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**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court will be held on **Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom (2nd floor) of the Historic Ellis County Courthouse, located at **101 W. Main Street, Waxahachie, Texas**. A quorum of the Court will be physically present. During this meeting time, the following will be discussed and considered:

OPENING COURT

The County Judge will call the meeting to order, declare quorum if present, and declare that notices have been legally posted, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551.

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *County Judge Todd Little*

PUBLIC COMMENT – Members of the public will have the opportunity to make their comments at the time the agenda item is being addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and action:

Administrative Consent:

- A.1 Approval of regular bills, payroll, and officers' reports. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.2 Approval of January 2025 monthly Treasurer's report, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.026. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.3 Approval of Commissioners' Court regular meeting minutes from March 18th, 2024. – *County Clerk Krystal Valdez*
- A.4 Acceptance of a tabulated report of the county's receipts and disbursements of funds from March 8th – March 21st, 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.024. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*

- A.5 Approval for the County Judge to sign and submit the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) Grant Applications to the Texas Department of Transportation (Tx-DOT) for reimbursement of county road projects. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*
- A.6 Approval to add Lumina Learning USA as a vendor, in addition to Strategic Government Resources (SGR) for job marketing & advertising and candidate evaluation & vetting to assist in filling the vacant County Engineer position, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.⁰⁰. No new monies are proposed, and this item was previously approved on November 26, 2024. – *Interim Department of Engineering Director Alberto Mares*
- A.7 Approval of an interlocal cooperation contract between Ellis County and the City of Oak Leaf for road maintenance, repairs, and other projects as requested through December 31st, 2025 in accordance with Texas Government Code §791 (the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act). – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- A.8 Approval of an interlocal cooperation contract between Ellis County and the City of Ovilla for road maintenance, repairs, and other projects as requested through December 31st, 2025 in accordance with Texas Government Code §791 (the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act). – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- A.9 Approval of an interlocal cooperation contract between Ellis County and the City of Waxahachie for road maintenance, repairs, and other projects as requested through December 31st, 2025 in accordance with Texas Government Code §791 (the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act). – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- A.10 Approval of an interlocal cooperation contract between Ellis County and the City of Waxahachie ISD for road maintenance, repairs, and other projects as requested through December 31st, 2025 in accordance with Texas Government Code §791 (the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act). – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- A.11 Approval of an interlocal cooperation contract between Ellis County and Red Oak ISD for road maintenance, repairs, and other projects as requested through December 31st, 2025 in accordance with Texas Government Code §791 (the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act). – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- A.12 Approval of a resolution in support of an amendment to Texas Local Government Code §372 (the Public Improvement District Assessment Act) to grant counties the same exemptions from bidding requirements as cities. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- A.13 Approval for the County Judge to sign a quote for vital records data extraction by Local Government Solutions in the amount of \$26,880.⁰⁰ supporting the conversion to Equivant. – *County Judge Todd Little*

Financial Consent:

- F.1 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- Decrease 001-0140-570000 (Contingency – Surplus) by \$15,273.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0425-508680 (Contract Services) by \$15,273.⁰⁰
- F.2 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*
- Decrease 004-0652-508070 (RB2 General Expenses) by \$6,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 004-0652-509220 (RB2 Radio Infrastructure) by \$6,000.⁰⁰
- F.3 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 4 Commissioner Kyle Butler*
- Decrease 006-0754-400040 (Sale of Equipment) by \$27,010.⁰¹
 - Decrease 006-0754-570000 (Contingency Surplus) by \$279,621.³⁴
 - Increase 006-0754-508020 (Purchase of Equipment) by \$306,631.³⁵
- F.4 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Behavioral Health Director Caitlin Wilkinson*
- Decrease 001-0130-508880 (Computer Service) by \$5,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0130-508050 (Conference) by \$5,000.⁰⁰
- F.5 Accept Miscellaneous Reimbursement – Restitution in the amount of \$726.³⁵ as unanticipated revenue.
Request special budget for unanticipated revenue:
- Increase 001-0010-506970 (Special Investigations) by \$726.³⁵
- Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §111.0108, unanticipated revenue certified by County Auditor. – *Sheriff Brad Norman*
- F.6 Approval for the Tax Assessor-Collector to disburse property tax refunds in the amount of \$12,233.⁵⁹.
– *County Auditor Staci Parr*

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, Consideration and Action

Department of Development:

- 1.1 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of Stephenson Estates, Lot 1, Block A. The ± 6.036-acre site is located ± 5,240 feet southwest of the intersection of McAlpin Road and FM 875, situated in the Richard Rowles Survey, Abstract No. 938, Midlothian, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 3.

Purchasing:

- 2.1 Discussion, consideration, and action to purchase 35 Taser 7 models for the Ellis County Jail from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in an amount of \$168,336.⁰⁰ using the Sourcewell Cooperative CEW Contract No. 092722-AXN. The quote is based on a 5-year period with the first payment of \$32,000.⁰⁰ due in June of 2025 and then four payments of \$34,084.⁰⁰ due each June until 2029. Tasers will be budgeted for each year.

- 2.2 Discussion, consideration, and approval to declare the listed items from Road & Bridge Precinct 4 as surplus to be disposed in accordance with Local Government Code Chapter 263: one (1) 1996 International Tr. Tractor Model 8200, VIN #1HSHGASR3TH301813; one (1) 1995 Peterbilt Truck 377, VIN #1XPCDR8X1SN376797.
- 2.3 Discussion, consideration and action to purchase 57 Dell laptops for the Ellis County Sheriff's Office from Safari Micro, Inc., using the TIPS Cooperative Contract No. 240101, in an amount of \$125,866.¹⁹.
- 2.4 Discussion, consideration, and action to install new roofs on the Sheriff's Office Training Center; Juvenile Services; and Records Storage Buildings from Prime Source Construction, Inc. using the TIPS Cooperative Contract No. 23010402, in an amount of \$441,150.⁰⁰ using insurance funds and the County's deductible of \$30,000.⁰⁰.
- 2.5 Discussion, consideration, and approval for the County Judge to execute a contract with The Christman Company for the renovation of the Courts & Administration Building in an amount of \$3,127,655.⁰⁰.
– *County Judge Todd Little*

Administrative:

- 3.1 Discussion, consideration, and approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Calendar – *Chief of Staff Ryan Garrett*
- 3.2 Discussion, consideration, and possible action to set policy and procedure regarding transfer of local state employees to county departments. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- 3.3 Discussion, consideration, and possible action to select the County Engineer. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- 3.4 Discussion, consideration, and possible action to request applications and/or recommendations for the appointment of the County Judge. – *County Judge Chief of Staff Ryan Garrett*

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners' Court of Ellis County reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order deemed appropriate, as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551, to seek the advice of its attorney and/or other attorneys representing Ellis County on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Commissioners Court under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, or as otherwise may be permitted under Chapter 551.

- 4.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 (1), consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation concerning TCEQ matters, specifically pending Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems permits (TPDES) and pending petitions for the creation of Municipal Utility Districts (MUD's).
- 4.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 (A) (1), deliberation of the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, specifically regarding interviews of County Engineer candidates.

- 4.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, specifically regarding the Ellis County Farm and 701 N I-35E, Waxahachie.
- 4.4 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074, deliberation of the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee in the CSCD.
- 4.5 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 (2), deliberation on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

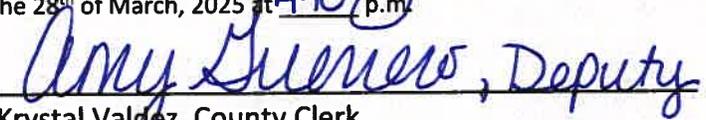
Signed the 28th of March, 2025 –



Todd Little, Ellis County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk Ellis County, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice, that I received said Notice, and it was posted at the doors of the Ellis County Courthouse, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 28th of March, 2025 at 4:10 p.m.





Krystal Valdez, County Clerk