

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 2023

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023, 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

**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 JUDGE LITTLE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. – *COMMISSIONER RANDY STINSON, PRECINCT 1*

**PROCLAMATION:**

PRESENTATION AND SIGNING OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

**CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTE ORDER 101.23**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A1 APPROVING REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL AND OFFICER'S REPORTS. – *COUNTY TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS*
- A2 APPROVING OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT. – *COUNTY TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS*
- A3 APPROVING COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 27, 2022. – *COUNTY CLERK KRYSTAL VALDEZ*
- A4 APPROVING THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS ON THE CHILD WELFARE BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS: LESLIE DEEN; ELIZABETH TULL; DIANN WILSON; ANITA PREWITT; SHREE KENT; MELISSA BOUSQUET; KYLE MITCHELL; LETITIA RUTAN. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

- A5 APPROVING TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF ZACH CRASE TO REPLACE DAVID FRUTAL, WHOSE TERM ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022, FOR ESD #7 (BRISTOL). THE NEW TERM FOR MR. CRASE BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2024. – *FIRE MARSHAL TIM BIRDWELL*
- A6 APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022, AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES*
- A7 APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022, AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES*
- A8 APPROVING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 MONTHLY REPORT TO SATISFY TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CHRIS MACON, PRECINCT 1*
- A9 ACCEPTING A TABULATED REPORT OF THE COUNTY’S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS FROM DECEMBER 15, 2022 – DECEMBER 27, 2022, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.024. – *COUNTY AUDITOR JANET MARTIN*

**FINANCIAL:**

- F1 ACCEPTING NOVEMBER 2022 ATM COMMISSIONS FROM MOBILE EXPRESS CAPITAL CORP. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13.50 AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE. REQUEST FOR SPECIAL BUDGET OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:  
     INCREASE 001-0140-506940  
     PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *COUNTY AUDITOR JANET MARTIN*
- F2 ACCEPTING CITIES READINESS INITIATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,222.45 AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE.  
     PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *COUNTY AUDITOR JANET MARTIN*
- F3 ACCEPTING JUROR DONATIONS FOR THE VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$626.00 AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE. REQUEST FOR SPECIAL BUDGET OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:  
     INCREASE 001-0070-506330 VETERANS SERVICES – JURY DONATION BY \$626.00.  
     PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *COUNTY AUDITOR JANET MARTIN*
- F4 APPROVING FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO DISBURSE PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,492.29 – *COUNTY AUDITOR JANET MARTIN*
- F5 FY2023 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*  
     DECREASE 002-0902-509300 (PROJECT EXPENSE) BY \$162,182.07  
     INCREASE 004-0652-509150 (ASPHALT) BY \$162,182.07

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

## **DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTE ORDER 102.23** (1.1) APPROVING A PLAT OF CILLA'S COUNTRY ESTATE LOT 1, BLOCK A. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 1.037 ACRES IN THE R. DE LA PENNA SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 3, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF ALSDORF ROAD, ± 4,780 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF UNION HILL ROAD AND ALSDORF ROAD, ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 1.

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

## **PURCHASING**

**MINUTE ORDER 103.23** (2.1) APPROVING TO REVISE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT NO. 3159C WITH AMERICAN NATIONAL LEASING IN AN AMOUNT OF \$17,411.00.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 104.23** (2.2) APPROVING TO PURCHASE A TIGER RT50D BOOM MOWER MOUNTED ON A JOHN DEERE 6110M TRACTOR FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 1 USING THE BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #611-20, PAID FROM LINE ITEM 009-0602-508020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,501.00.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** **2:15 P.M.**

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

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION** **2:42 P.M.**

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

**MINUTE ORDER 105.23** (3.1) **TABLING** THE DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL TO GIVE FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELLIS COUNTY MUSEUM. FUNDING WILL BE PROVIDED FROM NON-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

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

**COMMENTS REGARDING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY BY BETTY COLEMAN**

**MINUTE ORDER 106.23** (3.2) APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT TO RECLASSIFY AN INSPECTOR I POSITION, APPROVED IN THE FY2023 BUDGET AS A CLERK II POSITION. – *DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 107.23** (3.3) APPROVING TO RECLASSIFY AN ATTORNEY IV POSITION TO AN ATTORNEY V POSITION IN THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>. EXISTING FUNDS IN THE CURRENT SALARY LINE ITEM WILL COVER THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS EXPENDED DUE TO THE RECLASSIFICATION. – *COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANN MONTGOMERY*

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

**NO ACTION** (3.4) UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE ELLIS COUNTY JUSTICE/RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEMS BY BERRYDUNN. – *PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN*

**MINUTE ORDER 108.23** (3.5) APPROVING TO APPOINT KATHY TUCKER AS THE ELLIS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD, REPLACING AND RECOMMENDED BY RANDY KIRK. – *COMMISSIONER PAUL PERRY, PRECINCT 3*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 109.23** (3.6) APPROVING TO APPOINT KAMERON RAYBURN AND COREY ROGAN TO THE ELLIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024. – *ELLIS COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 110.23** (3.7) TABLING DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY JUDGE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THE JUDGE PRO TEM. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: JAMES PARKS, WAXAHACHIE; LESLIE DEEN, WAXAHACHIE

MOTION TO TABLE BY JUDGE LITTLE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT** **3:35 P.M.**

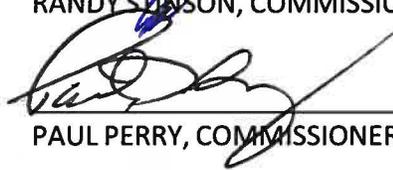
MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON JANUARY 10, 2023, 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 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

  
KRISTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK *Deputy*

