SALARY	INCREASE	2025 BUDGET
County Judge (1)	\$ 44,586.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 46,986.00
County Clerk	\$ 44,040.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 46,440.00
County Treasurer	\$ 44,040.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 46,440.00
County Tax Collector	\$ 44,040.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 46,440.00
District Clerk	\$ 44,040.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 46,440.00
County Sheriff (6)	\$ 59,448.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 61,848.00
Justice of Peace # 1 (2) (4)	\$ 37,926.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 40,326.00
Justice of Peace # 2 (2) (4)	\$ 37,926.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 40,326.00
Justice of Peace # 3 (2) (5)	\$ 37,926.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 40,326.00
Justice of Peace # 4 (2) (5)	\$ 37,926.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 40,326.00
Constable # 1 (2) (7)	\$ 35,742.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 38,142.00
Constable # 2 (2) (3)	\$ 35,742.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 38,142.00
Constable # 3 (2) (3)	\$ 35,742.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 38,142.00
Constable # 4 (2) (3)	\$ 35,742.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 38,142.00
Commissioner # 1	\$ 35,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 37,800.00
Commissioner # 2	\$ 35,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 37,800.00
Commissioner # 3	\$ 35,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 37,800.00
Commissioner # 4	\$ 35,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 37,800.00

- (1) Receives an additional \$ 7,200.00 Juvenile Board Supplement and \$ 25,200.00 State Judicial Supplement
- (2) Receives an additional \$ 540.00 Cell Phone Allowance
- (3) Receives an additional \$15,000.00 Travel Allowance
- (4) Receives an additional \$ 2,500.00 Travel Allowance
- (5) Receives an additional \$ 2,750.0 Travel Allowance
- (6) Receives an additional \$15,552.00 SB22 Grant
- (7) Receives an additional \$ 7,141.00 SB22 Grant and an additional \$16,500.00 Travel Allowance
- (8) District Attorney receives \$ 15,660.00 County Supplement

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### FALLS COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

**“This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$794,140 which is a 7.68% increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$313,678.”**

In compliance with Local Government Code 111.007, Falls County will conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget of Falls County for the fiscal year October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom, of the Falls County Courthouse, 125 Bridge St., Room 201, Marlin, TX.

All interested persons are welcome to attend. A copy of the proposed budget is on file and available for inspection in the Falls County Clerk’s Office, Marlin, TX.