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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, September 30th, 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.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *County Commissioner Precinct 3 Louis Ponder*

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

RECOGNITIONS

- R.1 Proclamation by Ellis County Commissioners Court in Recognition of the National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk on October 14th, 2025
- R.2 Resolution in support of Ellis County Rural Heritage Farm as a Texas Historical Site

CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and action:

Administrative Consent:

- A.1 Approval of regular bills, payroll, and officers' reports. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.2 Acceptance of the Commissioners' Court regular meeting minutes from September 16th, 2025. – *County Clerk Krystal Valdez*

- A.3 Approval of the August 2025 monthly Treasurer’s report, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.026. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.4 Acceptance of the Constable, Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4’s FY25 Authorized Spending Reports for July and August 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §154.044. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.5 Acceptance of the FY2025 Audit of Cash Receipt Deposits for May through August 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §115.002. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.6 Approval of an interlocal cooperation contract between the County of Ellis and the City of Combine. – *Purchasing Agent E.J. Harbin*
- A.7 Approval to purchase Adobe/ Microsoft Software and related services for JP2 using the Justice Court Technology Fund in the amount of \$1,956.96. – *Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Judge Jackie Miller, Jr.*
- A.8 Acceptance of the appointment of Charles McDowell to ESD #7 (Bristol), replacing board member Edward McFadden term ending December 31st, 2026. – *Fire Marshal Tim Birdwell*
- A.9 Approval of the Department of Development’s (DOD) monthly financial report for August 2025, as required by Texas Local Government Code §114.044 – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*
- A.10 Acceptance of the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans’ Assistance Grant Award in the amount of \$360,000 by County Judge signature. The grant period is from July 1st, 2025 through August 31st, 2026. – *378th District Court Judge William Wallace and Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator Brent Dorrough*
- A.11 Acceptance of the Cities Readiness Grant for Emergency Management for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$51,898 and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documentation related to the grant. – *Emergency Management Coordinator Michaela Sandefer*

Financial Consent:

- F.1 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Court at Law 2 Judge Gene Calvert*
- Decrease 001-0385-508320 (Visiting Judge) by \$4,000.00
 - Increase 001-0385-508350 (Staff Training/ Conference) by \$1,000.00
 - Increase 001-0385-508420 (Judge’s Conference) by \$3,000.00
- F.2 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Texas Highway Patrol Sargent Ronald Nelson*
- Decrease 001-0340-506020 (Staff Travel Reimbursement) by \$500.00
 - Decrease 001-0340-508350 (Employee Training) by \$900.00
 - Increase 001-0340-508010 (Supplies) by \$1,400.00
- F.3 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Indigent Healthcare Director Terri Klein*
- Decrease 001-0110-508510 (Hospital) by \$60,000.00
 - Increase 001-0110-508130 (Inmate Medical) by \$60,000 00

- F.4 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *IT Director Jocelyn King*
- Decrease 001-0035-508020 (Equipment) by \$200.00
 - Increase 001-0035-508080 (Auto Gas/ Oil) by \$200.00
- F.5 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Engineer Zach Gerich*
- Decrease 001-0375-508080 (Auto/ Oil) by \$1,600.00
 - Increase 001-0375-508010 (Supplies) by \$1,600.00
- F.6 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Commissioner Precinct 2 Lane Grayson*
- Decrease 004-0652-509150 (Asphalt) by \$350.00
 - Increase 004-0652-508050 (Conference/ Dues) by \$350.00
- F.7 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Judge Jackie Miller, Jr.*
- Decrease 001-0520-508350 (Training) by \$800.00
 - Decrease 001-0520-508050 (Conference) by \$600.00
 - Decrease 001-0520-508740 (Docket Books/ Printing) by \$200.00
 - Decrease 001-0520-506020 (Staff Travel) by \$200.00
 - Increase 001-0520-508030 (Office Fixture/ Furniture) by \$1,400.00
 - Increase 001-0520-508010 (Supplies) by \$400.00
- F.8 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Tax Assessor- Collector Richard Rozier*
- Decrease 001-0370-505020 (Salaries- Full-Time) by \$28,650.00
 - Increase 001-0370-508040 (Postage) by \$6,850.00
 - Increase 001-0370-508350 (Training) by \$800.00
 - Increase 001-0370-508730 (Maint/ RPS Ofc Equipment) by \$9,000.00
 - Increase 001-0370-508010 (Supplies) by \$12,000.00
- F.9 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Tax Assessor- Collector Richard Rozier*
- Decrease 001-0370-505020 (Salaries- Full-Time) by \$11,000.00
 - Increase 001-0370-508730 (Maint/ RPS Ofc Equipment) by \$11,000.00
- F.10 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*
- Decrease 001-0060-508880 (Computer Software) by \$4,450.00
 - Increase 001-0060-508020 (Equipment) by \$3,000.00
 - Increase 001-0060-508050 (Conference) by \$1,450.00
- F.11 FY25 Line-Item Transfer. – *Emergency Management Coordinator Michaela Sandefer*
- Decrease 001-0430-508100 (Auto Tires) by \$50.00
 - Increase 001-0430-508350 (Training) by \$50.00

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, Consideration and Action

Department of Development:

- 1.1 Discussion, consideration, and action to release the maintenance bonds for Springside Estates, Phase 2, and accept a supplemental deposit to complete the necessary improvements. The ± 106.687-acre site is located ± 3,925 feet west of the intersection of Blackfoot Parkway and Gibson Road, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Waxahachie, Road and Bridge Precinct 4.
- 1.2 Discussion, consideration, and action to amend the County's Flood Damage Prevention Order, last adopted on October 17th, 2023, under Minute Order No. 477.23, to primarily update the Penalty Clause found in Section 4, with Exhibit A remaining in full force and effect, providing a conflicts clause, severability clause, and an effective date.

Purchasing:

- 2.1 Discussion, consideration, and action of the renewal agreement with Hibbs- Hallmark for the comprehensive insurance for Ellis County. Renewal term is from October 1st, 2025 through September 30th, 2026.

Administrative:

- 3.1 Presentation of the annual interpretation of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and introduction of Prairie View A&M Personnel District Extension Administrator, Jay Kingston. – *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Coordinator Sidney Atchley*
- 3.2 Introduction of Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension 4H and Youth Development Agent, Lasheka Day. – *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Coordinator Sidney Atchley*
- 3.3 Discussion, consideration, and action for the Election Day Vote Centers listed on the notice and for the County Judge to sign the Notice of Constitutional Amendment and Joint Election to be held on November 4th, 2025. – *Elections Administrator Jana Onyon*
- 3.4 Discussion, consideration, and action to enter a Joint Contract for Election Services between the Ellis County Election Officer and Participating Political Subdivisions by holding an election jointly with the County on November 4, 2025 pursuant to the authority in Section 271.002 of Chapter 271 in the Texas Election Code. – *Elections Administrator Jana Onyon*
- 3.5 Discussion, consideration, and action to nominate Tim Cummings and Walter Erwin to the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors, by resolution, for a four-year term beginning January 1st, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2029. – *Ellis County Judge John Wray*

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.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Signed the 24th day of September, 2025 –



John Wray, 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 24th of September, 2025 at 3:32 a.m./p.m.





Krystal Valdez, County Clerk