

County Duties by Financial Group

40.0000 EXPENDITURES

41.0000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

41.1000 General Administration

41.1100 County Judge

Hear and determine all motions against officers of court for failure to pay over monies collected or defalcation of duty	M	Government Code	Sec. 26.048
Receipt of notification of alcoholic beverage permit application	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 11.40
County judge must post bond, payable to treasurer, to be approved by commissioners court	M	Government Code	Sec. 26.001
County judge serves as chairman of the board of wind erosion district	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 202.021
Approval by county judge of slaughterer's bond	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 148.042
Serve as budget officer assisted by auditor and county clerk	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 111.002
Determine relative private/public nature of records filed with clerk in allowing or prohibiting inspection of records of mentally ill	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 571.015
Shall have seal of court and use on all official acts	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.004

Preside over commissioners court	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.001 and Tex. Const. Art. V, Sec. 18
Approval and recording of bond for livestock commission merchants	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 147.025; 147.026
A county judge may delegate the duty to hear a permit application for a wine and beer retailer's permit.	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 25.052, 26.07, 61.312
The county judge of a county with a population of 750,000 or more may appoint a master to hear a permit application for a wine and beer retailer's permit.	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 25.051.
County judge performing judicial functions entitled to salary supplement from the State	P	Government Code	Sec. 26.006
Conduct of hearings on beer/wine permit applications	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 25, 26, 61, 74
The county judge of a county with a population of 750,000 or more may appoint a master to hear an application for a license to manufacture, distribute, store, or sell beer.	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 61.311
Employ stenographers or clerks where approved by commissioners court	P	Government Code	Sec. 55.001
May appoint counsel for any party making affidavit in inability to employ counsel	P	Government Code	Sec. 26.049

41.1200 Commissioners Court

Provision for employment benefits, including insurance, childcare services, sick leave, and legal representation; determination of hours of work	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 157, 175
Commissioners court lay-off respective counties into precincts for the election of JPs and constables and designate for time and place of holding justice court	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.021, 71.022
Determination of compensation, allowances, and expenses of county officials and employees; appointment of grievance committee	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 152, 153, 154
Pay salary of special judge	M	Government Code	Sec. 24.006
Accept and enter in minutes lists of indigent and delinquent taxpayers submitted by tax assessor-collector	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.033
Approval of bond of county judge	M	Government Code	Sec. 26.0001
Approve bonds of county clerk; establish self-insurance in lieu of bond	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 82.001, et seq.
Approval of bonds for county officials, require new bond or additional security	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 88.001, et seq.
Before a county may purchase real property held in trust, the trustee must submit to the commissioners court a copy of the trust agreement identifying the true owner.	M	Government Code	Sec. 252.091-.094

County commissioners must complete 16-hour continuing education course each year	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.0025
Approve bond of county surveyor	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 23.013
Set fees for services of sheriffs and constables; notify comptroller of fees determined by commissioners court for county officials	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 118.131
Approval of bond for county treasurer	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 83.002
Preparation, approval, execution, and amendment of county budget	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 111.001, et seq.
Post required notice and hold hearing on proposal to increase taxes;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 26.06(b)
Commissioners court serves as governing body of a wind erosion district	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 202.021
Provide offices, office supplies, furniture, automobiles, as necessary for county officials	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.011
File copy of proposed budget and make available for inspection by taxpayers	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 111.006, 111.037, 111.066
Adopt a tax rate;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 26.05
Approval of bond for county constable	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 86.002
Approval by commissioners court of bond for incorporated agricultural or livestock financial pool	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 53.005
Approval of bond for county sheriff	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 85.001
Make bond and take oath of office concerning use of county funds and contracts	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.002
Approve oath and bond for county surveyors	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 72.005
A county has authority to certify applications for creation of housing corporations.	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 1524c
Allow or disallow or refuse claims against the county	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.041
May establish an alternative system for resolving citizen disputes	P	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 152.001, et seq.
The commissioners court may accept a gift, grant, donation, bequest, or devise of money or other property on behalf of the county for the purpose of performing a function conferred by law on the county or a county officer.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.032
Settle and pay any judgment rendered against county	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.043

The commissioners court must approve a contract entered into by certain hospital district boards, with other governmental entities.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 281.051
May provide for the creation of a public facility corporation	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 717s
May sell rights to judgment proceeds belonging to county	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 130.901
Approval of reserve deputy sheriffs/deputy constables	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 85.004; 86.012
Commissioners court may remove the blockage of a ditch on real property not owned by the county.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 254.008
May impose county sales and use tax in certain counties for landfill or criminal detention center purposes;	P	Tax Code	Sec. 325 , et seq.
Appointment of acting county judge by commissioners court if incumbent suspended	P	Government Code	Sec. 26.015
Execution of interlocal cooperation contracts	P	Government Code	Sec. 791
Participation in Texas Political Subdivision Employees Uniform Group and Benefits Act	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 172.001 et seq.

41.1300 County Clerk

File and index financing statements, security interests, and associated documents	M	Bus. & Comm. Code	Sec. 9.401, et seq.
Issue marriage licenses; administer all oaths and affirmation; take affidavits and depositions	M	Government Code	Sec. 51.402
Prepare transcript on indefinite commitment for hospital	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 574.047
Roster of Midwives from State	M	Occupation Code	Sec. 203.157
The county clerk shall certify whether the location or address given in the application for an alcoholic beverage license is in a wet area and whether the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by any valid order of the commissioners court.	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 61.37
File all application, petitions, and certificates related to mental competency hearings	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 571.014
Maintain book of liens on property--record affidavits for securing lien, index, cross-index records;	M	Property Code	Sec. 53.052
Keep account of tax collector according to statute	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.031
Certification of wet/dry status for purpose of alcoholic beverage permit application	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 11.37

Transmit vital statistics data to the Bureau of Vital Statistics	M	Family Code	Sec. 108.001
Prepare written statement on jury fees and fines at each term, and transmit all jury fees and fines to county treasurer	M	Government Code	Sec. 51.402
Use prescribed procedure in recording and handling estray accounts	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.053
Make quarterly reports on status of accounts in finance ledger to commissioners court	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 114.021
Filing of security interests/financing statements with County Clerk pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code	M	Bus. & Comm. Code	Sec. 9.401
Furnish and record marriage licenses	M	Family Code	Sec. 2.001, et seq.
The chairman of the board of a noxious weed control district shall file a detailed financial report before September 1 of each year with the county clerk of each county in which the district is located.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 78.055.
Collect fees as specified in statute	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 118.051 - 118.062
List of instruments to be filed with clerk	M	Property Code	Sec. 12.001, et seq.
Receive applications and bonds and approve, for public warehouseman's certificate and issue certificate.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 14.204, et seq.
Keep record of sale of public land within county;	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 51.065
Duties as recorder: Subject to penalty for failing to record;	M	Property Code	Sec. 11.004
Filing reports and claims of abandoned property	M	Property Code	Sec. 76
Issue certificate of timber ownership	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 151.005
File copy of approved budget and any subsequent amendments to budget of cities within the county	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 102.009, 111.101, 111.040, 111.069
File, with date and hour recorded, applications to purchase or lease a vacant public school land;	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 51.177
Use seal of county court as seal of county recorder in official acts	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 191.001
Provide attested copies of all papers recorded in office as demanded and charge fees as law provides	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 191.004
In certain counties, shall pay county clerk for work in keeping the finance ledger	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 153.002
Require specification of legal papers for filing and recording	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 191.007

File lease of public lands within county;	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 51.127
Accept records for electronic filing in compliance with rules adopted by State Library and Archives Commission.	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 191.009
The county clerk shall keep a record of the marks, brands, tatoos of each person who applies to the clerk for that purpose	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 144.041; 144.108
Provision for errors and omissions insurance for county clerk	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 82.003; 82.004
File statement regarding timber in lieu of bill of sale	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 151.044
Recording of public records by county clerk, including computerized electronic information systems	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 191, 192, 193, 195
Serve as ex officio clerk of commissioners court;Keep and certify minutes for commissioners court meeting; to be approved and signed by county judge	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.003
Shall keep records in office if there is no county surveyor; see also VRCS Art. 5282c, Sec. 28(a);	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 23.057, 51.177
File statement of forfeiture or contract to purchase land under Veterans Lands Program	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 161.315
Filing of articles of incorporation and bylaws for farmers' cooperative societies	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 51.011
Record all log brands on timber floated on waters of a river or creek in Texas	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 151.003
May require clerk to have translated into English any part of records in Spanish	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 193.007
May appoint deputies	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 82.005

41.1400 County-District Clerk

District clerk to issue writ of commitment when directed by county judge	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 574.046
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41.1900 Other General Administration

Payment of claims and judgments under Tort Claims Act	M	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 101.001, et seq.
Determination of county boundary lines	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 72.001, et seq.

Payment of judgments under whistleblower statute	M	Government Code	Sec. 554
Compliance with requirements regarding professional and consulting services	M	Government Code	Sec. 2254.001 et seq.
Authority of cable TV operators to lay lines along public roads	M	Utilities Code	Sec. 181.102; 181.103
Common carriers entitled to lay, maintain, and operate pipelines, telegraph, and telephone lines along, across, or under a public stream or highway on certain conditions and with compensation to the county for damages done to the road	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 111.020
Authority of electric utilities to lay lines along public roads	M	Utilities Code	Sec. 181.042; 181.044
Maintenance of birth and death records [JP precincts]	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 191.021, et seq.
Authority of telephone corporations to lay lines along public roads	M	Utilities Code	Sec. 181.082
Review, consider petitions to create drainage districts	M	Water Code	Sec. 56.001, et seq.
Enter orders redefining school district boundary lines	M	Educ. Code	Sec. 13.051
Compliance with Employment Discrimination Regulations of Commission on Human Rights.	M	Labor Code	Sec. 21.001, et seq.
Before a county can purchase real property held in trust, the county must obtain from the trustee a copy of the trust agreement identifying the true owner of the property.	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 2252.091 - .094
Complete continuing education	M	Government Code	Sec. 51.604
Compliance with uniformity requirement of county permits	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 245.001, et seq.
Maintenance of marriage and divorce records	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 194
Shall appoint a local committee of three real property owners to advise Veterans Land Board on applications;	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 161.217
Sale and lease of real property by auction or sealed bids	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 263.001 , et seq.
Comply with building requirements for fire escapes	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 791.002
Compliance with public disclosure requirements of public servants for property acquired with public funds	M	Government Code	Sec. 553
Compliance with Open Meetings Act	M	Government Code	Sec. 551
Authority to exchange or sell land following newspaper notice and sealed bids; publication of notice	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 272.001

In counties with fewer than 8,000 population, office of district clerk is combined with county clerk unless voters authorize separate offices (counties between 7,600 and 8,000 excepted).	M	Government Code	Sec. 51.501
Support of veterans county service offices	M	Government Code	Sec. 434.031 , et seq.
Receive and examine all field notes of surveys in county for which patents are obtained; certify and record them;	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 23.052
Compliance with Open Records Act	M	Government Code	Sec. 552
Rent for surveyor's office outside courthouse to be paid by commissioners.	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 23.016
Compliance with requirements of Commission on Human Rights	M	Government Code	Sec. 461
A county shall disclose to the property owner, at the time an offer to purchase is made, all existing appraisal reports produced or acquired by the county in determining the final valuation offer.	M	Property Code	Sec. 21.0111
Record all surveys and plats in county, private or official	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 23.053
Transmit fines collected for violations of wildlife regulations to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Section 13.111: in certain areas portion of fine retained by county).	M	Parks & Wildlife Code	Sec. 12.107
Authority of gas utility to lay lines along public roads	M	Utilities Code	Sec. 181.022; 181.024
Allowing gas corporations to lay lines along public roads	M	Utilities Code	Sec. 181.005
Compliance with provisions for issuance of bonds pursuant to Act for Development of Employment, Industrial, and Health Resources; election required	M	Government Code	Sec. 1433, et seq.
A county that furnishes retail water or sewer utility service shall furnish the service, instrumentalities, and facilities safely, adequately, efficiently and reasonably.	M	Water Code	Sec. 13.139(a)
An affected county shall provide written notice to each ratepayer eligible to appeal a change in water, drainage, or sewer rates	M	Water Code	Sec. 13.043(k)
Compliance with provisions for award of contracts to nonresidents	M	Government Code	Sec. 2252.001 , et seq.
Compliance with requirement of payment of prevailing wage rates	M	Government Code	Sec. 2258.001 et seq.
Election and support of office of county surveyor	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 23.001, et seq.
Compliance with Public Employer Community Right-To-Know Act (M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 506.001, et seq.
Report to the attorney general the name and address of each person who has taken minerals or other things of value from public land;	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 11.071
Shall reflect changes in municipal boundaries on any official county map kept	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 41.0015

Sale, lease, and other disposition of other certain real or personal property, including salvage or surplus property, airport land	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 263.051 , et seq.; 263.101 , et seq.; 263.151 , et seq.
Financial disclosure by county officials and employees	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 159.001, et seq.
Compliance with conflicts of interest statute	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 171.001, et seq.
Must keep fee book and observe other regulations	M	Government Code	Sec. 603
Approve bond of District Clerk	M	Government Code	Sec. 51.302
Justice of the Peace is local registrar of births unless duties transferred, by agreement, to County Clerk	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 191.022
Fees of county surveyor for services listed	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 118.161
Shall provide legal defense to county officials and employees (under certain conditions)	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 157.901
Liable for damages resulting from neglect of duties.	M	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 7.001
May not purchase beef or a product consisting substantially of beef that has been imported from outside the United States	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 150.012
Notify the Texas Historical Commission of any projects on 5 acres or more of local public lands so that potential archeological or historical damage can be assessed	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 191.0525
Compliance with Local Government Records Act	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 201, et seq.
A person may file an application for a license to manufacture, distribute, store, or sell beer in termtime or on vacation with the county judge of the county. The county judge shall set the application for hearing.	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 61.31.
A county may exercise the right of eminent domain for authorized public purposes	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 261.001, et seq.
May join with two or more counties to create regional tollway authorities	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 366.001 et seq
Contribute development and construction of public roads by TxDOT	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 222.054
In a county having a population of less than 500,000, the commissioners court may adopt, by order, extended hours (midnight to 2:00 a.m.) for the sale of mixed beverages by a holder of a mixed beverages late hour permit	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 105.03
May authorize creation of perpetual trust fund to provide for maintenance and upkeep of cemeteries	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 713.021, et seq.
May collect additional fees, interest, and attorney fees for delinquent motor vehicle fines	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 6701d-28
May establish personal bond office.	P	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 17.42

In a county that has only one incorporated city or town that has a majority of the population of the county and where the city or town has shortened the hours of sale for beer on Sundays under certain conditions	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 109.32
Exercise of airport zoning powers	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 241.001, et seq.
May acquire land for the state on order of the governor and under direction of attorney general	P	Government Code	Sec. 2204.001
May take fees for acknowledgements in certain cases	P	Government Code	Sec. 603.005
May lease or sell county hospital (any county)	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 263.029
May authorize payment of reasonable travel expenses of certain persons conducting county business	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.901
A county that shares a boundary with Mexico may contract for the acquisition of water rights in Mexico if approved and monitored by the Texas Water Commission and the International Boundary and Water Commission.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 263.201
Authority to sell county-generated computer software	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 270.007
Establishment of vehicle weight limitations	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 621.301 , et seq.
Seizure, auction, and demolition of abandoned motor vehicles	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 683.001, et seq.
May levy taxes for flood control	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 256.054
May finance city streets with approval of the city	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.012
May appoint board of managers for a county hospital	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 263.041
May indemnify county officials against personal liability for loss of funds or damage to property	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 157.903
May contract for collection of fines, fees, and court costs	P	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 103.0031
May condemn right-of way or materials at request of and for use of the TxDOT	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 224.003
The commissioners court of a county may levy an collect a fee equal to one-half the state fee for each license, except a temporary or agent's beer license, issued for premises located within the county.	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 61.36
Commissioners court may purchase liability insurance (certain requirements)	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 157.041, 157.042
Participation in government liability insurance pool	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 119.001, et seq.
May contract with other local governments or state agencies for the purchase of goods and services without competitive bidding	P	Government Code	Sec. 791.025

A Trinity River Basin county may regulate the future construction of residences and the laying out of residential lots and subdivisions in the 100-year flood plain of the Trinity River Basin.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 204.905
Authority to acquire real property for use by federal government	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 280.001
Authority to acquire additional county office space and buildings other than courthouse and to lease that space under certain conditions	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 292.001 , et seq.
Creation of corporations pursuant to Development Corporation Act of 1979	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 5190.6
May lease land held by county for building of hotel in conjunction with county convention center in cities over 700,000	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 263.101
Authority of counties and cities to participate in regional planning commissions	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 391.001 et seq.
Bonds by coastal counties may be issued for canal purposes	P	Government Code	Sec. 1475.051, et seq.
Authority of certain counties to provide for creation of county assistance districts for road improvements, law enforcement, libraries, parks, and other public services	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 384.001, et seq.
Authority of county to provide for creation of crime control and prevention districts; election required	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 363.001, et seq.
Authority of certain counties to sell to a municipality a coliseum or stadium	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 305.011, et seq.
May obtain insurance and other coverage for county officials and employees, in addition to the district attorney and offices of special districts by participation in a governmental pool or self insurance fund	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 157.043
Set out regulations for control of courthouse by sheriff who has charge and control of courthouse	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 291.003
May prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages near churches, public schools, and public hospitals, and day care centers	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 109.33
Commissioners court may sell to a municipality a colliseum or stadium owned and operated by it and related land and facilities under certain conditions.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 305.012
Authority to accept conveyance of real property as a gift	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 280.002
Authority to convey office space to state and federal government for unemployment relief	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 272.003
Authority to establish self-insurance fund	P	Government Code	Sec. 2259.001 et seq.
Acquisition of land and housing from federal government	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 270.004
May authorize payment of expenses incurred by county and precinct officials for continuing education programs	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.907
May provide hospitalization insurance to a county official, deputy, assistant, or other county employee	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 157.001

Authority of county as sponsor to create corporation pursuant to Public Facility Corporation Act; Joint Construction and Maintenance of Buildings by Certain Counties and Municipalities	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 303.001, et seq.
Padre Island zoning	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 231.011
May accept gift or donation of salary of county or precinct official	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.002
May provide for medical care and hospitalization and may provide for compensation, accident, hospital, and disability insurance for certain persons paid from county funds or flood control district in the county	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 157.002
May give memorial designations to parts of highway system; may erect markers with approval of the TxDOT;	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 225.002, et seq.
A county may lease land, housing, or facilities acquired from the federal government.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 263.052
May Contract with Texas Workforce Commission for employment services	P	Labor Code	Sec. 202.082
Petition the Texas Water Commission for creation of a storm water control district.	P	Water Code	Sec. 66.014, et seq.
Grant approval to a toll road authority to abate county property taxes on signs regulated by the authority	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 395.001 et seq
Establish a planning commission	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 232, Subchapter D, Sections 232.091-.097
A county with a population of 8,200 or less may own, operate, and maintain a cemetery and sell the right of burial in the cemetery.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 713.027
Acquire right-of-way as requested by TxDOT	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 224.002
County may lease public coastal lands	P	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 33.109
Recommendations regarding alcoholic beverage permit applications	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 11.41
Authority to enter into energy conservation contracts	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 302.001, et seq.
Authority to lease county property for mineral development	P	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 71.002, et seq.
The commissioners court may permit the temporary use of a county road for a civic event, including a festival.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.158
May use road equipment and employees to assist another governmental entity if the cost does not exceed \$3,000	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.015
Exercise of eminent domain powers	P	Property; Local Gov. Code	Sec. 21; Sec. 261
Creation of local government corporations pursuant to Texas Transportation Corporation Act	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 431.101 , et seq.

Amistad Recreation Area zoning	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 231.031
Electric utilities are required to compile a weekly list of new electric service connections and forward the list to the county judge. The county judge must then forward the list to each authorized agent	P		
The commissioners court may have the opportunity to submit an opinion to the Texas Water Commission for consideration prior to the TWC's passing on a MUD request for a bond issue to finance a district project;	P	Water Code	Sec. 54.5161
Participation in Texas county and district retirement system	P	Government Code	Sec. 841.001, et seq.

41.2000 Financial Administration

41.2100 County Auditor

Reimburse auditor for mileage traveling to and from county seat	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.035
Prepare estimate of revenues and expenses for commissioners court for budget purposes [counties over 225,000]	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 111.033
Assist county judge in preparation of budget	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 111.003, 111.033
Salary set by district judges; not to exceed salary of highest paid elected county official	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.031, 152.032
Shall appropriate and cause to be paid salaries for assistants to the auditor if approved by district judge	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 84.021
Officers must use forms prescribed by auditor for collection of county revenues, funds, fees, and other money, and keep accounts according to prescribed forms	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.001, 114.002
Have general oversight of all books and records of the county related to collection of money and responsible for strict enforcement of laws governing county finances;	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.006
Serve as budget officer in counties over 225,000 and certify to commissioners court receipt of all public or private grant or aid money;	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 111.032, et seq.
Maintain general set of books showing all transactions of county relating to accounts, contracts, indebtedness, receipts, and disbursements, and report to each regular meeting of commissioners court;	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.007
Auditor to prescribe system of accounting; determine time and manner for reports	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.002, 114.002
Accounting forms used by sheriff to be prescribed by county auditor	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.001, 112.002

Continuing education requirement for county auditor	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 84.0085
Auditor shall file a report with the comptroller stating the total amount the county spent on construction and maintenance of county roads, bridges	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 256.009
Maintain a county finance ledger with an index	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.008
The commissioners court of two or more counties that each have a population of less than 25,000 may agree to jointly employ and compensate a county auditor	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 84.008
Auditor may have salary set by district judges following public hearing	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.905

41.2200 County Treasurer

Must complete continuing education courses	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 83.003
Classify claims and maintain register of all claims against county; follow specified procedure for registration of claims	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 113.061
Receive report at every regular term from treasurer on all money received and disbursed and of all debt due to and from the county;	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 114.026
Register bonds issued by county before delivery and keep account of the amount of principal and interest paid on each	M	Government Code	Sec. 1301.002
County treasurer serves as treasurer of a wind erosion district and shall give bond	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 202.021
Keep detailed accurate accounts showing all transactions regarding money belonging to the county	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 113.001, et seq.
Deposit all taxes collected in designated county depository	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 116.002
May appoint person to act in treasurer's place with commissioners court approval if absent, unavoidably detained, incapacitated, or unable to act	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 83.005

41.2300 County Tax Assessor-collector

On receipt of appraisal roll, assessor shall determine total appraised, assessed, and taxable value of property in taxing unit, plus value of new property	M	Tax Code	Sec 26.04(a)
Serve as ex officio tax assessor and collector of a Fresh Water Supply District	M	Tax Code	Sec. 53.089(g)
Assess and collect taxes for a Levee Improvement District	M	Tax Code	Sec. 57.174

Participate in the selection of directors for appraisal district board; determine number of votes to which taxing unit is entitled, count votes;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 6.03
Assessor-collector shall assess and collect taxes on property in county for county (under certain conditions for other taxing units)	M	Tax Code	Sec. 6.23(a)
Entitled to reasonable fee (not exceeding actual costs incurred) for collecting taxes for another taxing unit;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 6.27(b)
Elected or appointed assessor-collector must give bonds to state and county (amounts vary for state taxes, county taxes, and other taxing units--see 6.28(b)-(c) and 6.29(b).	M	Tax Code	Sec. 6.28
Disposition of fees collected for certificate of title;	M	Parks & Wildlife Code	Sec. 31.048
File tax lien releases;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 113.009
Assess and collect taxes for a Drainage District unless a separate assessor and collector is elected	M	Tax Code	Sec. 56.073, 56.077
File reports with governmental units on collections;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 31.10
Receive judgments for unpaid taxes (sales, excise and use tax) to be filed as lien against person's real property;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 151.608
Assess and collect taxes for a Navigation District	M	Tax Code	Sec. 61.237, 62.251
Collect tax levied in connection with rural fire prevention districts	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 794.075(e)
Assess and collect taxes for hospital district	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 282.001 - 283.001, et seq.
Prepare and mail tax bill to property owners	M	Tax Code	Sec. 31.01(a), 31.01 note; 31.01(h)
Calculate county taxes on rolling stock;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 24.39
Register motor vehicle purchased for rental;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 152.061
Maintain records of state tax liens;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 113.004, 113.005
Mail bill for Permanent University Fund land to state comptroller (and collects tax from comptroller);	M	Tax Code	Sec. 31.01(b)
Collect fees for returned check	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 118.171
Compliance with Certificate of Title Act for vehicles	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 501.001, et seq.
Administration of vehicle registration laws	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 502.001, et seq.

Collect motor vehicle sales and use tax;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 152.041
Assessor may have appraisal roll or tax roll of a taxing unit retained in electronic data equipment (but must retain physical document);	P	Tax Code	Sec. 1.10
Receive applications and issue certificates of numbers (and renewal certificates) for motorboats;	P	Parks & Wildlife Code	Sec. 31.024, 31.025, 31.0341
Collection and assessment may be done for county by another taxing unit by contract with the approval of the assessor-collector and the commissioners court;	P	Tax Code	Sec. 6.24(b)
May collect taxes on tangible personal property as approved by commissioners court.	P	Tax Code	Sec. 11.14
Collect an extra vehicle registration fee if imposed by commissioners court	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 572.172
May pay for a survey and maps and plats of subdivisions to assist the Tax Collector-Assessor; election required	P	Government Code	Sec. 1477.252
May disregard exemptions (elderly, disability, homestead) for tax pledged for payment of a debt;	P	Tax Code	Sec. 11.13(i)

41.2400 Purchasing (Statutory only)

Assess and collect taxes on a consolidated unit;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 26.13(c)
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41.2500 Other Financial Administration

Compliance with provisions for issuance of higher education improvement bonds [counties with municipalities of 25,000 or more]; election required	M	Government Code	Sec. 1434, et seq.
Compliance with provisions for issuance of anticipation notes	M	Government Code	Sec. 1431
Receive monthly and annual reports on receipts and disbursement from auditor	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 114.024, 114.025
Keep finance ledger for commissioners court with account for each county officer who receives or collects money for county	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.004
Authorized purposes of county bonds; compliance with provisions regarding issuance	M	Government Code	Sec. 1301, et seq.
Observe statutory limits of issues for specific type bonds, courthouse bonds, jail bonds, bridge bonds, etc.	M	Government Code	Sec. 1301.003
Compliance with provisions for issuance of park and fairground bonds [counties greater than 550,000]; election required	M	Government Code	Sec. 1435, et seq.

Convene Salary Grievance Committee	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.014
Keep account of justice of peace fines imposed and/or collected	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.052
Compliance with provisions for issuance of county water improvement bonds	M	Government Code	Sec. 1474
Shall contract with bank to act as depository for a 2-year or 4-year contract term	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 116.021
Compliance with provisions for issuance of county navigation bonds	M	Government Code	Sec. 1475
Compliance with requirements for timely payment for goods and services	M	Government Code	Sec. 2251, et seq.
Receive money from sale of bonds for public hospital district	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 282.078
Minimum amounts of salary defined	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.012
Compliance with County Purchasing Act, appointment of purchasing agents	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 262.001; Sec. 271.021 , et seq.
Keep account for officers collecting funds and in so doing relieve county clerk of keeping finance ledger	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.005
Maintenance of accounts and financial records and audits	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112, 113, 114, 115
Real and tangible personal property subject to taxation unless exempted (exemptions listed)	M	Tax Code	Sec. 11.001, et seq.
Receive report of receipts and disbursements of private business operations on public property	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 291.006
Compliance with Public Security Procedures Act	M	Government Code	Sec. 1201, et seq.
Collection of property taxes	M	Tax Code	Sec. 6.21 , et seq.; Sec. 31 , et seq.
Compliance with Uniform Grant and Contract Management Act	M	Government Code	Sec. 783
Collection of revenue for county road purposes	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 256.001, et seq.
Authority to acquire property pursuant to the Public Property Finance Act	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 271.001 , et seq.
Compliance with requirements of Public Funds Collateral Act	M	Government Code	Sec. 2257.001 et seq.
Compliance with Public Funds Investment Act; adopt written policy for investment of county funds; financial officers must attend training;	M	Government Code	Sec. 2256.001 et seq.

Collection of fees of office	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 118, 130, 132
Participate in creation of hospital districts, sign bonds issued, sell bonds	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 282, 283
Limitations on taxes imposed to pay the interest and sinking fund on county bonds	M	Government Code	Sec. 1301.004
Observe requirement of hospital project financing act and county hospital authority act	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 223, 264
Budgetary support of appraisal districts	M	Tax Code	Sec. 6.06
County Judge to sign and County Clerk to countersign bonds issued by county before delivery	M	Government Code	Sec. 1301.002
Selection of bank depositories	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 116, 117, 131
Making authorized deductions from payroll of county employees	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 155.001 et seq.
Authority to finance projects and issue securities pursuant to Certificate of Obligation Act	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 271.041 , et seq.
Collection of county sales and use tax	P	Tax Code	Sec. 323, 324, 325
May temporarily invest motor vehicle fees before remittance to the state;	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 501.138
File suit for collection of assessments against any land or landowner	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 254.017
Sale of rights to judgment proceeds by commissioners court	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 130.901
May impose a county fee for vehicle registration	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 572.102
May issue revenue bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and improving air pollution control facilities and their real property;	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 383.021
Use of electronic funds transfer systems	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 156.001 et seq.
May issue bonds for construction of auditorium or coliseum parking facilities	P	Government Code	Sec. 1473.261
May invest funds in direct debt securities of the United States or in certain repurchase agreements	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 116.112
May levy occupation tax on coin-operated machine, up to 1/4 of state tax	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 8814
Certain counties authorized to collect County Hotel Occupancy Taxes; restricted uses.	P	Tax Code	Sec. 352, et seq.

May issue revenue bonds to finance the purchase of natural gas supply or distribution facilities; election required	P	Government Code	Sec. 1477.104, et seq.
May issue certificates of indebtedness to operating expenses and assess and collect taxes to pay off bonds in counties whose tax valuation decreases as much as 7 percent a year;	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 717n
May issue notes for repairs caused by irrigation damage	P	Government Code	Sec. 1474.003
Receive payments for reimbursement of confinement expenses of defendants convicted of misdemeanors	P	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 42.038
May issue navigation bonds; election required	P	Government Code	Sec. 1475.003, et seq.
Counties over 900,000 may issue bonds and levy taxes for acquisition/construction of county workhouses and farms for prisoners	P	Government Code	Sec. 1473.191, et seq.
Counties over 275,000 may issue bonds to erect public health administration buildings and acquire sites and equipment	P	Government Code	Sec. 1473.171, et seq.
May borrow from federal agency and levy tax to repay indebtedness	P	Government Code	Sec. 2259.031, et seq.
May issue bonds to purchase or otherwise acquire a public library building	P	Government Code	Sec. 1473.001, et seq.
May issue bonds to refund outstanding causeway revenue bonds;	P	Government Code	Sec. 1472.001, et seq.
May issue road and turnpike bonds and assess taxes to create sinking fund for debt retirement; election required (2/3rds of voters)	P	Government Code	Sec. 1471.001
May issue bonds for the improvement of rivers, creeks, and streams to prevent overflow and for all necessary drainage purposes; election required	P	Government Code	Sec. 1474.004
May issue bonds to pay for surveys, plats and maps, and assess tax to finance (counties over 500,000)	P	Government Code	Sec. 1477.252
May issue certificates of indebtedness for construction and operation of firefighter training facilities; election required	P	Government Code	Sec. 1477.201, et seq.
Counties over 900,000 may issue certificate of indebtedness for acquiring, constructing, and repairing crime detention facilities; election not required	P	Government Code	Sec. 1473.231, et seq.
May issue bonds for solid waste facilities	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 364.051
May issue bonds for certain purposes (including to purchase and construct bridges for public purposes and to improve and maintain public roads);	P	Government Code	Sec. 1301.001
May acquire (not through eminent domain) a natural gas system for supplying gas to county buildings and sell any natural gas not needed by county (counties over 5,000)	P	Government Code	Sec. 1477.101, et seq.
Certain counties may, after voter authorization, issue revenue bonds to finance acquisition of water	P	Government Code	Sec. 1477.051, et seq.
May contract with any competent attorney to represent the unit to enforce the collection of delinquent taxes;	P	Tax Code	Sec. 6.30(c)

May issue bonds to construct/maintain facilities for reclamation and irrigation purposes	P	Government Code	Sec. 1474.001
May issue bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining pools, lakes, reservoirs, waterways, dams, and canals for irrigation and for purchasing improvements; election required	P	Government Code	Sec. 1474.001, et seq.
Have a bonding authority for establishment of hospital and/or other health facilities	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 263.021, et seq.
May issue revenue bonds to acquire and operate sports center (counties over 650,000); election required	P	Government Code	Sec. 1432.001, et seq.

41.2900 Other Financial

Collection of alcoholic beverage permit fee	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 11.38
Authority to participate in federal purchasing program	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 271.103
Authority to participate in local cooperative purchasing program among political subdivisions	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 271.101 , et seq.
Authority to participate in state purchasing program	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 271.081 , et seq.

41.3000 Elections

The commissioners court shall canvas the votes of a local option election	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 251.51.
Furnish secretary of state with map showing boundaries of election precincts	M	Elections Code	Sec. 42.037
On petition, order elections to determine if certain animals are to be permitted to run at large (cattle, other large animals, hogs, turkeys)	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 143.021, et seq.
Serve on election board	M	Elections Code	Sec. 51.001 - 51.009
Designate polling places	M	Elections Code	Sec. 43.031-43.033
Receive appointment of campaign treasurer for filing	M	Elections Code	Sec. 252.005
Provide polling places that are accessible to elderly and physically hadicapped	M	Elections Code	Sec. 43.034
Serve as member of county election boards	M	Elections Code	Sec. 51.002

Canvass votes and certify results	M	Elections Code	Sec. 67.002-67.005; Sec. 67.016
Provide for early voting	M	Elections Code	Sec. 81.001, et seq - 105.001, et seq.
Call election, upon petition by voters, to consolidate tax assessing and collection functions;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 6.26
Shall conduct training program for election officers; (Title 3 of EL spells out duties of election officers)	M	Elections Code	Sec. 32.113, 32.114
Form election precincts	M	Elections Code	Sec. 42.001-42.064
The county shall pay the election expense of a local option election except that if it held wholly within an incorporated city or town, the county may require the city or town to pay.	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 251.40.
Serve as chairman of election board	M	Elections Code	Sec. 51.002
Conduct hearing and election to create self-liquidating navigation districts;	M	Water Code	Sec. 63.001, et seq.
May conduct hearing and election to create navigation districts to improve rivers, bays, canals and other inland water; construct canals and waterways to permit navigation;	M	Water Code	Sec. 61.001, et seq.
Upon petition, shall order an election to determine whether the county should have a hide and animal inspector or whether the office should be abolished;	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 146.054
Call election, upon petition by voters, to grant authority to the county to adopt zoning and building ordinances for the area around lakes	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 231.071-241.083
The county clerk shall certify the result of a local option election, at no cost, to the commission.	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 251.53.
Conduct hearing and election, upon petition, for creation of water control and improvement districts	M	Water Code	Sec. 51.001, et seq.
Conduct hearing and election, upon petition, for creation of underground water districts for the preservation, conservation, and recharging of underground water reservoirs;	M	Water Code	Sec. 52.001, et seq.
Carry out election required for authorization of weather modification activities	M	Water Code	Sec. 18.084
Notify secretary of state of county and precinct officers elected	M	Government Code	Sec. 601.006
Have order for election mailed to precinct judges	M	Elections Code	Sec. 4.007
Conduct hearing and election, upon petition, for creation of fresh water supply districts to conserve, transport, and distribute fresh water from any sources for domestic and commercial uses;	M	Water Code	Sec. 53.001, et seq.
Order election for creation of hospital district in counties of 190,000 or more	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 281.001, et seq.
Upon petition, shall hold election to determine if county should enact a special road tax; procedure and result	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 256.052

May conduct hearing and election to create water improvement districts to provide for irrigation and furnish water for domestic and commercial uses	M	Water Code	Sec. 55.001, et seq.
Designate buildings for polling places	M	Elections Code	Sec. 43.031-43.033
Order county election stating date, offices, etc.	M	Elections Code	Sec. 3.004
Appoint election judges	M	Elections Code	Sec. 32.002
May conduct hearing and election to create levee improvement districts to construct and maintain levees along rivers, creeks, and streams; reclaim lands from stream overflows; provide for proper drainage;	M	Water Code	Sec. 57.001, et seq.
Conduct of general, special, and primary elections; registration of voters; filing of campaign reports. Pay expenses	M	Elections Code	Sec. 1.001, et seq.
Order election for the creation of Emergency Services Districts upon petition and hearing	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 751.001, et seq.; 776.011, et seq.
Election of inspector of hides and animals; and creation and abolishment by election.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 146.053 , et seq.
Receive petition for abolishment of independent school district and order election	M	Educ. Code	Sec. 13.201, et seq.
Petition and election for creation of noxious weed control districts	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 78.011, et seq.
Tabulate unofficial returns	M	Elections Code	Sec. 66.056
On petition, ordering and requirements of local option elections for sale of alcoholic beverages	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 251.001, et seq.
Comply with procedures for voter registration	M	Elections Code	Sec. 13.001 - 13.145
Bond elections required for bonds paid from ad valorem taxes; conduct of bond elections	M	Government Code	Sec. 1251, et seq.
Procedures relating to official ballot	M	Elections Code	Sec. 52.001; Sec. 52.095
Receive all unused election supplies	M	Elections Code	Sec. 66.063
Hold election for authorization to create civil service commission; operation of county civil service system in eligible counties	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 158.001, et seq.
Required to post of notice of election	M	Elections Code	Sec. 4.001 - 4.007
The county judge shall cause to be held a public school of instruction for those who actually conduct a local option election	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 251.36.
Procedures in arrangement and expenses of election including voting booths and ballot boxes	M	Elections Code	Sec. 51.001; Sec. 51.036

Order an election, upon petition and hearing for creation of library district	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 326.001, et seq.
Upon petition of voters shall order election to determine issuance of compensation bonds (commissioners or justice precinct or road district)	M	Government Code	Sec. 1471.082
Receive lists of county chairmen and precinct chairmen certified by chairmen of the county committee	M	Elections Code	Sec. 172.118
On petition, order elections to create wind erosion conservation district	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 202.011, et seq.
Work with executive committees of political parties in nomination process and primary election	M	Elections Code	Sec. 172.111, et seq.
May declare election void in case of a tie and order another election	M	Elections Code	Sec. 2.002
Required to adopt voting system	M	Elections Code	Sec. 123.001, et seq.
Order election for creation of mosquito control districts	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 344.001, et seq.
Canvas returns for election for creation of Wind Erosion Conservation District	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 202.013
File financial statements from candidates	M	Elections Code	Sec. 254.066
Comply with requirements of the Fair Campaign Practices Act	M	Elections Code	Sec. 258.001, et seq.
Hold special elections for US Congress and for members of legislature	M	Elections Code	Sec. 203, 204
Compliance with requirements of Bingo Enabling Act for conducting elections	M	Occupation Code	Sec. 2001.651 , et seq.
Provide bilingual election materials in English and Spanish	M	Elections Code	Sec. 272
A county with a population of less than 40,000 may order a nonbinding referendum on any matter affecting county property.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 291.007
State funds to assist with voter registration. Use limited to the stated purposes.	P	Elections Code	Sec. 19.001, et seq.
May contract with political subdivisions or parties to hold election	P	Elections Code	Sec. 31.091; 31.100
Order election for creation of rural fire prevention districts after petition	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 794.011
May contract for election administration	P	Elections Code	Sec. 31.091-31.100
Order an election, upon petition and hearing for to create park and recreation districts [certain counties on certain rivers]	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 324.001, et seq.

May order election to establish hospital district in counties of 75,000 or less	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 282.001, et seq.
The commissioners court of a county by order may provide for the election or abolishment of a public weigher.	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 13.253, et seq.
Creation of county mass transit authorities (population of 500,000 or more); election required	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 457.001, et seq.
County clerk may register voters when authorized by commissioners court with approval of the tax assessor-collector	P	Elections Code	Sec. 12.031, et seq
May cooperate in holding joint elections with other political subdivisions; allocate costs	P	Elections Code	Sec. 271.001 - 271.014
Gulf counties may create by general election, a Beach Park Board of Trustees to improve, equip, finance, maintain, and operate public beach park	P	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 62.001, et seq.

41.9000 Other

42.0000 ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

42.1000 Courts

Appointment of special county judges by governor or parties	M	Government Code	Sec. 26.011 - 26.028
Free transcript and statement of facts on appeal where affidavit of inability to pay	M	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 13.003
State exempt from filing fee imposed by section 51.701 of the Government Code	M	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 8.01
May not charge fees in certain cases	M	Government Code	Sec. 51.606
Collection and payment of costs and fees in criminal cases	M	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 102.001, et seq.
Pay fees, expenses, and travel for interpreters for deaf and hard of hearing.	M	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 21.006

Payment of premiums on bonds and insurance policies for district clerk	M	Government Code	Sec. 51.302
Payment of salaries for court masters, magistrates, and referees	M	Government Code	Sec. 54
Payment of salaries for court coordinators	M	Government Code	Sec. 74.104
Payment of salaries and expenses required by Court Administrative Act	M	Government Code	Sec. 74.001, et seq.
Payment of salary for appointed special county judge	M	Government Code	Sec. 26.026, 26.017
Shall appoint and pay a Spanish language interpreter if requested by District Judge or County Court at Law Judge	M	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 21.022 - .023
Pay for statement of facts for appeals those unable to pay costs	M	Family Code	Sec. 109.003
Pay of jurors	M	Government Code	Sec. 61.001
Presiding administrative judge may appoint a child support master	M	Family Code	Sec. 201.101
Keep criminal docket of trials	M	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 45.13
Juror donations of reimbursement to specified agencies and programs.	M	Government Code	Sec. 61.003
Assign deputy to assist jury panel	M	Government Code	Sec. 62.019
Must provide interpreters for deaf jury members in district, county, and justice courts	M	Government Code	Sec. 62.1041
Set aside places in courthouse for use by prospective jurors	M	Government Code	Sec. 62.018
County participation in integrated statewide system for enforcement of child support and medical support	P	Family Code	Sec. 231.001, et seq.
Authority to adopt alternative procedures pursuant to Governmental Dispute Resolution Act for disputes between governmental entities	P	Government Code	Sec. 2009.051
May contract with a private entity for the receipt and disbursement of child support payments.	P	Family Code	Sec. 204.001, et seq.
May establish a Domestic Relations Office	P	Family Code	Sec. 203.001, et seq.
Collect interpreter fees as court costs	P	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 21.051
May order party demanding civil jury trial and failing to appear to pay cost of impaneling jury	P	Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code	Sec. 30.008

May provide pay for services of interpreters employed by the district courts, does not apply to interpreters for deaf persons P Local Government Code Sec. 152.903

42.1100 District Courts

Payment of salaries for district court bailiffs M Government Code Sec. 53.009

Payment of district court reporter salaries M Government Code Sec. 52.051

Payment of automobile allowance for district court judges P Government Code Sec. 32.303

District judge may appoint an associate judge P Family Code Sec. 201.001, et seq.

Payment of supplemental compensation to district court and judges P Government Code Sec. 32.001, et seq

42.1200 Courts at Law

Payment of salaries of statutory county court judges M Government Code Sec. 25.0005

Provide physical facilities for statutory county courts M Government Code Sec. 25.0010

42.1300 County Court

Set allowable fees for court-appointed attorneys and physicians M Health & Safety Code Sec. 571.017

Hold indefinite commitment proceedings M Health & Safety Code Sec. 574.031, et seq.,
462.061, 571.008,
552.019

42.1400 Justice of the Peace Courts

Shall issue warrant of arrest upon proper form of complaint M Code of Crim. Proc. Art. 45.18

Keep criminal docket of trials M Code of Crim. Proc. Art. 45.13

Place in courthouse for JP court to be provided by commissioners court in any city over 75,000	M	Government Code	Sec. 27.051
Hold term of justice court once a month for civil business; and hold regular term as prescribed by commissioners court; have place for holding court	M	Government Code	Sec. 27.051
Duties for which fees must be collected listed	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 118.121, Sec. 118.123
Order autopsy as requested by district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney	M	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 49.03
Arrange and keep all dockets, books, and papers of predecessor and all papers filed in any case for inspection of parties at interest; delivery upon demand	M	Government Code	Sec. 27.004
Telephones, offices and furniture, and supplies will be furnished by commissioners court; if caseload is significant, courtrooms may be furnished	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 291.004
Payment for autopsies	M	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 49.10
Issue writ to summon jury for criminal matters in which a jury trial is desired	M	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 45.25
Forms, dockets, and other small claims supplies furnished to JP by commissioners court	M	Government Code	Sec. 28.005
Must attend continuing education if not a licensed attorney	M	Government Code	Sec. 27.005
Inquest into cause of death	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 193.005
Justice court clerk may administer oaths, maintain dockets, and index of court judgments	P	Government Code	Sec. 27.056
May exchange benches within a county	P	Government Code	Sec. 27.054
May maintain criminal docket by use of electronic data processing equipment;	P	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 45.13
The nearest JP may perform duties temporarily for vacancy, absence, or unwillingness of a JP	P	Government Code	Sec. 27.052
Temporary JP may be appointed by county judge if regular justice is disqualified or temporarily unable to perform duties	P	Government Code	Sec. 27.055
May order party demanding trial and not appearing to pay costs	P	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 45.251

42.1900 Other Courts

Payment of supplemental compensation to justices of courts of appeal	P	Government Code	Sec. 31.0001
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Authority to collect five dollar security fee in civil cases filed in county and district court P Local Government Code Sec. 291.008

42.2000 Prosecutors

Keep register of official acts and reports, actions or demands prosecuted or defended, and all proceedings held in relation to official acts M Government Code Sec. 41.008

Present information to court regarding neglect or failure of duty of any officer M Code of Crim. Proc. Art. 2.03

Institute proceedings against any officer of county abusing or neglecting duties M Government Code Sec. 41.009

Give (legal) opinions in writing to county or precinct officers regarding their official duties M Government Code Sec. 41.007

Shall assist Attorney General in quo warrant proceedings whenever ordered to do so M Government Code Sec. 573.082

May file application for temporary mental health commitment P Health & Safety Code Sec. 574.001, et seq.

Payment of salary supplements to professional prosecutors P Government Code Sec. 46.003, 46.0031

Appointment of investigators P Government Code Sec. 41.109

Approval of salaries and expenses of personnel and prosecuting attorney's office P Government Code Sec. 41.106

Draw up complaints about offenses committed in district to be sworn to by complainant P Code of Crim. Proc. Art. 2.04

May seek forfeiture of assets proved to be criminal contraband. P Code of Crim. Proc. Art. 59.01, et seq.

Prosecution of suits for removal from office of county officials P Local Government Code Sec. 87.001, et seq.

Compensation for staff, travel, expenses P Government Code Sec. 41.106

42.2100 District Attorney

Report to the Attorney General, when required, information about criminal matters and interests of state in his district M Government Code Sec. 41.006

Duties of district attorney M Code of Crim. Proc. Art. 2.01

42.2200 County Attorney

County attorney to shall state in commitment hearing	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 571.016
Shall represent county in suits against drivers for damages to county roads (when road closed to traffic);	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.160
Compensation of county attorney	M	Government Code	Sec. 45.001
Duties of county attorney	M	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 2.02
May, if requested, represent the county to enforce collection of delinquent taxes;	P	Tax Code	Sec. 6.30(a)

42.2300 Criminal District Attorney

Payment of salary supplements to criminal district attorneys	P	Government Code	Sec. 44
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42.2900 Other Prosecutors

Enforcement of statute regarding disadvantaged business status in competitive bidding on public contracts	M	Civil Statutes	Art. 601i
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42.3000 Indigent Defense

42.3100 Public Defenders

42.3200 Indigent Defense Costs (no Public Defender)

42.3900 Other Indigent Defense

42.4000 Adult Probation

Financial support of community supervision and corrections departments	M	Government Code	Sec. 76.009
Shall provide facilities, equipment, and utilities for adult probation department	M	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 42.131

42.5000 Juvenile Programs

Shall provide a suitable place for detention of court-related children	M	Family Code	Sec. 51.12
Compliance with regulations of Texas Juvenile Probation Commission	M	Human Resources Code	Sec. 141.001, et seq
Pay salaries and expenses of juvenile board and juvenile probation personnel; commissioners court can review only those county-funded items in board budget	M		Sec. 152.0003 - .0004
Mandated review of juvenile curfew ordinances approved by counties	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 370.002
Support of juvenile boards	M	Human Resources Code	Sec. 152.001, et seq.
Support of Juvenile Probation Department	M	Human Resources Code	Sec. 142.001, et seq
Receipt of budget for juvenile and adult probation offices	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 140.004
County judge to serve on juvenile board when created	M		Sec. 152
Comply with victims rights provisions	M	Family Code	Sec. 57.001 et seq.
Collection of information for Juvenile Justice Information System	M	Family Code	Sec. 58.001, et seq

Requirements of juvenile board regarding student code of conduct, juvenile justice alternative education programs; state approval required for over 125,000 population	M	Educ. Code	Sec. 37.001, et seq.
May establish detention homes and parental schools for juveniles; may join with other counties	P		Sec. 62.001
May appropriate funds for administration of county child welfare board	P	Family Code	Sec. 264.005
May create local data advisory board in connection with juvenile justice information system	P	Family Code	Sec. 58.111
May designate a victim assistance coordinator	P	Family Code	Sec. 57.003(b)
May contract to furnish juvenile probation services to the Texas Youth Commission	P		Sec. 61.083
May accept state aid for the acquisition of post-adjudication residential or day-treatment juvenile centers; local match required	P		Sec. 141.086
Appointment of County Child Welfare Board	P	Family Code	Sec. 264.005 , et seq.
Contract with Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for child foster care	P	Family Code	Sec. 264.102
May contract with Texas Youth Council to use county's juvenile probation department for the supervision of children within the county on furlough from a commission facility or who are from a commission facility	P	Human Resources Code	Sec. 62.001, et seq.
A county or combination of counties may provide for long term residential facility for detention of juvenile offenders	P		Sec. 63.001, et seq.
Establishment of residential facilities for delinquent children	P	Human Resources Code	Sec. 63.001, et seq.

43.0000 PUBLIC SAFETY

43.1000 Law Enforcement

Comply with order for cooperation with Department of Public Safety	M	Government Code	Sec. 411.009
Local law enforcement agencies in each county with a population of 2 million or more shall send to the commission reports and data concerning shooting, stabbing, and other public disturbances that occur on licensed premises	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 5.331.
Compliance with requirements for regulation of bailbond sureties	M	Occupation Code	Sec. 1704

Service of process by constable and sheriff	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 85.021; 86.021
Execute all processes issued by the Texas Railroad Commission.	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 81.092
All civil process may be served by a sheriff or constable of the county in which party to be served is found	P		Rule 103
May contract for donation of a fixed amount to a crime stoppers organization	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 351.901
May contract with a nongovernmental association for provision of law enforcement services by the county on a fee basis	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 351.061
May assist other law enforcement officers under interlocal agreements	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 362.001, 362.002, 362.003
May, in Gulf Coast counties, provide for county park rangers	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 351.081

43.1100 Sheriff

Under tax warrant, seizes personal property;	M	Tax Code	Sec. 33.23(a)
Compliance with peace officer licensing requirements of Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education	M	Government Code	Sec. 415.001, et seq.
Must maintain permanent peace officer license status while in office	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 86.0021
Investigate death of any person in jail or other custody and file written report of cause of death with attorney general no later than 20 days after death occurs	M	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 49.18
Longevity pay for deputy sheriffs in counties of not less than 150,000	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.074
Must increase salaries in sheriff's department upon voter petition in counties over 30,000 population	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 152.072
Compliance with licensing requirements of Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education	M	Occupation Code	Sec. 1701
Continuing education requirement for county sheriff	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 85.0025
May be required to attend 40 hours of instruction	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 85.0025
May be authorized to appoint deputies	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 85.003
Authorize sheriff to appointment of county police in counties over 210,000	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 85.006

Sheriff may be authorized additional deputies and guards

P Local Government Code Sec. 85.005

43.1200 Constable

Shall execute and return all processes, warrants, and precepts directed by lawful officers; attend upon all justice courts in his precinct;

M Local Government Code Sec. 86.021

May be authorized by commissioners court to appoint reserve deputy constables (number may be limited by court)

P Local Government Code Sec. 86.012

Constable may be authorized to hire deputies

P Local Government Code Sec. 86.011

43.1900 Other Law Enforcement

Creation of County Bail Bond Board

M Occupation Code Sec. 1704.051

Enforcement of local game laws

M Parks & Wildlife Code Sec. 101 , et seq.

Authority to employ of county traffic officers

P Transportation Code Sec. 701.001, et seq.

Enforcement of regulations adopted by Parks and Wildlife Department, including retention of portion of fine

P Parks & Wildlife Code Sec. 13.109; 13.111

May own, construct, equip, enlarge, and maintain buildings as criminal justice centers (bracket legislation)

P Local Government Code Sec. 361.001, et seq.

Counties on state line may contract outside state for justice centers

P Local Government Code Sec. 361.021, et seq.

Annual tax on livestock in certain counties for Domestic Livestock Protective Fund

P Civil Statutes Art. 2353d

43.2000 Correctional Institutions

Compliance with requirements of Commission on Jail Standards

M Government Code Sec. 511.001, et seq.

Each county must comply with the minimum standards and the rules and procedures of the Commission on Jail Standards and those established by Subchapter A, Chapter 343, Local Government Code

M Local Government Code Sec. 351.002, .004 - .014

Record behavior of a prisoner imprisoned in a county jail after a conviction of an offense punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Corrections

M Government Code Sec. 497

May operate jail commissary in counties under 1,000,000 population	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 351.0415
Commissioners court of two or more counties may contract with each other for the joint operation of a jail. A joint facility is not required to be located at the county seat of one of the counties.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 351.031-- .035
Transport prisoners from county jails to state institutions (certain restrictions)	P	Government Code	Sec. 499.125
May contract for joint financing, construction, and maintenance of jail between counties under 20,000 and cities	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 361.041

43.2100 Medical and Psychological Services to Prisoners

43.2110 Medical Services

43.2120 Mental Health Services

43.2900 Correctional - Other

Duty of county to operate county jails and county correctional centers, including establishment of jail districts, including authority to contract with cities	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 351.001, et seq., 361.001, et seq.
Attempt to find work for county inmates	P	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 42.031

43.3000 Emergency Management

Compliance with Texas Disaster Act requiring county emergency management programs	M	Government Code	Sec. 418; Sec. 418.102
By January 1, 2001, the county shall adopt ordinances or orders, as appropriate or necessary, for the county to be eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.	M	Water Code	Sec. 16.3145

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Appoint members to a board of managers for emergency communication districts (counties over 2 million)	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 772.001, et seq.
May participate in regional emergency communication system	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 771.001, et seq.
In order to minimize losses from flood damage, a county may restrict development of land and set standards regarding construction in flood plains.	P	Water Code	Sec. 16.311, et seq.

43.3100 Fire

May contract with any incorporated volunteer fire department outside of the city limits for services	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 352.005
May authorize fire inspection fees to be collected by county fire marshal	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 352.016
Regulation of outdoor burning	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 240.906
In counties under 20,000, may contract with municipalities for fire protection	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 352.003
May furnish fire protection and firefighting equipment	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 352.001, et seq.
A county that has a population of more than 250,000 or is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 250,000 may adopt a fire code and rules necessary to administer and enforce the fire code.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 235.001, et seq.
Create office of county fire marshall and appoint	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 352.011
May purchase fire trucks and other fire-fighting equipment for the protection of brigdes, county shops, county warehouses, and other county property not within municipal boundaries	P	Government Code	Sec. 1477.151, et seq.

43.3200 Emergency Medical Services

May cooperate with cities and other counties for provision of emergency medical services	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 774.001
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43.3900 Other Protection/Law Enforcement

Recovery, impoundment, and disposition of strays	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 142, et seq.
Participation in National Flood Insurance Program	M	Water Code	Sec. 16.315 , et seq.

County or District Attorney, upon request of Department of Agriculture, shall bring suit against violators of Chapter 13 (Weights and Measures) or rule.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 13.007
County or district attorney in the county in which a seizure is made shall institute a suit for forfeiture of the property or the proceeds in escrow from any sale of illicit beverages, or both	M	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 103.14
District/County attorney may bring suit to enforce state law regarding outdoor shooting ranges	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 756.041
On request of Department of Agriculture, lawsuit by district/county attorney for injunctive relief and civil penalties regarding handling and marketing of vegetables	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 101.0185
On request of Department of Agriculture, lawsuit brought by district/county attorney for injunctive relief and civil penalties regarding transportation of citrus fruit	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 102.1045
Enforcement of Texas Mass Gatherings Act	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 751.001 et seq.
On request of Department of Agriculture, lawsuit brought by district/county attorney for recovery of penalty regarding Produce Recovery Fund	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 103.015
On request of Department of Agriculture, lawsuit brought by district/county attorney for injunctive relief and civil penalties regarding egg licensing and standards	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 132.0715
At request of regulatory agency, prosecutor may bring action for recovery of civil penalty and injunctive relief regarding pesticide and herbicide regulation	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 76.154 , et seq.
Child abuse prevention and protection plan required for state expenditures	M	Family Code	Sec. 264.010
Issue occupation license when present, with receipt from tax assessor-collector, as proof of occupation tax payment	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 112.035
County or district attorney may, upon request of the Department of Agriculture, bring suit for civil penalties against violators of herbicide rules.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 76.155; 76.156
Duty of county attorney to file civil suits against nonresident violators of livestock laws	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 161.132
Must require county contractors digging trenches of over five feet deep to comply with OSHA standards	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 756.023
County or District Attorney shall, upon request of the Department of Agriculture, file criminal suits and/or civil suits against violators of Mexican Fruit Fly quarantine	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 72.046
On request of Department of Agriculture, lawsuit brought by district/county attorney regarding enforcement of bee and honey laws	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 131.104
On request of state Department of Agriculture, lawsuit brought by county/district attorney for injunctive relief in civil penalties under Citrus Budwood Certification Program	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 19.013
On request of state Department of Agriculture, lawsuit brought by county or district attorney for injunctive relief and recovery of civil penalties for violations of organic standards/agricultural product standard	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 18.009; 18.054
Issue license for persons to operate ferry for hire	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 342.103
Representation of movants in Family Violence Protective Orders	M	Family Code	Sec. 81.001, et seq (Sec. 82.002)

Stevedores must file for license with clerk and have bond approved	M	Civil Statutes	Arts. 5192, 5194
Serve on county emergency board when created by governor for purposes of drafting state militia	M	Government Code	Sec. 431.072
May not charge applicant fees, costs, charges, or expenses for filing a Family Violence Protective Order	M	Family Code	Sec. 81.002
Enforcement of Texas Mental Health Code	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 571, et seq.
Responsible for issuing permit for removal of sand, marl, gravel, or shell.	M	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 61.213
Lawsuit brought on request of Department of Agriculture by county/district attorney for injunctive relief and civil penalties for violations of quarantine controls	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 71.012
Condemnation of Unfit Citrus Fruit. The department or the sheriff of the county where the citrus fruit is located shall seize and destroy condemned citrus fruit.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 95.035
On request of Department of Agriculture, lawsuit by district/county attorney for injunctive relief and civil penalties regarding vegetable plant diseases	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 71.117
On request of Department of Agriculture, lawsuit brought by district/county attorney for injunctive relief and civil penalties regarding citrus diseases and pests	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 73.010
A district attorney, or a county attorney shall, upon request of the state, maintain an action for civil penalties in the name of the state for a violation of Chemical Dependency and Treatment Facility laws;	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 464.017
A county may bring civil suit (for injunctive relief and civil penalty) for a violation of minimum standards of sanitation and health protection	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 341.092
May regulate of Automobile Wrecking and Salvage Yards in counties with a population of two million or more.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 397.001, et seq.
A district or county attorney may file civil suit to restrain violations of the Litter Abatement Act and recover attorney fees and costs.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 365.015
Enforcement of Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act by assisting Attorney General's Office	P	Bus. & Comm. Code	Sec. 17.48
May regulate and/or prohibit solid waste collection, handling, storage, and disposal in areas of the county not in a municipality or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality	P	Health & Safety Code	364.011, 364.012, et seq
A county with a population of less than 375,000 may regulate waste haulers	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 368.012
Shall regulate all charges on tolls for crossing bridges or ferries	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 342.201
Authority to assist state regarding enforcement of standards for quality of public water	P	Water Code	Sec. 26.171 , et seq.
May appoint a county sealer of weights and measures to inspect, test, seal, repair, or adjust any weights, measures, or weighting or measuring devices	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 13.105, et seq.
Authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding swimming and boating on bodies of public water	P	Parks & Wildlife Code	Sec. 31.092

Outdoor music festivals; regulation; registration of promoters.	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 9003.
County may bring civil suit for violation or threat of violation of WA, Chapters 16, 26, 28, or 34 or of HS Chapters 361, 371, 372, 382, etc.	P	Water Code	Sec. 7.31 , et seq.
May enact ordinances to ensure the safe use of county roads by aircraft.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 24.022
Enforcement by litigation for recovery of damages pursuant to federal antitrust laws	P	Bus. & Comm. Code	Sec. 15.40
Take possession of any hides or animals imported from Mexico that the inspector has reason to believe, on the basis of the brands or other evidence, are stolen from the lawful owner.	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 146.068
May set standards regarding MUD construction work in areas of the county outside city's extraterritorial jurisdictions (ETJs) in order to protect local drainage and prevent flooding;	P	Water Code	Sec. 54.2271
May regulate use of aerial fireworks during drought conditions	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 240.904
May inspect records of transportation broker	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 911d, Sec. 11
May take all reasonable and necessary actions to comply with the requirements and criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 8280-13.
A county may require and issue licenses governing the operation and maintenance of facilities used to store, process, and dispose of solid waste in areas outside municipalities.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 361.154
A county may inspect public waters to determine whether the water quality meets state standards and whether persons who are making discharges into the water have a permit and are in compliance	P	Water Code	Sec. 26.171, et seq.
Regulate operation of housing corporations outside city limits	P	Civil Statutes	Arts. 1524e, 1524f. 1525g
Adoption of county traffic regulations; speed; traffic control devices; prohibit stopping, standing, parking	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.151 , et seq.
County or district attorney shall, upon affidavit of a credible person, begin proceedings in district court to restrain the person from violating the Alcoholic Beverage Code or operating under the permit or license.	P	Alcoholic Bev. Code	Sec. 101.01
May invoke jurisdiction to enforce deed restrictions in residential subdivisions	P	Government Code	Sec. 27.034
Regulation of sexually-oriented businesses	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 243.001, et seq.
Regulation of use of bow and arrows	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 240.041 , et seq.
Abatement of public health nuisances	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 341.011, et seq.
Regulation of the location of slaughterhouses in certain counties	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 240.061 , et seq.
Regulation of junkyards, flea markets, and salvage yards	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 238.001, et seq.

Seizure and regulation of dangerous dogs	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 822
May enact ordinances to ensure the safe use of county roads by aircraft	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 342.022
May designate local rabies control authority	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 154.025
A county is entitled to recover from the proceeds of a resale of property any cost incurred by the county in inspecting the property for release or threatened release of solid waste from the property	P	Tax Code	Sec. 34.06
In certain counties bordering Gulf of Mexico, may establish a dune protection line after public notice and hearing	P	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 63.011
Regulation of the discharge of firearms and subdivisions	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 240.021 , et seq.
Authority of county attorney to sue for recovery of costs and attorney's fees in addition to injunctive relief and civil penalties in connection with destruction of infected nursery products and other violations	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 71.047; 71.059
May regulate use of public platform scales; may purchase and install public platform tonnage scales to weigh livestock, produce, agricultural, or other products	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 270.003
Authorized to regulate burglar alarm systems	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 237.001, et seq.
May buy poison for destruction of animal pests	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 825.021
May impose juvenile curfews for unincorporated territory of county	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 351.903
Enforcement of Clean Air Act; may make recommendation to Air Control Board and may bring enforcement actions under clean air act	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 382.111, et seq.
Regulation and licensing of waste haulers	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 368.001, et seq.
A county attorney may bring a suit to enjoin or abate a violation of a restriction contained in a recorded plan, plat, replat, or other instrument affecting a real property subdivision located in the county.	P	Property Code	Sec. 203.003
Appointment of advisory committees for animal shelters	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 823
Authority to seize and control condemned citrus fruit	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 94.038
Enforcement of state laws regulating food service establishments	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 437.001, et seq.
May be granted authority to inspect emergency medical service vehicles	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 773.057
Provide bounties for destruction of certain animals in certain counties	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 825.031, et seq.
May adopt ordinance that requires a junkyard to be licensed by the county	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 396.001, et seq.

A county may prohibit disposal of solid waste in the county if the disposal of solid waste is a threat to public health, safety, and welfare.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 364.012
A county may seek injunctive relief and damages for violations of public drinking water standards	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 341.048
A county health authority may order a person to abate a public nuisance. The local prosecutor shall bring suit or may ask the Attorney General to institute the proceeding	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 341.012
Enforce laws to promote public health	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 121.003(a)
Two or more counties and one or more cities may combine their offices of weigher and sealer.	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 13.253
Payment of bounties and other appropriations for predatory animals and rodent control	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 825.001, et seq.
May provide for the Abatement of public nuisances; administrative fee of not more than \$100	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 343.001, et seq.
May prohibit or regulate keeping of wild animals	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 240.001, et seq.
Institution of civil suits against railroads failing to maintain crossings over public roads in good condition	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 6327
May in counties of 2 million population, regulate explosives	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 236.001, et seq.
Regulation of shoreline protection structures and require removal of unsafe buildings in certain counties	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 239.001, et seq.
Seizure of cruelly treated animals	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 821
A county may adopt regulations to control disposal of litter from private property in unincorporated areas of the county.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 365.017
May assist in the enforcement of the Nursery Stock Act (diseased plants); Enforcement of notice under the Nursery Stock Act	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 71.049(b)
May regulate the placement and height of amateur radio antennae	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 250.002

43.9000 Other Emergency

44.0000 PUBLIC WORKS

44.1000 County Roads and Bridges

Maintenance of toll underpasses, tunnels, causeways, bridges, and turnpikes	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 282, 283, 284
A gas corporation has the right to lay and maintain lines over and across a public road	M		Sec. 181.005
Compliance with statute by counties with certain population regarding road construction and employment of county engineer	M	Civil Statutes	Arts. 6812b, 6812b-1
A gas utility has the right to lay and maintain a gas facility over and across a public highway, a public road, a public street or alley	M		Sec. 181.022.
May determine speed limits on county roads within range of 30 to 60 miles per hour;	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 545.355
A county may establish public ferries, change or close public roads, build and maintain and bridges, appoint road overseers, and exercise general control over all public roads.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 81.028
May extend traffic rules to roads of private subdivisions and counties with a population of 10,000 or less;	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 542.007
Upon approval of county road system by voters, may appoint county road engineer to be responsible for efficient and economical construction and maintenance of county roads;	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 252.301
A county with a population of more than 200,000 may delegate its authority to regulate traffic on a county road or on real property owned by the county to the engineer or other county employee.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.159
May adopt building or setback lines on the public roads in the county.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 233.002
May forbid use of certain highways under certain conditions	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 201.901
Counties with national forest situation may set aside 50 percent of national forest funds received for benefit of public road system in county	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 130.906
A county may make and enforce all reasonable and necessary rules and orders for the construction and maintenance of public roads.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.003, .006, .051, .058, & .059

44.1100 County Roads

Shall classify all public roads in their counties	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.007
Each county commissioner serving as a road supervisor must make a sworn report regarding the status of the roads within the county.	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.005

May provide for construction and maintenance of adequate drainage for public roads	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 254.001, et seq.
May provide for the naming of county roads and the assigning of address numbers	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.013
May accept donations of money, land, labor, equipment, or any other kind of property or material to aid in building or maintaining roads	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 252.109
In counties less than 60,000 may authorize and construct cattle guards on public roads and prescribe the specifications for construction of cattle guards on county roads	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.009
A county may require a gas utility to relocate the gas utility facility, at the utility's expense, to allow the widening or other changing of a traffic lane.	P		Sec. 181.025
Commissioners court may improve subdivision roads and access roads to a subdivision to comply with county standards and assess the costs against the landowners	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 253.003
A road supervisor may prohibit the use of a road or a section of a road under the supervisor's control by any vehicle that will unduly damage the road	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.157
Commissioners court may authorize a person to make a drain along a public road to drain the person's property.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.216
May contract with other counties for extension of farm to market roads	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.055

44.1110 Construction

44.1120 Maintenance

Requirements relating to construction and maintenance of drainage systems on county roads	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 254.001, et seq.
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44.1130 Rehabilitation

44.1190 Other - County Roads

44.1200 County Bridges

A county may contract for the construction of a toll bridge, set the toll to be paid, and arrange for maintenance of the bridge.	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 363.001 et seq.
County must submit to the Texas Department of Transportation a copy of the final structural design plans for a bridge that has been constructed or rehabilitated	M	Transportation Code	Sec. 201.804
Adjoining counties may agree to jointly erect a bridge of a stream that forms the boundary between the counties.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.082
Counties bordering on river between Texas and Mexico may acquire existing bridges under specified conditions;	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 364.001, et seq.
A county may erect bridges within city limits and cooperate with a city in erecting bridges; the county must maintain such bridges.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.083
May assess and collect tolls on bridges for which county bonds issued and may create sinking fund;	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 284.069
A county may build an maintain necessary bridges in the county.	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 251.081
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44.1210 Construction

44.1220 Maintenance

44.1230 Rehabilitation

44.1290 Other - County Bridges

44.1300 Right of Way Acquisition

44.1400 Utility Construction

Authorized to pay for relocation of water lines owned by water control and improvement districts when necessary to complete farm-to-market roads; P Transportation Code Sec. 251.103

44.1500 Other Road Expenditures

May enter into interlocal agreements with cities to construct and maintain city streets and alleys. P Government Code Sec. 791.032

44.1900 Other - County Roads & Bridges

Removal of unauthorized parked vehicles from right of way P Transportation Code Sec. 684.053 , et seq.

Issuance of permits for oversize or overweight vehicles P Transportation Code Sec. 623.018

Counties or portions of counties may join together to form road districts and issue bonds for road construction, maintenance, and operation P Transportation Code Sec. 257.001, et seq.

Authority to take marl, sand, gravel, shell, or mudshell for road purposes P Parks & Wildlife Code Sec. 86.013

Regulation of roadside vendors and solicitors P Transportation Code Sec. 285.001, et seq

May designate where water corporation should place line along right-of-way on county roads P Local Government Code Sec. 402.101

44.2000 Sanitation and wastewater

44.3000 Solid Waste and Recycling

44.3100 Solid Waste

Compliance with Solid Waste Disposal Act	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 361.001, et seq.
Implementation of County Solid Waste Control Act	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 364.001
A county may acquire, construct, operate, and maintain all or part of one or more solid waste disposal systems.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 364.012
A county may enter into cooperative agreements with other governmental entities to jointly operate solid waste management activities and to charge reasonable fees for services.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 161.163
A county may offer solid waste disposal service to persons in its territory, require the use of the service by those persons, charge fees for the service and establish the service as a utility separate from other utilities in its territory.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 364.034
May operate solid waste facilities or may contract with private parties to perform that function	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 364.013, et seq
A county may enter into cooperative agreements with other governmental entities to jointly operate solid waste management activities and to charge reasonable fees for services.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 361.163
A county has authority to operate solid waste facilities	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 361.151, et. seq.
May use solid waste fee revenue collected by state in accordance with approved regional plans	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 361.014

44.3200 Recycling

Implementation of Solid Waste Resource Recovery Financing Act	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 362.001, et seq
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44.3900 Other - Solid Waste & Recycling

Compliance with requirements of Comprehensive Municipal Solid Waste Management, Resource Recovery, and Conservation Act M Health & Safety Code Sec. 363.001, et seq.

44.4000 General Building Maintenance

Authority of certain counties to employ maintenance personnel for county courthouse and criminal court buildings P Local Government Code Sec. 291.005

44.5000 Parking Facilities

May operate or lease parking station near courthouse in counties over 150,000 P Local Government Code Sec. 445.003

May operate parking stations near coliseums and auditoriums in counties over 500,000; P Civil Statutes Art. 2372d-4

Authority of county to regulate parking on county property P Local Government Code Sec. 445.001

44.6000 Flood Control

Authorization for contracts between county and soil and water conservation district for drainage and flood control P Agriculture Code Sec. 201.152

Regulation of land use for flood control purposes and coastal counties P Local Government Code Sec. 240.901

Authority of county to pursue water projects for flood control and drainage purposes P Local Government Code Sec. 411.001 , et seq.

44.9000 Other Public Works

A county shall exercise control and management of affairs concerning the operation of an irrigation system in a Reclamation an Irrigation District. M Civil Statutes Art. 820

Notification of intent to locate correctional or rehabilitation facilities near schools, parks, churches, and residential areas M Local Government Code Sec. 244.001 , et seq.

A county providing water, sewer, gas, electric, or other utility service may not serve or connect land unless it has been presented with a certificate under Section 232.076. M Local Government Code Sec. 232.077

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Compliance with requirements for performance and payment bonds on public works	M	Government Code	Sec. 2253.001, et seq.
Compliance with requirements for payment of interest on retained public works contract payments	M	Government Code	Sec. 2252.031 , et seq.
Compliance with statute regarding architectural barriers to persons with disabilities	M	Civil Statutes	Art. 9102
Counties bordering on the Gulf of Mexico may establish, construct, maintain seawalls (procedures specified)	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 421.001, et seq.
Certain counties authorized to own and build reservoirs, dams, levees, wells, and canals.	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 818
County is authorized to own and construct reservoirs, dams, levees, wells and canals, and other improvements and to acquire the necessary rights-of-way and other lands by purchasing or condemnation	P	Government Code	Sec. 1474.151
Two or more political subdivisions may jointly finance, construct, and operate electric utility facilities.	P		Sec. 164.001, et seq.
Authority of county to provide water and sewer services	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 412, 413, 422
Duty to provide for county courthouse and other necessary buildings and offices	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 291.001 , et seq.
Operation of county airports; may operate airport jointly with city	P	Transportation Code	Sec. 22.001, et seq.
A county with a population of less than 10,000 may establish a county utility board to operate and manage utilities in the county.	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 717v
A county with a population over 5,000 may acquire a natural gas system, by means other than eminent domain, and sell any natural gas not needed.	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 2372q
Commissioner's courts authorized to construct breakwaters. [Certain counties]	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 6839
May allow volunteer pretrial detainees or state inmates to labor on public works	P	Code of Crim. Proc.	Art. 43.101
May sell land, building facilities, and lease back in counties over 500,000	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 263.053
May create County Building Authority to provide courthouse (counties over 600,000 after authorization by election)	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 293.001, et seq.
A political subdivision may pledge revenue from a utility system to pay the contract payments to acquire an ownership interest in an electric utility facility.	P		Sec. 164.005

45.0000 HEALTH AND WELFARE

45.1000 Health

Provide separate facilities for the treatment of teuberculosis	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 263.023
May expend monies for protection of public health and sanitation	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 122.001, et seq.
Compliance with Local Public Health Reorganization Act	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 121.001, et seq
May provide for the creation of health services districts	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 287.021
May cooperate with municipal authorities to promote public health.	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 121.001(b)
May contract with a public or private alcoholism center	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 464.032
May establish a medical clinic for the provision of health care services [bracket]	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 122.007
May establish and operate a community mental health center MHMR services	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 534.001, et seq.
May appoint a health authority	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 121.003(c)
Counties with populations between 22,200 to 22,500 may create a county health unit and provide vaccines and medical services required to immunize schoolchildren and indigent persons from communicable diseases	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 122.003
May set aside facilities for quarantined person; may provide transportation to state chest hospital; may donate or convey land to state chest hospital	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 13.031, et seq.

45.1100 Hospitals

The commissioners county must approve the sale or lease of a hospital facility of a certain hospital districts	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 281.050
Compliance with licensing requirements of Texas Hospital Licensing Law	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 241
May contract with city of 10,000 for establishment and/or maintenance of hospital	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 265.001
Joint establishment and operation of hospital by counties and cities or towns	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 265.011
Operation of county hospital and other health facilities; two or more counties may join together	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 263.001, et seq.

Authority to acquire property for hospital purposes and convey same to state or federal government	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 280.003
Creation of hospital authority pursuant to County Hospital Authority Act	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 264
Operation of joint municipal/county hospitals	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 265
Creation of health corporations pursuant to Health Facilities Development Act	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 221

45.1200 Health Department

45.1300 OSSF (Septic Tank) Program

May establish license procedures for private sewage facilities.	P	Water Code	Sec. 26.032
May adopt standards for on-site sewage disposals (septic tanks) as an agent of TNRCC	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 366.001, et seq.
A county may hold a public hearing and adopt an order or rule to abate or prevent pollution from a private sewage facility.	P	Water Code	Sec. 26.032

45.1900 Other - Health

Contracts for prevention and treatment of alcoholism	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 464.031, et seq.
Enforcement of Rabies Control Act of 1981	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 826.001, et seq.
Creation of local drug and alcohol education commission	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 465.001
Inspection and testing of milk and milk products	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 435.005
County under 22,000 -- after approval by voters -- may create a county health unit; immunization of children and indigents; and health care for indigents not covered by Indigent Health Care Act	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 122.002
Authority of certain counties to contract with public entities and Mexico for health services	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 370.001

May expend local county funds for participation in intergovernmental Medicaid initiatives

P Government Code Sec. 532.201 , et seq.

45.2000 Welfare

45.2100 Care for the Indigent/Poor

45.2110 Indigent Health Care

Compliance with Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act

M Health & Safety Code Sec. 61.001, et seq

45.2111 Prisoners

45.2190 Other Indigent/Poor Programs

Shall provide for the interment or cremation of paupers

M Health & Safety Code Sec. 694.002

Support of paupers

M Local Government Code Sec. 81.027

May appropriate funds for care of indigents to a hospital created by will or otherwise in a county with a population of over 10,000 if the creating fund is over \$50,000

P Health & Safety Code Sec. 122.004

Authority to provide stipends to widows with minor children

P Civil Statutes Art. 6228

45.2200 Other Public Welfare

Authority to participate in emergency nutrition and temporary emergency relief program of Department of Housing and Community Affairs	P	Government Code	Sec. 2306.651 , et seq.
May cooperate with state and federal government in construction of canneries for relief of unemployed	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 2372e

45.2900 Other Welfare

Compliance with requirements of Texas Housing Rehabilitation Act	M	Government Code	Sec. 2304
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46.0000 CULTURE/RECREATION/EDUCATION

46.1000 Parks

Compliance with provision for closing and abandoning county parks	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 317.001 et seq.
Playground equipment purchased for parks that complies with federal Consumer Products Safety Commission guidelines	M	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 756.061
Authorized to lease property from Parks and Wildlife Department for park purposes	P	Parks & Wildlife Code	Sec. 13.006
In counties over 5,000 may establish board of park commissioners to oversee parks	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 320.001, et seq.
In counties bordering Gulf of Mexico, may create Beach Park Board of Trustees to improve, equip, finance, maintain, and operate public parks;	P	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 62, et seq.
Commissioners court may set and collect fees for the use of county recreational facilities, etc.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 316.001
Authority to license mobile business establishments on public beaches;	P	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 61.164, et seq.
Authority of certain counties to provide for a county board of park commissioners	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 320, 321, 322
Authorize privileges and concession operations in county parks	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 331.006

46.2000 Libraries

Maintain separate County Law Library Fund; collect fees attached to cases due to county law library funds and transmit to treasurer	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 323.023
Contracts with school districts for providing joint library facilities	P	Educ. Code	Sec. 33.022
May acquire land for and purchase, construct, repair, equip, and other permanent improvements for county library purposes	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 1696a
Authority of county to establish and operate county library, including county law library	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 323.001, et seq.

46.3000 Education

46.9000 Other - Culture/Recreation/Education

Compliance with requirements of Texas Historical Commission regarding historic courthouses	M	Government Code	Sec. 442.008 , et seq.
May jointly establish and operate recreational facilities with other political subdivisions	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 332.021
Authority of county and city to establish joint recreational or cultural facilities	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 301.001, et seq.
May apply for grants and loans to the state historical commission pursuant to historic courthouse preservation program	P	Government Code	Sec. 442.0081
May make agreements with governmental agencies or private organizations for certain historical purposes	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 318.011
Maintenance of public beaches	P	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 61.001, et seq.
A county may construct and maintain public recreational facilities and may enter into agreements with local, state, and federal agencies to do so. Probably for Federal programs only.	P	Parks & Wildlife Code	Sec. 13.304
Authority of county to establish county historical commission	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 318.001, et seq.
A county may cooperate with cities in the joint creation, operation and maintenance of a joint park, playground, and museum.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 331.008

Authority of counties to provide annual exhibitions for agricultural and livestock purposes	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 319.001, et seq.
Order an election, upon petition and hearing for creation of sports facility district	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 325.001, et seq.
May appoint county historical commission	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 318.002
Counties with public beaches may close portion for special events and fees may be charged	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 240.902
Authority of county to acquire property for parks, museums, historic sites, and recreational facilities with or without joint city participation	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 331, 332, 333
Counties With Population of 1,200,000 or more may set and charge an admission fee to a county-operated museum, historical site, historical building, etc.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 316.021
May provide maintenance of certain cemeteries for historical and other reasons	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 713.028
Authority of county to finance sports and community venues	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 334.001, et seq., 335.001, et seq.
Creation of corporations pursuant to Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation Act	P	Civil Statutes	Art. 1528m
A county may establish and maintain a museum, building, or other improvement to house exhibitions. A county may contract for the complete management of such facilities. A county may lease such buildings, improvements, or exhibits;	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 319.002 - .004

47.0000 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

47.1000 Conservation & Natural Resources

A county may not issue a permit for the development of lots subject to Subchapter B, Chapter 212, until a development plat has been filed and approved in accordance with Sec. 212.047.	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 212.046
Receipt by commissioners court of reports and records of livestock slaughtering	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 148.012
Cooperate with state agriculture commission with eradication of insect pests and disease in citrus-bearing counties	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 72.001, et seq.
Receive and publish report on activities of agricultural experiment farm and station	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 43.013
The commissioners court shall provide all necessary buildings, equipment, and materials, improvements and pay salaries and expenses for agriculture experiment station/farm.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 43.010; 43.016

Shall stop and inspect any drove of cattle that is passing through the county.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 146.062
Duty of commissioners court duty to cooperate with Texas Animal Health Commission regarding protection of livestock, domestic animals, and domestic fowl from communicable diseases.	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 161.003(a)
Shall approve and pay expenses of the county agricultural experiment station	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 43.016
Inspector of hides and animals -- inspect bills of sale, marks, brands, physical characteristics, record results of inspections, file certified copy of inspections, issue certificates	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 146.051, 146.053
Duty of county to pay for expense of tick eradication notice	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 167.006
Shall exercise control and management of affairs and operation of the irrigation system and shall operate under the powers assigned to districts of water improvements districts	M	Government Code	Sec. 1474.152
Immediately upon the declaration of a state of disaster in a county due to drought conditions, the county must comply with the conditions set forth in this chapter.	M	Water Code	Sec. 16.055
Duty of commissioners court to provide tick eradication dipping facilities	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 167.059
Duty of county to pay expenses for dipping cattle and sheep for scabies control, including dipping materials	M	Agriculture Code	Sec. 164.028; 164.057
Participation in regional and local water plans and draught response plans	M	Water Code	Sec. 16.051, et seq.
Participation in alternative fuels conversion program	P	Natural Resources Code	Sec. 113.286 , et seq.
Authority of commissioners court to adopt memorandum of understanding with Texas Animal Health Commission regarding livestock vehicle inspections by sheriff	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 161.052
A commissioners court may impose a fee on a subdivider of property under this subchapter for an inspection of the property to insure compliance with subdivision regulations.	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 232.0775
Authority of commissioners court to pay for notice expenses regarding quarantines	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 161.062
Authority of commissioners court to cooperate with Texas Animal Health Commission and federal government regarding eradication of cattle tuberculosis	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 162.002
Authorized lease and use of county machinery equipment for soil and water conservation	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 201.151
Approve reserving bodies of water as fish sanctuaries, to be established by parks and wildlife;	P	Parks & Wildlife Code	Sec. 81.201
Counties may participate in the study of, preparation for, and creation of a habitat conservation plan.	P	Parks & Wildlife Code	Sec. 83.005 , et seq.
Enforcement of Texas Litter Abatement Act	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 365.001, et seq.
Authority of commissioners court to employ veterinarian	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 161.003(b)

Authority of commissioners court to designate local inspectors for tick eradication	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 167.101, et seq.
May regulate sales of produce from agricultural experiment farm and receive proceeds	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 43.015
Authority of commissioners court to establish fire ant eradication program	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 77.001 , et seq.
Authority to establish and operate agriculture experiment farm and station upon petition and election.	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 43.001, et seq.
May appropriate funds to aid with insect pests and plant disease eradication zone	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 71.008, et seq.
The commissioners court may lease an experiment station (acquired by purchase) to the state or to any agency of the federal government	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 43.017
May establish a Citrus Quarantine Advisory Committee determine the extent of Mexican Fruit Fly infestation and recommend to the department of agriculture the procedure for eliminating the infestation.	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 72.022
A county may contract with a regional water planning group to assist the group in developing or revising a regional water plan.	P	Water Code	Sec. 16.053
May regulate application of herbicides under certain conditions (where not regulated by the Department of Agriculture)	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 76.144
Counties of 2.8 million or more may take any necessary or proper action to comply with the requirements of the stormwater permitting program under the national pollutant discharge elimination system	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 422.001, et seq.
A county may execute a cooperative agreement with the Texas Air Control Board or with local governments regarding enforcement of the Clean Air Act	P	Health & Safety Code	Sec. 382.115
Certain counties can participate in Wetlands Mitigation projects	P		Sec. 221.002, et seq.
A county may enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with the TNRCC to conduct monitoring and assessments of watersheds where a river authority is unable to perform those duties.	P	Water Code	Sec. 26.0135
Peace officer may retain and sell livestock for purpose of securing payment for expenses relating to dipping for tick eradication	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 167.107
Peace officer may dip livestock where owner neglects or refuses.	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 167.103
A county may enter into a cooperative agreement with other local governments for water quality management.	P	Water Code	Sec. 26.175
Establish and conduct cooperative demonstration work in agriculture and home economics in cooperation with Texas A&M University	P	Agriculture Code	Sec. 43.031, et seq.

47.2000 Housing and Urban Development

Authority of county to create housing authority, including appointment of housing commissioners and city cooperation	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 392.001, et seq., sec. 393.001 et seq.
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Authority of county to provide for creation of corporation pursuant to Texas Housing Finance Corporations Act	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 394.001, et seq.
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47.3000 Economic Development & Assistance

May issue bonds to acquire manufacturing or commercial facilities	P	Government Code	Sec. 1477.001, et seq.
Authority of county judge to appoint county industrial commission	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 381.001
A county that qualifies as an adversely affected defense -dependent community may receive assistance from the Texas Department of Commerce.	P	Government Code	Sec. 486, et seq.
Implementation of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act	P	Tax Code	Sec. 312
Compliance with requirements of Texas Enterprise Zone Act	P	Government Code	Sec. 2303
Authority to participate in regional business certification programs	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 280.003
Authority of county to appoint board of development for promotional advertising for growth and development; voter approval required	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 381.002
Authority of county to administer community and economic development programs	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 381.003; 381.004
Authority of certain counties to provide for creation of county development districts for economic diversification, including tourism	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 383.001, et seq.
Implementation of Tax Increment Financing Act	P	Tax Code	Sec. 311
Authority for assistance from state Department of Economic Development for counties affected by defense reduction	P	Government Code	Sec. 486.003 , et seq.

47.9000 Other - Resource Development

Regulation and approval of subdivision plats; (In certain counties, plats must include certain water and sewer requirement found in Local GO Section 232.0035 and WA Section 16.343.)	M	Local Government Code	Sec. 232.001, et seq., 242.001, et seq.
Authority of county planning or zoning commission to adopt regulations regarding condominium regimes	P	Property Code	Sec. 81.003
Authority to employ professionals in water rate proceedings	P	Water Code	Sec. 13.084 , et seq.
Authority of county to assess impact fees for new development	P	Local Government Code	Sec. 395.001, et seq.

Establishment of building and set-back lines

P Local Government Code Sec. 233.001 et seq.

Upon the request of the director of the McDonald Observatory, a county near a major astronomical observation site may regulate outdoor lighting in any unincorporated territory of the county.

P Local Government Code Sec. 234.001, et seq.

May construct or acquire facilities and real property for the purpose of leasing it to another political subdivision or state agency or private entity for use in manufacturing or other commercial activity

P Government Code Sec. 1477.001