

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
OFFICIAL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE HISTORIC ELLIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (2ND 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 BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. – *PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #3*

PROCLAMATION

AA PRESENTATION AND READING OF A PROCLAMATION, RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 3RD THROUGH OCTOBER 10TH AS COUNTY-WIDE WEEK OF PRAYER IN ELLIS COUNTY. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

AB PRESENTATION AND READING OF A PROCLAMATION, RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 3RD THROUGH OCTOBER 10TH AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS. – *TIM BIRDWELL, FIRE MARSHAL*

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTE ORDER 441.21 APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A1 APPROVING REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL AND OFFICER'S REPORTS. – *CHERYL CHAMBERS, COUNTY TREASURER*

- A2 APPROVING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2021. – *KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK*
- A3 APPROVING OF PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,743.90 BY THE ELLIS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR. – *RICHARD ROZIER, COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR*

FINANCIAL:

- F1 **FY2020-21 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR***
DECREASE 001-0210-509420 ELECTION EXPENSES BY \$1,800.00;
INCREASE 001-0210-509420 AUTO GAS/OIL BY \$200.00;
INCREASE 001-0210-508230 LEGAL NOTICES BY \$1,600.00.
- F2 **FY2020-21 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *SAMANTHA PICKETT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR***
DECREASE 001-0430-508080 AUTO GAS BY \$149.00;
INCREASE 001-0430-508350 TRAINING BY \$149.00.
- F3 **FY2020-21 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *ALBERTO MARES, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT***
DECREASE 001-0060-508100 AUTO TIRES BY \$160.00;
DECREASE 001-0060-508730 MAIN OFC/RPRS BY \$400.00;
INCREASE 001-0060-506010 TRAVEL REIMB. BY \$240.00;
INCREASE 001-0060-508020 EQUIPMENT BY \$120.00;
INCREASE 001-0060-508050 CONFERENCE BY \$155.00;
INCREASE 001-0060-508060 DUES BY \$25.00;
INCREASE 001-0060-508090 COMPUTER BY \$20.00.
- F4 **FY2020-21 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *HONORABLE JIM CHAPMAN, COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1***
DECREASE 001-0380-508320 VISITING JUDGE BY \$1,607.61;
INCREASE 001-0380-507030 TELEPHONE BY \$407.61;
INCREASE 001-0380-508010 SUPPLIES BY \$1,200.00.
- F5 **FY2020-21 BUDGET AMENDMENT – *BRAD NORMAN, COUNTY SHERIFF***
INCREASE 001-0010-508090 AUTO REPAIRS BY \$627.41
INCREASE 001-0010-508340 CRIME SCENE BY \$20.00
- F6 **FY2020-21 BUDGET AMENDMENT – *BRAD NORMAN, COUNTY SHERIFF***
INCREASE 001-0010-508090 AUTO REPAIRS BY \$60.15
- F7 **FY2020-21 BUDGET AMENDMENT – *BRAD NORMAN, COUNTY SHERIFF***
INCREASE 001-0010-508240 COLLISION REPAIR BY \$307.81

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

PURCHASING

MINUTE ORDER 442.21 (2.1) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH HIBBS-HALLMARK FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE FOR ELLIS COUNTY. RENEWAL TERM IS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

MINUTE ORDER 443.21 (3.1) APPROVING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN ELLIS COUNTY AND HOPE CLINIC FOR THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE INDIGENT. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. ELLIS COUNTY INDIGENT CARE CORPORATION, A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, COUNTY OF ELLIS, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ELLIS COUNTY COALITION FOR HEALTH OPTIONS, HOPE CLINIC, A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION. – *TERRI KLEIN, INDIGENT HEALTH CARE*

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

To 3.3

MINUTE ORDER 444.21 (3.3) APPROVING TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH MDLAB, LLC BETWEEN ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF FERRIS, TEXAS FOR THE PROVISION OF A MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY INFUSION CENTER. INITIAL AGREEMENT TERM WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) MONTHS AT A COST OF \$180,000.00 PER MONTH (OR \$90,000 PER ENTITY). APPROVAL TO PURCHASE IS ORDERED AS A DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTION (PER TEX. LOCAL GOV'T CODE SECTION 262.024 (A)(1-2)) DUE TO EXIGENT AND EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING MONOCLONAL TREATMENT TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE RESIDENTS OF ELLIS COUNTY. – *SAMANTHA PICKETT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*

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

MINUTE ORDER 445.21 (3.4) APPROVING TO MAKE REPAIRS AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING PAINT, FLOOR AND WALL COVERINGS, ETC. TO THE RED OAK SATELLITE TAX OFFICE NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 TO BE PAID OUT OF FY2021 FUNDS FROM LINE ITEM 001-0140-50868 (CONTRACT SERVICES). – *KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #4*

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING 1

MOTION TO ENTER P1 BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

P1 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ELLIS COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY 2021-2022, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.007. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

MOTION TO EXIT P1 BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 446.21 (3.5) APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FY 2021-22 BUDGET, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.008. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$4,431,598.00 WHICH IS A 6.71% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$3,221,151.00. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

MOTION TO ADOPT BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY JUDGE LITTLE, MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER STINSON: YES
COMMISSIONER GRAYSON: YES
COUNTY JUDGE LITTLE: YES
COMMISSIONER PERRY: YES
COMMISSIONER BUTLER: YES

PUBLIC HEARING 2

MOTION TO RECESS AND ENTER INTO P2 BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

P2 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2021-2022, PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE §26.06. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

MOTION TO EXIT P2 BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

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

MINUTE ORDER 447.21 (3.6) ADOPTING A COUNTY TAX RATE OF 0.310708 (CONSISTING OF AN INTEREST AND SINKING RATE OF 0.016852 AND A MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE OF 0.293856), AND TO ADOPT A FARM TO MARKET TAX RATE OF 0.028630 FOR ELLIS COUNTY FY 2021-2022, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §81.006 AND TEXAS TAX CODE

§26.05. THIS WILL MAKE THE TOTAL TAX RATE 0.339338 PER \$100 OF TAXABLE VALUE. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

MOTION TO ADOPT BY JUDGE LITTLE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER STINSON: YES
COMMISSIONER GRAYSON: YES
JUDGE LITTLE: YES
COMMISSIONER PERRY: YES
COMMISSIONER BUTLER: YES

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 3:01 P.M.

MOTION FOR A FINDING TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, 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 §551 OR AS OTHERWISE MAY BE PERMITTED UNDER §551.

- 4.1 PURSUANT TO §551.071 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGRADING THE FY 2021-2022 BUDGET.
- 4.2 PURSUANT TO §551.072 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY IF THE DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION 3:32 P.M.

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

To 3.2

NO ACTION (3.2) 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 US 287 BUSINESS NEAR WAXAHACHIE HIGH SCHOOL, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$295,000.00. - *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

ADJOURNMENT **3:33 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 28, 2021, ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:



TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE



RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1



PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3

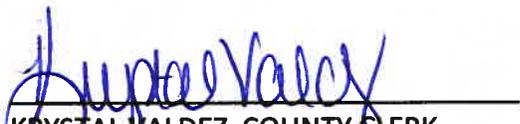


LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 2



KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.



KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

