

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, AT 2:00 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 BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. – *LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #2*

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MINUTE ORDER 430.21**      **APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A1      APPROVING REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL AND OFFICER'S REPORTS. – *CHERYL CHAMBERS, COUNTY TREASURER*
- A2      APPROVING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2021. – *KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK*
- A3      APPROVING OF INTERLOCAL WORK BETWEEN COUNTY OF ELLIS, PCT. # 1, AND THE CITY OF PECAN HILL. REFERENCE INTERLOCAL MINUTE ORDER 507.20. REPLACING A CULVERT ON CAROL LANE NORTH OF SCHLEY ROAD AND CLEAN VARIOUS DITCHES ON CAROL LANE. – *RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1*
- A4      APPROVING OF INTERLOCAL WORK BETWEEN COUNTY OF ELLIS, PCT. #1, AND THE CITY OF PECAN HILL. REFERENCE INTERLOCAL MINUTE ORDER 507.20. CLEANING DITCHES AT 1022 & 2256 BELLS CHAPEL ROAD. – *RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 1*

- A5 APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT'S MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2021, AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 114.044 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. – *ALBERTO MARES, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT*

**FINANCIAL:**

- F1 **FY2020-21 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE**  
DECREASE 001-0140-508590 SYSTEM ADMIN FEES BY \$5,000.00;  
INCREASE 001-0020-507020 REPAIRS BY \$5,000.00.
- F2 **FY2020-21 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – RICHARD ROZIER, TAX ASSESSOR- COLLECTOR**  
DECREASE 001-0370-508010 SUPPLIES BY \$400.00;  
DECREASE 001-0370-507030 PHONE BY \$2,500.00;  
DECREASE 001-0370-508880 COMPUTER BY \$1,000.00;  
INCREASE 001-0370-508050 CONFERENCE BY \$400.00;  
INCREASE 001-0370-508730 MAINT./RPS. OFC. EQUIP. BY \$2,500.00;  
INCREASE 001-0370-508730 MAINT./RPS. OFC. EQUIP. BY \$1,000.00.
- F3 **FY2020-21 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – CHELSEA SMITH, JUVENILE DEPARTMENT**  
DECREASE 008-0420-508450 JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICE BY \$108,000.00;  
INCREASE 008-0420-508020 EQUIPMENT BY \$6,000.00;  
INCREASE 008-0420-508780 JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL BY \$37,000.00;  
INCREASE 008-0420-508940 SECURE RESIDENTIAL BY \$65,000.00.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTE ORDER 431.21** (1.1) APPROVING WITH CONDITIONS, A PLAT OF RANCHITOS JESUS GOMEZ, EL CENTENARIO. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 26.382 ACRES OF LAND IN THE J. W. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT #35, LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF PALMYRA ROAD AND WESTER ROAD, ± 2,475 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF PALMYRA ROAD AND HUNSUCKER ROAD, FERRIS, ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT #1.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 432.21** (1.2) APPROVING A REQUEST TO RELEASE A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR JORDAN RUN, PHASE III, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF MIDLOTHIAN, ROAD & BRIDGE, PRECINCT #3.

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

## **PURCHASING**

**MINUTE ORDER 433.21** (2.1) APPROVING TO ADVERTISE AND SOLICIT FOR REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR FUTURE COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**MINUTE ORDER 434.21** (3.1) APPROVING THE FY2021 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM THE ACCOUNTING FIRM OF BOUCHER, MORGAN & YOUNG PC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,000.00, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE TO FULLY EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. — *JANET MARTIN, COUNTY AUDITOR*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 435.21** (3.2) APPROVING TO ORDER THE SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 10 TO FILL A VACANCY AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE III, SECTION 13 OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 203.002 OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE; FOR APPROVAL OF THE EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE. — *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 436.21** (3.3) APPROVING THE NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 10 TO FILL A VACANCY; FOR APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS.— *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS DEPT.*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 437.21** (3.4) APPROVING THE NOTICE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND JOINT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING TO ADOPT OR REJECT PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND VOTING ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS GENERAL ELECTIONS; FOR APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS. — *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS DEPT.*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 438.21** (3.5) APPROVING TO ENTER A JOINT CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE ELLIS COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER AND PARTICIPATING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS BY HOLDING AN ELECTION JOINTLY WITH THE COUNTY HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY IN SECTION 271.002, OF CHAPTER 271, OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE. – *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 439.21** (3.6) APPROVING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INNOVA ZONES TO PROVIDE INVENTORY SOFTWARE FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INITIAL AMOUNT (YEAR 1) WILL BE \$3,191.20 AND SUCCESSIVE YEARS WILL BE \$2,629.44, YEAR 1 FEE TO BE PAID FROM LINE ITEM 001-0010-508880 COMPUTER SOFTWARE 2020-2021. – *BRAD NORMAN, SHERIFF*

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

**TABLED** (3.7) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE FROM WAXAHACHIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT A PORTION OF AN UNIMPROVED TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 4.245 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWESTERN SIDE OF WEST U.S. 287 BUSINESS NEAR WAXAHACHIE HIGH SCHOOL, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$295,000.00. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

**MINUTE ORDER 440.21** (3.8) APPROVING A CITIZEN COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH PRECINCT, APPOINTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONER; AND ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE REDISTRICTING OF ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

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

**NO ACTION** (3.9) DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2021-2022 FOR ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 3:12 P.M.**

MOTION FOR A FINDING TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**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 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 551.

- 1.1 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551.071 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION MATTERS CONCERNING THE MDLABS, LLC CONTRACT.

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**      **3:55 P.M.**

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

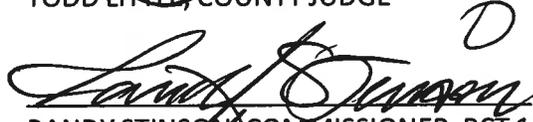
**ADJOURNMENT**      **3:55 P.M.**

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

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2021,  
ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

  
TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE

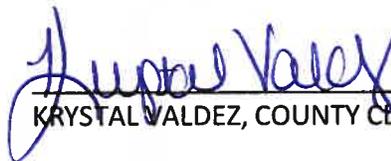
  
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WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.

  
KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

