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## **Ellis County Judge & Commissioners Attend V.G. Young Institute of County Government School for County Commissioners Courts 2019**

April 10, 2019 Waxahachie, Texas - Ellis County Judge Todd Little, along with Commissioners Randy Stinson and Kyle Butler, of Precincts 1 and 4 respectively, joined over 400 county judges and commissioners for the V.G. Young Institute's School for County Commissioners Courts at the Hill College Station and Conference Center.

The conference was sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of county Government, which is part of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service. The institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance, and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements. As one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits, explained Dr. Peter J. McGuill, Director of the Institute, "County government, and the challenges that our elected officials face, are ever changing. Educational opportunities offered by the Institute provide county elected officials with critical, up to date training that will enable them to better serve their local constituents." The Institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, tax assessor-collectors, property tax appraisers, emergency service district commissioners and human resources professionals through various educational events held across the State and through their online education offerings. Included in this year's program were sessions offering information regarding:

- Tax rates,
- budgeting for counties,
- juvenile justice,
- water quality issues,
- rural traffic management,
- community planning and development,
- preparations for the 2020 census, and
- county investment policies.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Randy Stinson met his 2018 Commissioner Statutory Continuing Education requirement with a carry forward balance of 8.00 hours. These hours were accepted during the March 12, 2019 Commissioners' Court, Minute Order 164.19. County Judge Todd Little gained 12.00 hours of education credit, which were accepted by Commissioners Court on March 26, 2019, Minute Order 179.19.