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Hon. Joe Gallo, County Court at Law No. 3

AGENDA

ELLIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD EMERGENCY MEETING JUNE 22, 2022

Notice is hereby given that an **emergency meeting** of the Ellis County Juvenile Board will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the 378th District Court Room, located at 109 South Jackson Street, Waxahachie, Texas, and will be open to the public by appearing in-person and/or via WebEx at: <https://ellisco.webex.com/join/william.wallace>
Meeting Number: 266-696-081 Password: There is no password, just press enter.

Notice: Both the President's and the Governor's public declarations of Covid pandemic remain in place. Moreover, the emergency or matter of urgent public necessity is, based upon information and belief, created partly by critical worker shortages and supply chain issues resulting from the Covid pandemic, significantly limiting available juvenile detention bed space throughout north-central Texas. The impact poses a serious safety risk of violence to the public at large and the individual juvenile offenders. Absent the availability of adequate juvenile detention bed space, both violent and potentially violent juvenile offenders are subject to being released back into the community. Although the availability of juvenile detention bed space was not uncommon during the heart of the Covid pandemic, what is novel and now posing imminent risk is the apparent onset of residual worker shortages and supply chain issues, along with the continuing Covid impact and associated problems.

The following matters will be discussed, considered, accepted, approved, acted upon, and/or passed during the meeting:

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. Discuss and approve necessity of the Emergency Meeting as contemplated by Texas Government Code §551.045 and defined in case law as "an unforeseen combination of circumstances that calls for immediate action."

- III. Emergency Authorization for the Juvenile Chief to open, utilize, expend funds, and staff Ellis County's juvenile detention hold-over facility for the purposes of detaining specific juveniles in connection with specific cases beyond the currently approved 24/48-hour State licensure, so long as authorized by written order of the Juvenile Judge, or any trial court Judge acting as Juvenile Judge under the local judicial rules of Ellis County, Texas.

This Emergency Authorization will last only until the next regularly scheduled Juvenile Board Meeting on June 29, 2022, at which time the matter will be addressed further, and any necessary action taken at that time.

IV. RECESS TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

➤ EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE ELLIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD 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 AND TO THE EXTENT THOSE ITEMS FALL WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS:

(A) to discuss advice about pending or contemplated litigation, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflict with the Texas Open Meeting Act, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.

➤ ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

SIGNED ON: June 22, 2022.



JUDGE WILLIAM WALLACE, CO-CHAIR



JUDGE CINDY BERMATINGER, CO-CHAIR

- ***Public Comment – this section provides the public the opportunity to address the Ellis County Juvenile Board regarding any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must present a written public participation request to the Secretary of the Board, or his/her representative.***
- ***The Ellis County Juvenile Board reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any particular order.***
- ***If you or your designee have a disability that requires special arrangements and you plan to attend this public meeting, please call 972-825-5060 within 48 hours of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to meet your needs at the meeting.***