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“County Judge Finalizes Contract for Central Building Renovations”

Ellis County, TX – Ellis County Judge Todd Little has finalized a \$9,464,910.⁰⁰ contract between the county and Rogers-O’Brien Construction to renovate a downtown building acquired last summer for use as a new citizen service center. The agreement incorporates both design assistance and construction services to begin moving county offices there by Summer 2024.

The Ellis County Central building is slated to become the new citizen services center, thus separating the Tax Office, Department of Development, County Engineer, and other commonly-used government services from the justice system, which will remain in the existing Courts & Administration Building that was built in 2010 in order to alleviate office space restraints in the Historic Courthouse. As a part of Judge Little’s “Emerging Ellis 2050” plan, the Ellis County Central building will provide the county government with additional office & storage space, as well as improve accessibility for citizens utilizing various government services.

“When the Courts & Administration building was built over a decade ago, the thought was that all our courts and public services would be under one roof in the downtown area,” said Little. “Unfortunately, this has created an awkward delineation between two separate areas of the building – a secure area for the courts, and a non-secure service area around the back that can be difficult for citizens to find. By moving most of our public-facing county services to the Central Building, our citizens will have a distinct location to visit for most non-court functions, while our departments will benefit from additional office space.”

The new county services center is the old First Baptist Church building located at 301 N. Rogers St., Waxahachie. Renovations will commence soon, and the Tax Office is expected to be able to move there within one year.

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