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1st AMENDED NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court will be held on **Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom (2nd floor) of the Historic Ellis County Courthouse, located at 101 W. Main Street, Waxahachie, Texas**, at which time the following will be discussed and considered:

OPENING COURT

The County Judge will call the meeting to order, declare quorum if present, and declare that notices have been legally posted, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551.

Motion to open meeting

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – *County Judge Todd Little*

PUBLIC COMMENT – Members of the public will have the opportunity to make their comments at the time the agenda item is being addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and action:

Administrative:

- A.1 Approval of Regular Bills, Payroll, and Officers' Reports. – *Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.2 Approval of Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting Minutes from January 9th, 2024. – *County Clerk Krystal Valdez*
- A.3 Acceptance of the Ellis County AgriLife Extension Service monthly reports for December 2023, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *AgriLife Extension Service Director Mark Arnold*
- A.4 Acceptance of the County Auditor's September 2023 cash audit reports. – *First Assistant Auditor Staci Parr*

- A.5 Acceptance of a tabulated report of the county's receipts and disbursements of funds from December 22nd, 2023 - January 10th, 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.024. – *First Assistant Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.6 Approval to pay FY2023 invoices using FY2024 budgeted funds. – *First Assistant Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.7 Acceptance of the 2023 Racial Profiling Report for the Ellis County Sheriff's Office, which has been electronically submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. – *Sheriff Brad Norman*
- A.8 Approval of the Department of Development's monthly financial report for December 2023, as required by Local Government Code §114.044. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*
- A.9 Approval to appoint Paula Baucum to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for a term beginning January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2026. – *County Judge Todd Little*

Financial:

- F.1 Approval for the Tax Collector to disburse property tax refunds in the amount of \$28,924.66. – *First Assistant Auditor Staci Parr*
- F.2 Accept funds collected for estray animals by the Ellis County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$550.⁰⁰ as unanticipated revenue. Request special budget of unanticipated revenue:
- Increase 001-0010-508700 (Estray) by \$550.⁰⁰
- Pursuant to Local Government Code §111.0108, unanticipated revenue certified by County Auditor.
– *First Assistant Auditor Staci Parr*
- F.3 Accept funds collected for restitution by the Ellis County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$210.⁰⁰ as unanticipated revenue. Request special budget of unanticipated revenue:
- Increase 001-0010-506970 (Evidence Analysis) by \$210.⁰⁰
- Pursuant to Local Government Code §111.0108, unanticipated revenue certified by County Auditor.
– *First Assistant Auditor Staci Parr*
- F.4 FY2024 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- Decrease 001-0140-570000 (Contingency-Surplus) by \$1,614.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0613-505030 (Certification Pay) by \$734.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0613-508150 (Uniform Allowance) by \$880.⁰⁰

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, Consideration and Action:

Department of Development:

- 1.1 Discussion, consideration, and action on a plat of Irwin Branch Addition Lot 1R-A & 1R-B, being a replat of Irwin Branch Addition, Lot 1. The ±4.019-acre site is located at the southwest corner of Marshall Road and FM 664 in the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Waxahachie, in Road and Bridge Precinct No. 4.

- 1.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on a plat of Morgan Creek, Phase 4, Lot 25A-25C, being a replat of Morgan Creek, Phase 4, Lot 25. The ±6.452-acre site is located at the southwest corner of Norrell Road and Murr Road in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Midlothian, in Road and Bridge Precinct No. 4.
- 1.3 Discussion, consideration, and action to amend the interlocal agreement with the City of Ovilla regarding platting authority in its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING

- P.1 Conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to Order 182.11, the Order Adopting Rules of Ellis County, Texas for On-Site Sewage Facilities, specifically revising Section 9 (Amendments). These amendments primarily: 1) reorganize the text layout, 2) adopt minimum sizing requirements & design criteria, 3) increase testing & reporting for non-single-family systems, 4) update reporting requirements, 5) update surface application system requirements, and 6) provide expedited actions for immediate threats to public health, and any other related additions, deletions, and changes; providing a conflicts clause; providing a severability clause and providing for an effective date.

MOTION TO EXIT PUBLIC HEARING

- 1.4 Discussion, consideration, and action on proposed amendments to Order 182.11, the Order Adopting Rules of Ellis County, Texas for On-Site Sewage Facilities.

Purchasing

- 2.1 Discussion, consideration, and action for the County Judge to execute the final contracts for debris monitoring with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC (primary), DebrisTech, LLC (secondary), and Witt O'Brien's, LLC (tertiary), awarded June 27th, 2023 (Minute Order 313.23).
- 2.2 Discussion, consideration, and action to purchase a Peterbilt 567 Tractor in the amount of \$186,452.⁶⁹ from Rush Truck Center for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Number 723-23.
- 2.3 Discussion, consideration, and action on a material price increase request from Vulcan Materials Company for Crushed Limestone, RFB-2022-016.

Administrative:

MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING

- P.2 Conduct a public hearing for the proposed installation of stop signs on Woodstream Rd at the intersection of Springwood Ln, creating an all way stop. – *Engineer Ted Kantor*

MOTION TO EXIT PUBLIC HEARING

- 3.1 Discussion, consideration, and action on the proposed installation of stop signs on Woodstream Rd at the Intersection of Springwood Ln. – *Engineer Ted Kantor*

MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING

- P.3 Conduct a public hearing to discussing setting the mandatory payment rate for Fiscal Year 2024, applicable to Ellis County's local provider participation program. The Ellis County Commissioners' Court will hold the public hearing pursuant to Chapter 296A.101 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, which authorized the creation of the Ellis County local provider participation program. The public hearing will discuss the amounts of any mandatory payments that the Commissioners' Court intends to require during the year and how the revenue derived from those payments is to be spent.

MOTION TO EXIT PUBLIC HEARING

- 3.2 Discussion, consideration, and action to set a mandatory payment rate for the County Health Care Provider Participation Program for Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to Health & Safety Code §296A.101.
– *Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- 3.3 Discussion, consideration, and action on an interlocal cooperation contract between the County of Ellis and the City of Venus, to run through December 31st, 2024. – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- 3.4 Discussion, consideration, and action to retain outside counsel for negotiations on three (3) right-of-way purchases for work on Hampton Road bridge at Little Creek Bridge. – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- 3.5 Discussion, consideration, and action to appoint the following members to the Ellis County Child Welfare Board, a.k.a. the Ellis County Child Protective Services Board, for a one-year term that began on January 1st and will continue through December 31st, 2024. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- Letitia Rutan
 - Emil Slovacek
 - Emily Hindman
 - Heather Pool
- 3.6 Presentation by the Ellis County Child Welfare Board to update commissioners on the progress of the organization. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- 3.7 Discussion, consideration, and action to accept the donation of a commemorative plaque featuring the William B. Travis "victory or death letter" from the Alamo Letter Society, to be installed on the Historic Courthouse grounds pending approval. – *County Judge Todd Little*

RECESS TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners' Court of Ellis County reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order deemed appropriate, as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551, or to seek the advice of its attorney and/or other attorneys representing Ellis County on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Commissioners Court under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 or as otherwise may be permitted under Chapter 551.

- 4.1 Pursuant to Government Code §551.071 (1), consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation concerning TCEQ matters, specifically pending Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems permits (TPDES) and pending petitions for the creation of Municipal Utility Districts (MUD's).
- 4.2 Pursuant to Government Code §551.072, deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with third parties regarding the Hampton Road right-of-way purchases.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Signed the 19th day of January, 2024


Todd Little, Ellis County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk Ellis County, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice, that I received said Notice, and it was posted at the doors of the Ellis County Courthouse, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 19th day of January, 2024 at 4:59 p.m.


Krystal Valdez, County Clerk *Deputy*

