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“County Judge Todd Little Appoints Justice Louis Ponder as Commissioner for Precinct 3”

Ellis County, TX – At the GOP primary victory party on Tuesday, March 5th, County Judge Todd Little announced that he is appointing Justice Louis Ponder to fill the vacancy left for Commissioner of Road & Bridge Precinct 3 following the passing of Paul Perry. Ponder had been serving as the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, which includes the communities of Midlothian, Oak Leaf, and Ovilla, but he now takes office as a County Commissioner immediately after being sworn in on March 7th.

“As a graduate of Midlothian High School, Louis Ponder is truly a man of Ellis County,” said Little. “Many of us know him for the instrumental role he played in fighting forced annexation in Texas. Since he has been serving as a Justice of the Peace, we have not heard even one complaint about his office. Louis has big shoes to fill, but I have no doubt that he will carry forward the conservative and fiscally-responsible principles that Paul Perry championed.”

On Thursday, March 7th, Judge Little swore in Ponder as the Commissioner for Precinct 3 at the Historic Courthouse. County Clerk Krystal Valdez was present to witness and sign the paperwork to officially register Ponder for his new role. Ponder will serve as a Commissioner at least until the November general election, and the Commissioners’ Court will soon appoint a new Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4 to fill Ponder’s spot.

“We could never replace Paul Perry,” said Ponder as he accepted the appointment, “but you can be sure that whenever I make a decision, I will be thinking to myself, ‘what would Paul have done?’ I will do my best to abide by the conservative principles of my constituents, uphold liberty and justice in Ellis County, and always put the interests of the citizens *first*. It is an honor to serve you.”

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Photo: Newly-appointed Commissioner Louis Ponder fills out official paperwork with Judge Little and County Clerk Krystal Valdez after being sworn in on March 7th.