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**“Construction Begins on New County Sub-Courthouse”**

Ellis County, TX – On Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Ellis County Judge Todd Little, Ellis County Commissioners, and McGough Construction joined and hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 sub-courthouse located on the south side of U.S. 287-Business near Waxahachie High School. This facility represents the first new construction of the Emerging Ellis County 2050 Strategic Plan, which was adopted by the County Commissioners’ Court in 2021 to prepare Ellis County to serve a projected half-million citizens within 30 years.

“We are excited to build this new sub-courthouse in accordance with our Emerging Ellis 2050 Strategic Plan,” said Little. “After careful forethought and budget planning, we are ready to deliver this new facility on schedule for the citizens who live in Precinct 2, the busiest Justice of the Peace precinct to date. Utilizing cash funds for this project allows us to adhere to our plan to be debt-free by 2026. Our Ellis County taxpayers can be proud that their funds are being managed and used wisely.”

Judge Jackie Miller, whose court will be housed in the new facility, also spoke at the ceremony. “We’d outgrown the building we are in, I don’t know, a quarter-century ago!” he joked. “However, this Commissioners’ Court...[has] rang true to their words. This is not a building for any of us that are going to work in it. This is a building for the citizens of Ellis County. As our county goes through unprecedented growth...this building is going to be here for decades and decades. A lot of us won’t be here, and this building will still be in use.”

“I want to thank each of our commissioners and David McSpadden from the Steering Committee for making this project possible,” said Little. “Your hard work on the 30-Year Strategic Plan will prove to be an enduring legacy to prepare Ellis County for the future. Because of you, our taxpayers know that they can count on their local government to deliver the highest standard of service.”

Several Ellis County partners participated in the groundbreaking. The facility was designed by Architexas, an architectural firm that specializes in restoring historic structures. Kitchell, which conducted the facilities-needs assessment for Ellis County’s 30-Year Strategic Plan, will serve as the construction manager for McGough, a local DFW construction firm.

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