

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES – JULY 28, 2020

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 AT 2:20 P.M., IN THE HISTORIC ELLIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR) 101 W. MAIN STREET, WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED, TO-WIT:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**COUNTY JUDGE:** TODD LITTLE

**COUNTY CLERK:** KRYSTAL VALDEZ

**COMMISSIONERS:**

RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1  
LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2  
PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3  
KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4

**OPENING COURT**

COUNTY JUDGE CALLS MEETING TO ORDER, DECLARES QUORUM AND DECLARES NOTICES LEGALLY POSTED PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

MOTION TO OPEN COURT BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *DR. RICK DAVIS*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR COMMENTS AT THE TIME THE AGENDA ITEM IS BEING ADDRESSED.

**MINUTE ORDER 296.20      APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A1      APPROVING OF REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL, AND OFFICERS' REPORTS
- A2      APPROVING COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 2020. –  
*KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK*
- A3      ACCEPTING THE REFUND CHECK FROM THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE CANCELLED  
2020 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130.00. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*
- A4      ACCEPTING THE SURPLUS DISTRIBUTION CHECK FROM THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
HEALTH AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,266.12. – *TODD LITTLE,  
COUNTY JUDGE*
- A5      ACCEPTING THE ELLIS COUNTY 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2020 INVESTMENT REPORT. – *CHERYL CHAMBERS,  
TREASURER*

- A6 APPROVING TO REPAIR THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE CITY OF MAYPEARL UNDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. PHILLIPS (\$13,912), MESQUITE (\$3,600), ELI (\$4,440), PANTHER (\$2,500), AND MLK JR. (\$10,800). – *PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 3*
- A7 ACCEPTING THE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE COUNTY AGENTS. – *MARK ARNOLD, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSIONS OFFICE*

**FINANCIAL:**

- F1 ACCEPTING THE TABULATED REPORT OF THE COUNTY’S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS FROM JULY 8, 2020 – JULY 20, 2020, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.024. – *JANET MARTIN, AUDIT*
- F2 ACCEPTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR’S MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2020, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.025. – *JANET MARTIN, AUDIT*
- F3 ACCEPTING THE FIRE MARSHAL’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2020, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *TIM BIRDWELL, FIRE MARSHAL*
- F4 ACCEPTING THE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (CSCD) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2020, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *KATHERINE KITCHENS, CSCD*
- F5 ACCEPTING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2020, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *CHRIS MACON, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1*
- F6 ACCEPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (DOD) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2020, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *ALBERTO MARES, DOD*
- F7 ACCEPTING \$692,186.00 FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0106. – *JANET MARTIN, AUDIT*
- F8 **FY2019-20 LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENT:** DECREASE 001-0010-508240 COLLISION REPAIR BY \$4,042.23; INCREASE 001-0010-508100 AUTO TIRES BY \$3,000.00; INCREASE 001-0010-508890 TRANSPORT EXPENSE BY \$1,042.23. – *CHUCK EDGE, SHERIFF*
- F9 **FY2019-20 LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENT:** DECREASE 001-0060-507030 TELEPHONE BY \$400.00; DECREASE 001-0060-508730 OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINT. RPS. BY \$400.00; DECREASE 001-0060-50880 COMPUTER SOFTWARE BY \$5,000.00; INCREASE 001-0060-508020 EQUIPMENT BY \$800.00; INCREASE 001-0060-508190 COMPUTER BY \$5,000.00. – *ALBERTO MARES, DOD*
- F10 **FY2019-20 LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENT:** DECREASE 001-0320-508060 OFFICIAL BOND/DUES BY \$2,800.0; INCREASE 001-0320-508730 MAINT. RPS. OFFC. EQUIP. BY \$2,800.00. – *KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK*

- F11 **FY2019-20 LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENT:** DECREASE 011-0704-508070 FM3 GEN/MISC BY \$100,000.00; INCREASE 011-0704-509110 FM3 GRAVEL BY \$100,000.00. – *PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 3*
- F12 **FY2019-20 LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENT:** DECREASE 001-0020-507020 REPAIRS BY \$1,000.00; INCREASE 001-0020-508020 EQUIPMENT BY \$1,000.00. – *KEITH ROBERTS, MAINTENANCE*
- F13 **FY2019-20 LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENT:** DECREASE 001-0140-505580 CONTINGENCIES/RESERVE BY \$16,000.00; INCREASE 001-0210-509600 HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT BY \$16,000.00. – *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS*
- F14 **FY2019-20 LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENT:** DECREASE 004-0652-508070 RB2 GENERAL EP BY \$5,000.00; INCREASE 004-0652-508020 RB2 EQUIPMENT BY \$5,000.00. – *LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 2*
- F15 **FY2019-20 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** INCREASE 001-0210-409600 HAVA GRANT EXPENDITURE BY \$12,000.00; INCREASE 001-0210-509600 HAVA GRANT EXPENDITURE BY \$120,000.000; PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0107 UNBUDGETED INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTE ORDER 297.20** (1.1) APPROVING A REPLAT OF FAIRVIEW ACRES LOTS 1A-1 & 1A-2. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 2.987 ACRES IN THE L. KELSEY SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 594, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MARION ROAD AND FM 157, IN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF VENUS, ELLIS COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT No. 4.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 298.20** (1.2) APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF VOORHEIS ADDITION. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 16.721 ACRES OF LAND IN THE JOHN C. PAXTON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 854. IT IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FM 1446, ± 4,000 FEET EAST OF RICHARD ROAD, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT No 3.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 299.20** (1.3) APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF RENFRO SUBDIVISION, TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 5.33 ACRES OF LAND IN THE J. STARRETT SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1026. IT IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BUCHANAN DRIVE, IN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 4.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 300.20** (1.4) APPROVING A REQUEST TO GRANT A ONE-TIME VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1015 STEVENS ROAD (PARCEL NO. 217298) FROM SECTION IV (B)(2)(RESIDENTIAL LOTS) OF THE SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TO ALLOW ONE (1) LOT WITHOUT MEETING THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT. THE OVERALL PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 2.16 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN THE MILTON W. DAMRON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 304, ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. NO 2.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

## **PURCHASING**

**MINUTE ORDER 301.20** (2.1) APPROVING TO ADD TASK ORDER #2 TO HDR ARCHITECTS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,450.00 FOR MECHANICAL DUCT REDESIGN FOR COUNTY COURT AT LAW 3 COURTROOM FINISH OUT.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

MOTION TO RECESS REGULAR SESSION AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**(AA)** TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF THE MANDATORY PROVIDER PARTICIPATION PAYMENTS THAT THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT INTENDS TO REQUIRE OF ALL LOCAL HOSPITALS IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 AND HOW THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM THOSE PAYMENTS IS TO BE SPENT.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**MINUTE ORDER 302.20** (3.1) APPROVING THE FY2020 RATE SETTING FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND. – *CHERYL CHAMBERS, TREASURER*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 303.20** (3.2) AUTHORIZING ELLIS COUNTY TO BE THE ENDORSING COUNTY FOR 1320 SPORTS LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE'S EVENTS TRUST FUND APPLICATION FOR THE 2020 AAA TEXAS NHRA FALL NATIONALS EVENT ON OCTOBER 15-18, 2020 AT THE TEXAS MOTORPLEX. THE APPLICATION IS FOR THE EVENT TRUST FUND (EFT), MAJOR EVENTS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (MERP), OR MOTOR SPORTS RACING EVENT TRUST FUND (EFT), MAJOR EVENTS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (MERP), OR MOTOR SPORTS RACING TRUST FUND (MSRTF) PROGRAMS. – *ANDY CARTER, DIRECTOR, 1320 SPORTS LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

**NO ACTION** (3.3) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF RESTARTING ARMORED CAR DELIVERIES FOR ELLIS COUNTY OFFICES. – *CHERYL CHAMBERS, TREASURER*

**MINUTE ORDER 304.20** (3.4) APPROVING THE ELLIS COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION APPROVED

**MINUTE ORDER 305.20** (3.5) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF COVID-19 TEST KITS TO PROVIDE LIMITED ON-SITE TESTING. EXPENSES WILL NOT EXCEED \$25,000.00 AND WILL BE PAID FOR BY FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE CARES ACT. – *THERESA TAYLOR, HUMAN RESOURCE; SAMANTHA PICKETT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 306.20** (3.6) APPROVING COVID-19 TESTING AND RETURN-TO-WORK GUIDELINES. – *THERESA TAYLOR, HUMAN RESOURCE; SAMANTHA PICKETT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 307.20** (3.7) APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF E.J. HARBIN AS ELLIS COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT FOR A TERM FROM JULY 31, 2020 THROUGH JULY 31, 2022. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 308.20** (3.8) APPROVING THE BOND FOR ELLIS COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN FOR A TERM FROM JULY 31, 2020 THROUGH JULY 31, 2022, IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE UPON SIGNING THE BRIBERY STATEMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE AND BEING SWORN IN ON JULY 31, 2020. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 309.20** (3.9) APPROVING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR JOB TITLES ONLY. – *CHUCK EDGE, SHERIFF*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 310.20** (3.10) APPROVING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ON HAMPTON ROAD AT LITTLE CREEK, NATIONAL BRIDGE INVENTORY (NBI) STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA01-37-001. PARTICIPATION SHALL CONSIST OF ELLIS COUNTY CONTRIBUTING 10% OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. – *TED KANTOR, ENGINEERING*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 311.20** (3.11) APPROVING THE ADVANCED FUNDING AGREEMENT FROM TXDOT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ON HAMPTON ROAD AT LITTLE CREEK, NBI STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA01-37-001. – *TED KANTOR, ENGINEERING*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 312.20** (3.12) APPROVING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING BRIDGES:

- A. WHITE ROCK ROAD AT MILL CREEK TRIBUTARY, NBA STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA03-06-002;
- B. WHITE ROCK ROAD AT MILL CREEK, NBI STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA03-06-003;
- C. HARRIS ROAD AT HOG CREEK, NBI STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA02-96-001; AND

D. BETHEL ROAD AT BAKERS BRANCH, NBI STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA02-38-001.

PARTICIPATION SHALL CONSIST OF ELLIS COUNTY PERFORMING 10% MATCHING FUNDS BY PERFORMING EQUIVALENT MATCH PROJECTS ON OTHER ELLIS COUNTY STRUCTURES. – *TED KANTOR, ENGINEERING*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 313.20** (3.13) APPROVING THE ADVANCED FUNDING AGREEMENTS FROM TXDOT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING BRIDGES:

- A. WHITE ROCK ROAD AT MILL CREEK TRIBUTARY, NBA STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA03-06-002;
- B. WHITE ROCK ROAD AT MILL CREEK, NBI STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA03-06-003;
- C. HARRIS ROAD AT HOG CREEK, NBI STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA02-96-001; AND
- D. BETHEL ROAD AT BAKERS BRANCH, NBI STRUCTURE NUMBER 18-071-0-AA02-38-001.  
- *TED KANTOR, ENGINEERING*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**      **3:25 P.M.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF JULY 28, 2020 ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

  
TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE

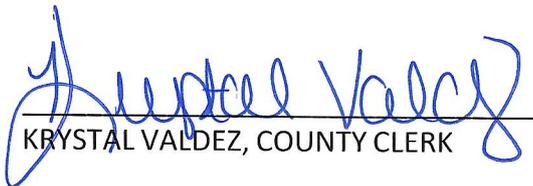
  
RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1

  
PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3

  
LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 2

  
KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

  
KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

