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Auditor's office to lay off 8

In light of the mid-year budget cut backs announced by the commissioners' office Monday, Medina County Auditor Michael Kovack issued lay off notices to eight part-time employees today.

"Mid-year budget adjustments are particularly tough," Kovack said. "We've already cut over 10%. This is what we need to do now to stay in the black." Additionally, Kovack has cut short the employment of six summer interns. "Using students for low-level work that we accumulate for the summer has traditionally freed up our higher paid workers for other activities," he said. "It's been very cost-effective for us."

Commissioners on Monday notified county elected officials and departments they would have to cut their budgets an additional 2.5%, or 5% over the last half of the year, due to overly optimistic revenue estimates at the beginning of the year. The Budget Commission, which Kovack chairs, had issued more conservative revenue estimates that the commissioners chose not to use.