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**“Ellis County Publishes Fiscal Year 2024 Budget”**

Ellis County, TX – On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ellis County Judge Todd Little filed the county’s Adopted Fiscal Year 2024 Budget with the County Clerk and published it on the county website. The Commissioners’ Court approved the proposed budget and tax rate on September 12<sup>th</sup>, but minor alterations were made to compile the budget into a final format for public presentation. The FY24 Budget can now be accessed under the “Government” tab on the Ellis County website, and a physical copy is viewable at the County Clerk’s Office.

“I am excited about the future of Ellis County and the leadership and vision provided by our Commissioners’ Court,” writes Little in the budget’s introduction. “Through their willingness to collaborate and reach consensus, this budget commences projects that once seemed unlikely and prepares our community for the future.”

One of the key objectives of the Ellis County FY24 Budget is to reduce long-term operating costs by eliminating leased facilities. Replacing leased facilities with county-owned buildings will allow Ellis County to eliminate its debt obligations by 2026, at which time the Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate will go to zero.

Based on the Emerging Ellis County 2050 Strategic Facilities & Implementation Plan, the first “trigger points” that will be reached during FY24 include renovation of the new Ellis County Central building, construction of a new Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 building, and remodeling of the Courts & Administration building. New and remodeled facilities will provide citizens with a distinct location to access public services, relieve parking congestion in downtown Waxahachie, and increase the capacity of the court system to hold trials.

“These are exciting times to live in and be a part of Ellis County,” says Little. “Our financial position is healthy, and our fund balance & reserves continue to increase as a percentage of operating revenues at a rate higher than many other counties nationwide.”

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