



### WILLIAMSON COUNTY FACTS:

- Population 317,000
- Established in 1848
- 2nd fastest growing county in Texas
- 4 of the fastest growing cities in the United States (Leander, Cedar Park, Round Rock and Georgetown)
- 1,530 miles of county roads



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## WILLIAMSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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### **Q. What does county government do?**

- A. Williamson County provides parks and recreation areas, builds and maintains roads, dispatches ambulances and emergency medical services, provides law enforcement and courts, keeps records of births, deaths, deeds and other official papers, issues marriage licenses, collects property taxes, handles voter registration and elections, and is a major employer in the county.

### **Q. Who are the leaders in county government?**

- A. The leadership of county government in Texas is comprised of independently elected officials. In Williamson County, there are 27 elected officials: county judge, county clerk, county treasurer, tax assessor/collector, sheriff, county attorney, 3 county court at law judges, district attorney, district clerk, 4 district judges, 4 commissioners, 4 constables and 4 justices of the peace. The commissioners court has budgetary and administrative authority over county government operations.

### **Q. What is the commissioners court?**

- A. The commissioners court consists of the county judge, who leads the court, and four commissioners. The commissioners court is the chief policy-making and administrative branch of county government. Among its many responsibilities, the commissioners court:
- Sets the county tax rate
  - Ensures county roads are maintained
  - Approves how tax dollars will be distributed among county departments

### **Q. How are the county judge and commissioners chosen?**

- A. The county judge and commissioners are all elected to four year terms. The county judge is elected in a county-wide election. The four commissioners are each elected from a precinct that contains one-fourth of the county population.

### **Q. When does the commissioner's court meet?**

- A. In Williamson County, the commissioner's court regularly meets at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday morning at the county seat in Georgetown.

*For much more information on Williamson County, visit the county website, [www.wilco.org](http://www.wilco.org).*