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**“Ellis County Officials Take Oath of Office for Next Term”**

Ellis County, TX – On January 1<sup>st</sup>, fifteen Ellis County elected officials took the Oath of Office and were sworn in for their next term. Of the fifteen officials who took the Oath of Office on Sunday, two had previously been appointed to unexpired terms and were subsequently elected, while one new official is serving his first term. The rest of those sworn in are incumbents who will continue in their current roles.

At the Historic Courthouse on Sunday morning, County Judge Todd Little served as Master of the 2023 Oath of Office Ceremony. Visitors included Reverend Richard Cody, who gave the invocation, as well as State Representative Brian Harrison and State Senator Bob Hall, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and closing statements, respectively.

The following officials were sworn in to continue in their current roles: Judge Bob Carroll, 40<sup>th</sup> District Court; Judge James “Jim” Chapman, County Court at Law 1; Judge A. Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law 2; Todd Little, County Judge; Commissioner Lane Grayson, Precinct 2; Commissioner Kyle Butler, Precinct 4; Melanie Reed, District Clerk; Krystal Valdez, County Clerk; Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer; Judge Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1; Judge Jackie Miller, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2; and Judge Dan Cox, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3.

Richard Rozier, Tax Assessor/Collector, and Casey Borders, Constable for Precinct 2, also took the Oath of Office to continue in their current roles, but they had previously been appointed; the 2022 Mid-Term Election was the first time they had been elected to their present positions. Louis Ponder was sworn in for the first time on Sunday as the new Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, replacing Judge Steve Eagan, who did not seek re-election in 2022.

Judge Little concluded the ceremony by reading scripture. “You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns...and they shall judge the people with righteous judgement,” he read, quoting Deuteronomy 16:18-20. “Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the Lord is giving to you.”

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