

RE: 2026 Unauthorized Contracting of private citizen, now Mayor Evans as a Consultant to the City.

Resubmission of Texas Local Government Code Sec 552.403 Special Right of Access For Members of the Governing Board. (a) A member of the governing board of a governmental body or, non governmental body, or, nongovernmental entity may inspect, duplicate public information maintained by the governmental body, or the non governmental entity if the member is acting in the member's official capacity.

(b) Public information requested under this section shall be provided to the member promptly and without charge.

Resubmission of Texas Local Government Code 552.022 (a) (3) Ensures that financial records showing how public funds are received or, spent by a governmental body are OPEN to the PUBLIC, reinforcing Transparency in municipal and special district operations.

Resubmission of SB 1023 Section 1, 3, 4, and 4 (d-1) electronic formatting, hyperlink to document evidences of each entry on the form, other than a mathematical calculation. The designated officer or employee must include a hyperlink described by Section 5.07 (g) (4) on the form. Effective 1/1/26 City Secretary

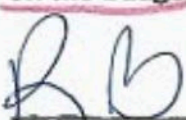
Resubmission of SB 1851 103.005 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, if the attorney general determines that a municipality has not had its records and accounts audited and an annual financial statement prepared based on the audit as required by Section 103.001 or has not filed the financial statements and the auditor's opinion on the statement in the office of the municipal secretary or clerk before the 180th day after the last day of the municipality's fiscal year as required by Section 103.003, the municipality may not adopt an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the municipality's no new revenue tax rate. Section 3 - This Act takes effect 9/1/25

Resubmission of Hunt County Tax Order 2025.09.01 (NOT A HAWK COVE ORDINANCE) signed off by Mayor Delores Spence, Rhonda McKeehan, City Admin/Manager, Patricia Pendergraft, City Secretary, and Ronna Hodges, City Attorney, on September 30, 2025 and was NOT Presented nor, passed by council.

Resubmission of Hunt County Tax, per Hunt County Tax website, 5 year tax rate history of Hawk Cove ADOPTED tax rates 2025 0.644185, 2024 .0774139, and year 2023 ADOPTED RATE 0.642038.

Hunt County Tax and City of Hawk Cove Contract for Assessment and Collection Services. Administrative Provisions, (b) Page 3 The Taxing Unit agrees to transfer to the possession and control of the County, without charge, copies of all records necessary for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the County pursuant to this contract. These records shall include all tax records, including delinquent tax rolls, or records available to the Taxing

Resubmission of Tax Code 26.05 in particular stating of "The law requires the rate to be set after the unit has drafted and adopted a budget, and the vote on the tax rate MUST BE separate from the vote on the budget..

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Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 5:05 PM

Ronnie,

This email has been sent and resent to us since December. The first one I see is from the beginning of December. Do you have any knowledge of this or what it could be?

(Quoted from Ronnie)

Sincerely,

Interim Secretary, Jennifer Oesch

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Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 5:28 PM

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PLEASE READ THE NOTICES BELOW

February 23, 2026

Good afternoon, Administrator Mckeehan, Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Fronterhouse and Consultant Evans, whom I have cc'd with this reply.

This PIA results from the legislature recently enacting changes to Texas municipal audit requirements. The city's administration and its financial team are aware of those changes.

I believe Ms. Fronterhouse is diligently working to finalize the fiscal year 2024-2025 audit. I also believe the next immediate task, achieving the 2023-2024 fiscal year audit, already is begun, insofar as possible. Because I do not participate in compiling the audit figures, I have no information beyond those beliefs.

I expect this PIA will be discussed in this Wednesday morning's financial team discussion.

Please let me know if there is any way I might be able to assist within the scope of my duties.

Best regards,
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Sec. 552.403. SPECIAL RIGHT OF ACCESS FOR MEMBER OF GOVERNING BOARD. (a) A member of the governing board of a governmental body or nongovernmental entity may inspect, duplicate, or inspect and duplicate public information maintained by the governmental body or the nongovernmental entity if the member is acting in the member's official capacity.

(b) Public information requested under this section shall be provided to the member promptly and without charge.

(c) If requested by the member, public information requested under this section that is confidential under law shall be redacted from the information provided to the member without charge.

(d) Information subject to attorney-client privilege is not subject to disclosure to a member of a governing board under this section unless the attorney-client relationship upon which the privilege is based applies to

Texas Law Governing Open Access to Bank Account Statements

In Texas, the primary law governing access to bank account statements held by a local government is Texas Government Code Chapter 552 (the Texas Public Information Act), with local government records management rules in Local Government Code Chapters 201–205 providing related procedures.

Core statute — Texas Public Information Act

Texas Government Code, Chapter 552 is the state's open records law. It presumes that all government information is public unless a specific statutory or constitutional exception applies [Texas Public Law +2](#).

- §552.001 – Policy and construction
- §552.002 – Definition of public information
- §552.022 – Categories of public information (examples include financial records)
- §552.110 – Exception for confidentiality of certain commercial or financial information
- §552.112 – Exception for confidentiality of certain information relating to regulation of financial institutions or securities

If a local government agency (such as a city, county, or special district) maintains bank account statements in the course of its official business, those records are generally covered by Chapter 552 and must be made available unless an exception applies

Local government records management

Local Government Code, Title 6, Subtitle C (Chapters 201–205) sets out how local governments manage, preserve, and provide access to their records  TSLAC .

- **Chapter 201** – General provisions, including §201.005 (declaration of records as public property; access)
- **Chapter 202** – Destruction and alienation of records, including §202.002 (litigation and open records requests)
- **Chapter 203** – Management and preservation of records, including requirements for a records management program and public access procedures

These provisions ensure that local governments have policies for maintaining public access to records, including financial records, and for handling open records requests.

How to request

Under Chapter 552, you may submit a written request (mail, email, in person, or online) to the governmental body holding the records. The body must respond within a reasonable time (often 10 business days) and release the records unless it can cite a valid exception  Texapedia +1 .

In summary:

- **Primary authority:** Texas Government Code, Chapter 552 (Public Information Act)
- **Local government record management:** Local Government Code, Chapters 201–205
- **Key sections for financial records:** §552.002, §552.022, §552.110, §552.112, and Local Government Code §201.005

 These laws together govern the right to access bank account statements held by Texas local governments, subject to applicable exceptions.

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The designated officer or employee may not submit the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate to the governing body of the taxing unit and the taxing unit may not adopt a tax rate until the designated officer or employee certifies on the tax rate calculation forms that the designated officer or employee has accurately calculated the tax rates and has used values that are the same as the values shown in the taxing unit's certified appraisal roll in performing the calculations.

Tax Code Section 26.04

Submission of Roll to Governing Body; No-new-revenue and Voter-approval Tax Rates

Local Gov't Code

Section 101.002

Control of Finances

The governing body of the municipality may manage and control the finances of the municipality.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Source: Section 101.002 — Control of Finances,
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LG/htm/LG.101.htm#101.002> (accessed May 26, 2025).

Texas Local Government Code § 552.022(a)(3)

Under Texas Local Government Code § 552.022(a)(3), “information in an account, voucher, or contract relating to the receipt or expenditure of public or other funds by a governmental body” is a category of public information that must be disclosed unless made confidential under the Texas Local Government Code or another law [§ Texas Public Law +1](#) .

Full context of § 552.022(a)

Section 552.022(a) lists examples of public information for municipalities and special districts.

Subdivision (3) specifically covers:

- **Accounts, vouchers, or contracts** that show how public funds (or other funds) are received or spent by a governmental body [§ Texas Public Law +1](#) .

This means that financial records, invoices, payment documents, and contractual agreements involving public money are presumed public and must be available for inspection, copying, or other lawful access, unless a specific confidentiality provision applies.

Key points

- **Scope:** Applies to any account, voucher, or contract tied to the receipt or expenditure of public or other funds by a municipality or special district [§ Texas Public Law](#) .
- **Public access:** These records are public information under the statute and are not automatically exempt from disclosure [§ Texas Public Law](#) .
- **Confidentiality exceptions:** They may be made confidential only if the Texas Local Government Code or another applicable law provides for such confidentiality [§ Texas Public Law](#) .
- **Practical effect:** Municipalities and special districts must make these records available to the public upon request, unless an exemption applies.

Example

If a city's contract with a wastewater treatment provider details the payment amounts, service scope, and billing schedule, that contract falls under § 552.022(a)(3) and is public information unless a confidentiality rule applies.

In short: § 552.022(a)(3) ensures that financial records showing how public funds are received or spent by a governmental body are open to the public, reinforcing transparency in municipal and special district operations [§ Texas Public Law +1](#) .