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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, June 11th, 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**, a quorum of the Court will be physically present. During this meeting 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 – *Precinct 3 Commissioner Louis Ponder*

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 Consent:

- A.1 Approval of regular bills, payroll, and officers' reports. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.2 Acceptance of the April 2024 monthly Treasurer's report, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.026. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.3 Approval of the Commissioners' Court emergency meeting minutes from May 9th, 2024. – *County Clerk Krystal Valdez*
- A.4 Approval of Commissioners' Court regular meeting minutes from May 28th, 2024. – *County Clerk Krystal Valdez*

- A.5 Acceptance of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 monthly report for May 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *The Honorable Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1*
- A.6 Acceptance of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 monthly report for May 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *The Honorable Jackie Miller, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2*
- A.7 Acceptance of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 monthly report for May 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *The Honorable Dan Cox, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3*
- A.8 Acceptance of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 monthly report for May 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *The Honorable Mike McKenna, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4*
- A.9 Acceptance of a tabulated report of the county's receipts and disbursements of funds from May 18th – 31st, 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.024. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.10 Acceptance of the County Auditor's monthly report for April 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.025. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*

Financial Consent:

- F.1 Approval to award \$30,000.⁰⁰ from the Community Support budget to WRC Pregnancy Center, DBA Firstlook, for the Fiscal Year 2024 yearly contribution. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- F.2 Approval of Architexas Task Order #3 using the Master Services Agreement (MSA) between Ellis County and Architexas, Inc. (Minute Order 148.22) to secure an additional Texas Department of Transportation Permit in an amount of \$11,500.00 plus reimbursables. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- F.3 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*
- Decrease 001-0060-508680 (Contract Services) by \$2,100.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0060-506010 (Mileage Reimbursement) by \$300.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0060-508190 (Computer Equipment) by \$1,800.⁰⁰
- F.4 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 1 Commissioner Randy Stinson*
- Decrease 009-0602-570000 (FM1 Contingency) by \$10,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 009-0602-509070 (FM1 Tires) by \$10,000.⁰⁰
- F.5 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Human Resources Director Sharon Mancilla*
- Decrease 001-0425-508350 (Safety/Training) by \$1,100.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0425-508060 (Dues) by \$100.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0425-508190 (Computer) by \$1,000.⁰⁰
- F.6 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Maintenance Director Keith Roberts*
- Decrease 001-0020-507160 (Courthouse Repairs) by \$7,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0020-508670 (Courthouse Lawncare) by \$3,500.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0020-509712 (Landscape/Trimming) by \$3,500.⁰⁰

- F.7 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- Decrease 001-0140-570000 (Contingency Surplus) by \$80,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0140-508040 (Postage) by \$80,000.⁰⁰
- F.8 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- Decrease 006-0754-570000 (Contingency Surplus) by \$4,000.⁰⁰
 - Decrease 006-0754-509070 (Tires) by \$4,000.⁰⁰
- F.9 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- Decrease 006-0754-570000 (Contingency-Surplus) by \$133,600.⁰⁰
 - Increase 006-0754-508020 (Purchase of Equipment) by \$133,600.⁰⁰
- F.10 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *I.T. Director Jocelyn King*
- Decrease 001-0035-508680 (Contract Services) by \$20,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0035-508020 (Equipment) by \$20,000.⁰⁰
- F.11 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*
- Decrease 010-0653-508070 (FM2 General Expenses) by \$448,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 010-0653-509090 (FM2 Parts/Repairs) by \$10,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 010-0653-509120 (FM2 Bridge Repair) by \$70,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 010-0653-509070 (FM2 Tires) by \$7,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 010-0653-508020 (Equipment) by \$360,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 010-0653-509620 (FM2 Lubricants) by \$1,000.⁰⁰

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, Consideration and Action

Department of Development:

- 1.1 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a preliminary plat of Davinci Estates. The ± 106.352-acre site is located ± 4,500 feet east of the intersection of Broadhead Road and Youngblood Road, situated in the BBB & RR Co. Survey, Abstract No. 175 and the I. Glaze Survey, Abstract No. 397, Waxahachie, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 1.
- 1.2 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of Prado Solis Addition. The ± 8.66-acre site is located ± 500 feet northwest of the intersection of Hurst Circle and FM 660, situated in the R. de la Pena Survey, Abstract No. 3, Ferris, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 1.
- 1.3 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of Cuevas Estates. The ± 4.526-acre site is located ± 1,040 feet southeast of the intersection of Hughes Cemetery Road and FM 55, situated in the Ellis County School Land Survey Abstract No. 329, Avalon, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 2.
- 1.4 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of Vidales Estates. The ± 5.022-acre site is located ± 1,640 feet northeast of the intersection of the northbound IH-45 service road and Fallen Road, situated in the Granville Kirk Survey, Abstract No. 605, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Ennis, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 2.

- 1.5 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of JGC Ranch. The ± 5.230-acre site is located ± 1,250 feet southwest of the intersection of Judys Lane and Morgan Road, situated in the M. Wilkins Survey, Abstract No. 1142, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Italy, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 3
- 1.6 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of Axl Blair Rd Estates. The ± 3.207-acre site is located ± 2,060 feet southeast of the intersection of Blair Road and Edna Road, situated in the Ellis County School Land Survey, Abstract No. 328, Waxahachie, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 3.

Purchasing

- 2.1 Discussion, consideration, and action on Task Order No. 6 to support the county's efforts in the design, preconstruction, bidding, negotiations support, and construction management of the county's ongoing and upcoming projects with Kitchell in the amount of \$334,200.⁰⁰.
- 2.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on PCO #038 to the Rogers O'Brien contract (Minute Order 255.23) for additional cost of general conditions to August 31st, 2024, the estimated date of substantial completion at Ellis County Central, in an amount of \$165,000.⁰⁰.
- 2.3 Discussion, consideration, and action to purchase 28 Peplink BRI Pro 5G routers with cases and backup batteries from DiscountCell, LLC for the Elections Department using the Texas DIR Cooperative Contract Number CPO-4905 in the amount of \$63,000.⁰⁰.
- 2.4 Discussion, consideration, and action to purchase a 2023 Mack MD7 with an asphaltic patcher from Vanguard Truck Centers (an East Texas Mack Reseller) using TIPS Contract #230802 in an amount of \$285,618.⁰⁰ for Commissioner, Precinct 2.
- 2.5 Discussion, consideration, and approval to purchase a 2025 Mack PI64 from Bruckner's Truck Equipment using Choice Partners Contract #24-019TC-01 in the amount of \$147,931.00 for Commissioner, Precinct 2.
- 2.6 Discussion, consideration, and action to purchase a 2024 John Deere 320P from RDO Equipment (a John Deere-authorized dealer) using Sourcewell Contract #011723-JDC in an amount of \$143,161.⁶³ for Commissioner, Precinct 4.
- 2.7 Discussion, consideration, and action on HOK Task Order #6 using the Master Services Agreement (MSA) between Ellis County and HOK, Inc. (Minute Order 147.22) for architectural services on the Courts & Administration building renovation project, Phase 1, in an amount of \$360,500.⁰⁰ plus estimated reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$5,298.⁵⁶.
- 2.8 Discussion, consideration, and action on the purchase a Liebert Uninterruptible Power Supply and installation services from Solid IT Networks for the Courts & Administration Data Center in the amount of \$178,630.⁹¹ using the Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Contract Number DIR-TSO-4296.

- 2.9 Discussion, consideration, and action for the County Judge to sign an agreement with TJD Consulting for grant writing services in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.⁰⁰ for FY2024 and with an optional annual renewal not to exceed \$120,000.⁰⁰ per year.
- 2.10 Discussion, consideration, and action to grant an exemption under Section 262.024 (a) (7) of the Local Government Code from the bidding requirements under Section 262.023 of the Local Government Code for the purchase of professional legal services.
- 2.11 Discussion, consideration, and action to engage Littler Mendelson P.C. for professional legal services regarding employment matters using the exemption granted in Item 2.10.

Administrative:

- 3.1 Presentation on the status of the new Midlothian Tax Office. – *Tax Assessor/Collector Richard Rozier*
- 3.2 Discussion, consideration, and approval to order an election to be held on November 5th, 2024 to confirm the creation of Ellis County Emergency Services District No. 10 and authorizing the imposition of a tax not to exceed the rate allowed by section 48-e, Article III, of the Texas Constitution. – *Elections Administrator Jana Onyon*
- 3.3 Discussion, consideration, and approval to obligate \$250,000.⁰⁰ of ARPA funds for surface transportation projects (repair of Village Creek Bridge on Novy Road and replacement of culvert and headwall on Shankle Road) in response to recent flooding conditions. – *Precinct 1 Commissioner Randy Stinson*
- 3.4 Discussion, consideration, and approval to obligate \$250,000.⁰⁰ of ARPA funds for surface transportation projects (Weakly Branch Bridge, Morgan Road Bridge, Cox Road Culvert, and Crosby, Mike, & Holder Road surfaces) in response to recent flooding conditions. – *Precinct 3 Commissioner Louis Ponder*
- 3.5 Discussion, consideration, and approval to obligate \$250,000.⁰⁰ of ARPA funds for surface transportation projects (Shawnee, Ozro, and Lo Water Road bridges, Joe Wilson Road and Buffalo Street Culverts, and Bells Chapel Road surface) in response to recent flooding conditions. – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- 3.6 Presentation of the consolidated budget hearing report for Fiscal Year 2025. – *Ryan Garrett, Chief of Staff for the County Judge*
- 3.7 Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the application of the proposed creation of the Brahman Ranch Municipal Utility District (MUD) of Ellis County and Johnson County. The ± 438.7-acre site is located near the intersection of FM 157 & FM 2258, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 4. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*

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).

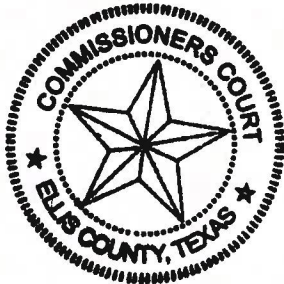
ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

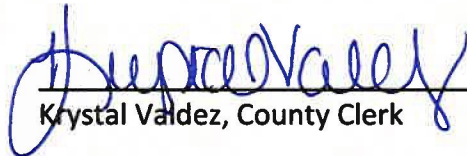
ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Signed the 7th day of June, 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 7th day of June, 2024 at 3:04 p.m.




Krystal Valdez, County Clerk