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Ellis County Clerk

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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, November 12th, 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 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*

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 Approval of the August 2024 monthly Treasurer's report, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.044. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.3 Approval of the September 2024 monthly Treasurer's report, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.044. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.4 Approval of the Ellis County Third Quarter 2024 Investment Report, pursuant to Texas Government Code §2256.023. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*

- A.5 Approval of the Commissioners' Court regular meeting minutes from October 29th, 2024. – *County Clerk Krystal Valdez*
- A.6 Acceptance of a tabulated report of the county's receipts and disbursements of funds from October 20th – November 1st, 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.024. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.7 Approval of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 monthly report for October 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *The Honorable Jackie Miller, Jr., Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2*
- A.8 Approval of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 monthly report for October 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *The Honorable Dan Cox, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3*
- A.9 Approval of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 monthly report for October 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *The Honorable Mike McKenna, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4*
- A.10 Approval of an interlocal agreement between the Ellis County Tax Office and The Hollow Public Improvement District for tax collection services. – *Tax Collector Richard Rozier*
- A.11 Approval of an interlocal agreement between the Ellis County Tax Office and Prairieview Public Improvement District for tax collection services. – *Tax Assessor Richard Rozier*
- A.12 Acceptance of the \$10,000.⁰⁰ surety bond for Fire Marshal Tim Birdwell for December 15th, 2024 – December 15th, 2025. – *Fire Marshal Tim Birdwell*
- A.13 Approval of the Engineering Department monthly financial report for September 2024, as required by §114.044 of the Texas Local Government Code. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*

Financial Consent:

- F.1 Approval for the Tax Collector to disburse property tax refunds in the amount of \$12,505.⁷³. – *County Auditor Staci Parr & Tax Collector Richard Rozier*
- F.2 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*
- Decrease 010-0653-509150 (FM2 Asphalt) by \$136,000.⁰⁰
 - Decrease 010-0653-508020 (FM2 Equipment) by \$7,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 010-0653-509060 (FM2 Culverts) by \$7,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 010-0653-509120 (FM2 Bridge Repairs) by \$136,000.⁰⁰
- F.3 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *The Honorable Judge Jim Chapman, County Court at Law 1*
- Decrease 001-0380-508010 (Supplies) by \$1,496.⁹⁶
 - Decrease 001-0380-508350 (Staff Training) by \$303.⁰⁴
 - Increase 001-0380-508880 (Computer Software) by \$500.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0380-505035 (Temporary Salaries) by \$1,200.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0380-507030 (Telephone) by \$100.⁰⁰

F.4 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *The Honorable Judge William Wallace, 378th District Court*

- Decrease 008-0420-505025 (Salaries – Part Time) by \$21,913.⁰⁹
- Decrease 008-0420-508780 (Juvenile Residential) by \$44,000.⁰⁰
- Increase 008-0420-508940 (Secure Residential) by \$45,974.⁰⁵
- Increase 008-0420-505500 (Employee Insurance) by \$7,856.⁵⁶
- Increase 008-0420-505020 (Salaries – Full Time) by \$5,251.⁸⁶
- Increase 008-0420-508350 (Training) by \$3,058.⁹⁹
- Increase 008-0420-508770 (Juvenile Medical) by \$2,778.⁸²
- Increase 008-0420-505010 (Salaries – Juvenile Board) by \$992.⁹¹

F.5 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *The Honorable Judge William Wallace, 378th District Court*

- Decrease 008-0420-505025 (Salaries – Part Time) by \$9,203.⁹¹
- Decrease 008-0420-508750 (Juvenile Psychological) by \$2,713.⁰⁷
- Increase 008-0420-508080 (Auto Gas/Oil/Maintenance) by \$1,048.⁸⁴
- Increase 008-0420-508890 (Transport Expense) by \$511.¹⁸
- Increase 008-0420-506010 (Mileage Reimbursement) by \$184.⁹²
- Increase 008-0420-508450 (Juvenile Detention Services) by \$10,172.⁰⁴

F.6 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *The Honorable Judge William Wallace, 378th District Court*

- Decrease 008-0421-505035 (Salaries – Temporary) by \$162,421.¹⁵
- Increase 008-0421-505025 (Salaries – Part Time) by \$142,203.¹¹
- Increase 008-0421-505022 (Overtime Pay) by \$13,540.⁵⁹
- Increase 008-0421-508080 (Auto Gas/Oil/Maintenance) by \$2,570.¹²
- Increase 008-0421-508930 (Detention Provisions) by \$1,814.⁴⁷
- Increase 008-0421-505050 (Longevity) by \$1,179.⁹⁰
- Increase 001-0421-508770 (Juvenile Medicals) by \$391.⁶⁰
- Increase 001-0421-508680 (Contract Services) by \$686.⁵³
- Increase 001-0421-508890 (Transport Expense) by \$34.⁸³

F.7 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*

- Decrease 010-0653-509150 (FM2 Asphalt) by \$136,000.⁰⁰
- Decrease 010-0653-508020 (FM2 Equipment) by \$7,000.⁰⁰
- Increase 010-0653-509060 (FM2 Culverts) by \$7,000.⁰⁰
- Increase 010-0653-509120 (FM2 Bridge Repairs) by \$136,000.⁰⁰

F.8 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 1 Commissioner Randy Stinson*

- Decrease 009-0602-570000 (FM1 – Contingency) by \$20,000.⁰⁰
- Increase 009-0602-509070 (FM1 – Tires) by \$20,000.⁰⁰

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, Consideration and Action

Department of Development:

MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING

- P.1 Conduct a public hearing on the update to the 2019 Master Thoroughfare Plan (last amended via Minute Order 384.20) regarding existing and future road classifications, connectivity between cities & their adopted thoroughfare plans, regionally-significant corridors & other related amendments; added conflicts & severability clauses, and an effective date.

MOTION TO EXIT PUBLIC HEARING

- 1.1 Discussion, consideration, and action on the update to the 2019 Master Thoroughfare Plan (last amended via Minute Order 384.20) regarding existing & future road classifications, connectivity between cities & their adopted thoroughfare plans, regionally-significant corridors & other related amendments; added conflicts and severability clauses, and an effective date.
- 1.2 Discussion, consideration, and action for the County Judge to execute a professional services agreement with Freese & Nichols, Inc. to help administer the County's Thoroughfare Plan in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.⁰⁰.

Purchasing:

- 2.1 Discussion, consideration, and action on the purchase of a Mowermax Prime Mover, 30ft., FLA Capable, Gen 4 from Atmax Equipment Co., using BuyBoard Contract #706-23 in an amount of \$298,995.⁹⁰ Commissioner, Pct. 3
- 2.2 Discussion, consideration, and action to award Proposal Number RFP-2024-007 Janitorial Services to Southern Cleaning Service, Inc.
- 2.3 Discussion, consideration, and approval to declare the listed items (see supporting documentation) from Road & Bridge Precinct 2 as surplus to be disposed in accordance with Local Government Code §263.
- 2.4 Discussion, consideration, and action to grant an exemption under the Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(3), an item necessary because of unforeseen damage to public property, from the bidding requirements of Section 262.023, Local Government Code, for the purchase of 90 feet of pipe to replace a damaged culvert from Independent Industries, LLC, for Ellis County Commissioner Pct. 2.
- 2.5 Discussion, consideration, and action to purchase 90 feet of pipe to replace damaged culvert in an amount of \$61,200.⁰⁰ from Independent Industries, LLC, for Ellis County Commissioner Pct. 2, using the approved exemption under Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(3).
- 2.6 Discussion, consideration, and action to purchase security monitoring services and hardware from Freeit Data Solutions, Inc. using Texas DIR Cooperative Contract No. DIR-CPO-4863 in an amount of \$109,607.²¹ for the I.T. Department.

- 2.7 Discussion, consideration, and action to transfer a surplus vehicle from Indigent Health to Elections (2014 Ford Focus, VIN #1FADP3E24EL238776).

Administrative:

MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING

- P.2 Conduct a public hearing on a request for tax abatement from AREP, located in Reinvestment Zone No. 13 in the City of Red Oak.

MOTION TO EXIT PUBLIC HEARING

- 3.1 Presentation by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Ellis County Office of Emergency Management on the recent Fall/Winter Emergency Preparedness Workshop and future community outreach. – *AgriLife Extension Service Director Mark Arnold and Emergency Management Coordinator Michaela Sandefer*
- 3.2 Discussion, consideration, and possible action to enact a burn ban order in Ellis County, effective immediately. – *Fire Marshal Tim Birdwell*
- 3.3 Discussion, consideration, and action to approve the annual update to the Ellis County Investment Policy, as updated on November 12th, 2024. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- 3.4 Discussion, consideration, and action to amend the current contract with Local Government Solutions (LGS) to reduce the active number of licenses to two (2) full licenses. – *County Attorney Ann Montgomery*
- 3.5 Update, discussion, and possible action on the search for the vacant County Engineer position and direct staff accordingly on the next steps. – *County Judge Todd Little*

MOTION TO ENTER 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 Texas 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 Texas Government Code §551.071(2), consultation with legal counsel on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, and regarding the current interlocal agreement with the City of Midlothian regarding development procedures.

- 4.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.089, deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

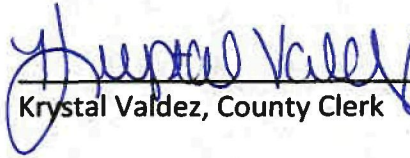
Signed the 8th of November, 2024 –



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 8th of November, 2024 at 4:56 p.m.





Krystal Valdez, County Clerk