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JOHN JUSTIN CABOT, Independent Administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of Michael Thomas Hughie, Deceased.

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San Antonio, Texas 78247. Dated at San Antonio, Texas, August 10, 2023.

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...Texas film industry

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But from 2015 to 2019, that number was slashed by two-thirds, to \$32 million, making it more difficult to compete with other states. In contrast, in 2019 New Mexico took their incentives program from \$50 million to \$110 million and offered up to 30% refund per film and TV show. This is why you'll sometimes see films set in Texas (e.g., Hell or High Water or Sicario: Day of the Soldado) with the Rocky Mountains or other non-Texas landscapes in the background.

Lawmakers in Texas and other states don't always see eye to eye on how to implement film incentives, which could help explain the program's volatility. For its part, the Texas Film Commission claims that subsidies have generated \$1.95 billion in in-state spending and have created 183,000 jobs. Critics of film incentive programs, including elected officials and public policy analysts, have cast doubt on the effectiveness of such payouts here and elsewhere—taxpayer money spent on luring filmmakers could have gone to more deserving beneficiaries, such as teachers and first responders, they say.

When incentives left Texas, so did a lot of the workers. Makeup and hairstylist Mischa Fruge moved to Los Angeles in 2022 and says she knows several people who moved to California, Georgia, New Mexico and Pennsylvania. Those who remained in Texas were left to fight for the scraps. Mederski says these days, he gets as little as one day's work a month. "There was maybe a show here and there going on," says Audra Hughes, a utility sound technician and boom mic operator. "There were shows happening all over the place, then come December or January, the \$32 million incentive had dried up and all the productions fizzled."

The Texas film industry was given new hope in this year's legislative session, due in part to a campaign launched by Denis Quaid and Jeremy John Wells and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's appreciation for the work of Taylor Sheridan. Lawmakers passed a historic \$200 million incentive package for the next biennium, more than double the previous high point reached in 2013. But Texas film workers will tell you; the incentives are not just to help them. "It's a good start," says Production Supervisor Alex Fedolak. "We've got a really good group of crew members here. There are very talented people in this state. It's [also] great for the state because it brings so much more money in and employs so many more people."

While the uptick in tax credits is good news, strikes implemented by national writers' and actors' unions this year have dampened the mood somewhat. The strikes stand to keep major productions from coming to the state for the moment, but Texas film workers know full well what's on the line, and they're ready to do their part to make sure future generations of workers get a fair deal. "Texas has seen slow times before, and we're used to making things work," says Mederski. "But Texans can weather a drought better than any."

On this Day in Texas History August 18, 1813

On this day in 1813, the Spaniards defeated a would-be Texas republic in the bloodiest action ever fought on Texas soil. The battle of Medina ended the filibustering efforts of the Gutiérrez-Magee expedition. The expedition collided with the Spanish royalist army twenty miles south of San Antonio in an oak forest then called el Encinal de Medina. The republican force of 1,400 men

was under the command of Gen. José Alvarez de Toledo y Dubois. The royalist army of some 1,830 men was commanded by Gen. Joaquín de Arredondo and included the young Lt. Antonio López de Santa Anna. On the morning of August 18, royalist scouts lured

the republican army into an ambush. A four-hour slaughter ensued. Only 100 of the defeated republican army survived, whereas Arredondo lost only fifty-five men. The dead royalists were buried the next day on the way to San Antonio. The bodies of the

fallen republicans were left to lie where they fell for nine years. The first governor of the Mexican state of Texas ordered a detachment of soldiers to gather the bones and give them an honorable burial under an oak tree growing on the battlefield.

STERLING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FILED August 14 2023 12:23 o'clock P M JERRI MCCUTCHEN County Clerk, Sterling County, Texas By [Signature], Deputy

Commissioners' Court Meeting Room 609 4th Ave. Sterling City, Texas 76951

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- WHAT:** Public Hearing regarding Sterling County's Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2023- 2024
- WHO:** The Commissioners' Court of Sterling County
- WHEN:** Monday, August 28, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** First Floor of the Sterling County Courthouse, Commissioners' Court Meeting Room, located at 609 4th Ave., Sterling City, TX
- AGENDA:** 1. Open Meeting and Determine Quorum
2. Take Public Input Concerning the Proposed Tax Increase
3. Adjourn Meeting

Posted this the 18th day of August, 2023.

[Signature] Deborah Horwood County Judge Sterling County, Texas

[Signature] Attest: Jerri McCutchen, County Clerk Sterling County, Texas

NOTE: The Commissioners' Court of Sterling County may discuss, deliberate and take all appropriate action on any matter listed on this Agenda. Items on this Agenda may be taken out of the order listed. Any testimony before the Sterling County Commissioners' Court may be taken under oath pursuant to §81.030 of the Local Government Code.

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