

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
OFFICIAL MINUTES – JANUARY 24, 2023

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, 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 GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

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

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTE ORDER 112.23

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A1 APPROVING REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL AND OFFICER'S REPORTS. – *CHERYL CHAMBERS, COUNTY TREASURER*
- A2 APPROVING THE ELLIS COUNTY 4TH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT . – *CHERYL CHAMBERS, COUNTY TREASURER*
- A3 APPROVING COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2023. – *KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK*
- A4 APPROVING COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2023. – *KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK*
- A5 APPROVING TO APPOINT JUDGE JOE GALLO, NOMINATED BY HIS PEERS, AS A MEMBER TO THE ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD AS THE BOARD MEMBER STATUTORILY DESIGNATED FOR A JUDGE OF A COUNTY COURT OR COUNTY COURT AT LAW IN THE COUNTY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER CRIMINAL MATTERS AND DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, TO SERVE FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, PURSUANT TO TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE §1704.053. – *KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK*

- A6 APPROVING TO APPOINT SHANNON LAMPIER, COURT COORDINATOR, AS A MEMBER TO THE ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD AS THE BOARD MEMBER STATUTORILY DESIGNATED FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE, TO SERVE FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, PURSUANT TO TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE §1704.053. – *KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK*
- A7 ACCEPTING THE ELLIS COUNTY AG EXTENSION MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *MARK ARNOLD, TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE DIRECTOR*
- A8 APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT, NEW MEMBER APPOINTMENT, AND RESIGNATION FOR THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT: ESD 9- RESIGNATION OF MIKE GREENLEE; RENEWAL OF DANELLE VICK; APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH PAUL BURNS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF MIKE GREENLEE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. – *TIM BIRDWELL, FIRE MARSHAL*
- A9 ACCEPTING THE ELLIS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL 2022 ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT, STATUS AS EXEMPT. – *TIM BIRDWELL, FIRE MARSHAL*
- A10 ACCEPTING A TABULATED REPORT OF THE COUNTY'S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS FROM DECEMBER 28, 2022 – JANUARY 12, 2023, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.024. – *JANET MARTIN, COUNTY AUDITOR*
- A11 ACCEPTING THE OFFICIAL BOND FOR JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 2023. – *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR*
- A12 APPROVING TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RANDEL KIRK FROM THE PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED KATHY TUCKER TO COMPLETE HIS TERM ON JANUARY 10, 2023. – *PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3*

FINANCIAL:

- F1 FY2023 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *TIM BIRDWELL, FIRE MARSHAL*
DECREASE 001-0450-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$100.00
INCREASE 001-0450-506030 (AMMUNITION) BY \$100.00
- F2 FY2023 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *JANA ONYON, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR*
DECREASE 001-0210-509420 (ELECTION EXPENSES) BY \$7,000.00
INCREASE 001-0210-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$7,000.00
- F3 FY2023 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3*
DECREASE 011-0704-570000 (FM3 CONTINGENCY) BY \$20,000.00
INCREASE 011-0704-509080 (FM3 LUMBER) BY \$10,000.00
INCREASE 011-0704-509060 (FM3 CULVERTS) BY \$10,000.00
- F4 FY2023 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – *BRAD NORMAN, SHERIFF*
DECREASE 001-0010-505020 (FULL-TIME SALARIES) BY \$1,517.62
INCREASE 001-0010-509885 (BODY-WORN CAMERAS) BY \$1,517.62
- F5 ACCEPTING FUNDS COLLECTED FOR ESTRAY HORSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95.00 AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE.
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL BUDGET OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:
INCREASE 001-0010-508700 (ESTRAY) BY \$95.00
PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *JANET MARTIN, COUNTY AUDITOR*

- F6 ACCEPTING INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FROM SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT/ARGONAUT INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,476.46 AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE.
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL BUDGET OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:
INCREASE 001-0015-507020 (JAIL REPAIRS) BY \$55,476.46
PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – JANET MARTIN, COUNTY AUDITOR
- F7 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF 21 BOOKS FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY JAIL LIBRARY CART BY AN ANONYMOUS DONOR WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$252.00. – JANET MARTIN, COUNTY AUDITOR
- F8 FY2023 LINE ITEM TRANSFER – RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1
DECREASE 009-0602-570000 (FM1 CONTINGENCY) BY \$276,116.00
INCREASE 009-0602-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$276,116.00

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

MINUTE ORDER 113.23 (1.1) APPROVING A PLAT OF FRONT 4. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 4.132 ACRES IN THE L. RAMEY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 940, AND THE R. WYATT SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1318, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ANGUS ROAD, ± 4,990 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF ANGUS ROAD AND BAUCUM ROAD, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 3.

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

MINUTE ORDER 114.23 (1.2) APPROVING WITH CONDITIONS, A PLAT OF W.V. PERRY ESTATES LOT 1, BLOCK A, PHASE 2. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 8.490 ACRES IN THE A. GREATHOUSE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 392, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GREATHOUSE ROAD, ± 430 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF GREATHOUSE ROAD AND DAWSON ROAD, WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 3.

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

PURCHASING

MINUTE ORDER 115.23 (2.1) APPROVING OF TASK ORDER NO. 3 FOR SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS IN THE DESIGN, PRE-CONSTRUCTION, BIDDING, AND INITIAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S UPCOMING PROJECTS WITH KITCHELL IN AN AMOUNT OF \$154,940.00.

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

MINUTE ORDER 116.23 (2.2) APPROVING TO AWARD RFP-2022-002, DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROSECUTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND JURY SELECTION SOFTWARE AND NEGOTIATION OF THE CONTRACT WITH CIVICEYE.

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

MINUTE ORDER 117.23 (2.3) APPROVING TO ENGAGE BERRY DUNN FOR THE NEXT PHASE: IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR A PROSECUTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND JURY SELECTION SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$352,768.00.

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

MINUTE ORDER 118.23 (2.4) GRANTING AN EXEMPTION UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §262.024(7) (THE SOLE SOURCE EXEMPTION) FROM THE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §262.023 FOR THE FOLLOW-UP PURCHASE OF PROPRIETARY EQUIPMENT; USE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INTEGRATION SERVICES FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF THE ASTRO 25 GEO-PRIME SUB-SYSTEM.

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

MINUTE ORDER 119.23 (2.5) APPROVING TO PURCHASE A CATERPILLAR 120 MOTOR GRADER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$276,115.23 WITH THE TRADE OF A 1989 12G MOTOR GRADER, SERIAL NO. 61M13233 FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 1 USING THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT No. 032119.

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

MINUTE ORDER 120.23 (2.6) APPROVING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A 12-MONTH LEASE WITH DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS FOR A 2ND COPIER AT THE WAXAHACHIE CIVIC CENTER FOR JURY.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

MINUTE ORDER 121.23 (3.1) APPROVING TO CANCEL THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023. – COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE

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

NO ACTION (3.2) PRESENTATION BY DAVID SACHA OF THE ELLIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROVIDING A SUMMARY OF THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES AS OF MID-2022. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

NO ACTION (3.3) PRESENTATION BY DANIEL EDWARDS, SR. OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. TO UPDATE COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND A RECAP OF 2022. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

NO ACTION (3.4) PRESENTATION OF BOND RATING INFORMATION BY JIM SABONIS OF HILLTOP SECURITIES. – *CHERYL CHAMBERS, COUNTY TREASURER*

MINUTE ORDER 122.23 (3.5) APPROVING TO AWARD \$8,362.00 TO NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE FY23 ANNUAL ELLIS COUNTY LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATCH. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

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

MINUTE ORDER 123.23 (3.6) APPROVING FOR THE USE OF ARPA FUNDING AND FOLLOW-ON PURCHASE OF PROPRIETARY EQUIPMENT; USE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INTEGRATION SERVICES FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF AN ASTRO 25 GEO-PRIME SUB-SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTYWIDE RADIO SYSTEM USING THE APPROVED SOLE SOURCE EXEMPTION. THIS IS A GEO-REDUNDANT PRIME SITE AND THIS UPGRADE WOULD MAKE THE SYSTEM SIGNIFICANTLY MORE ROBUST BY PROVIDING THIS "BACK UP" OR REDUNDANT CONNECTION TO THE "CORE". THE COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$1,000,000.00. – *BRAD NORMAN, SHERIFF*

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

(BREAK 3:52 P.M. – 4:02 P.M.)

MINUTE ORDER 124.23 (3.7) DENYING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY (MARCH 2ND), PURSUANT TO TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE §2154.202(H). – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

MOTION TO DENY BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER PERRY AND JUDGE LITTLE VOTING NO

(TO AGENDA ITEM 3.10)

MINUTE ORDER 125.23 (3.10) APPROVING (SUBJECT TO LEGAL APPROVAL) OF THE CONTRACT WITH BASS REEVES FILM PRODUCTION FOR USE OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND CERTAIN SPACES THEREIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILMING FEBRUARY 8, 2023 – FEBRUARY 17, 2023. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: ROGER STERLING

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

(TO AGENDA ITEM 3.8)

NO ACTION (3.8) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED RULES OF PROCEDURE, CONDUCT AND DECORUM AT MEETINGS OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT (MINUTE ORDER 414.19), SECTION V, REGARDING THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF A COUNTY JUDGE PRO-TEM. POTENTIAL OPTIONS INCLUDE A YEARLY ROTATION IN PRECINCT NUMERICAL ORDER, SENIORITY ORDER, OR OTHER METHOD AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: JAMES PARKS, WAXAHACHIE

MINUTE ORDER 126.23 (3.9) APPROVING TO KEEP COMMISSIONER GRAYSON AS COUNTY JUDGE PRO-TEM FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. – *TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED; WITH COMMISSIONER PERRY VOTING NO; AND JUDGE LITTLE ABSTAINING

ADJOURNMENT 5:15 P.M.

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

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON JANUARY 24, 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 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.



KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

