

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
OFFICIAL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE HISTORIC ELLIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (2ND FLOOR) 101 W. MAIN STREET, WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED, TO-WIT:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE

COUNTY CLERK: KRYSTAL VALDEZ

COMMISSIONERS:

PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER RANDY STINSON

PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON

PRECINCT 3 COMMISSIONER LOUIS PONDER

PRECINCT 4 COMMISSIONER KYLE BUTLER

OPENING COURT:

COUNTY JUDGE CALLS MEETING TO ORDER, DECLARES QUORUM AND DECLARES NOTICES LEGALLY POSTED PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

MOTION TO OPEN COURT BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, MOTION CARRIED

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON*

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTE ORDER 424.24

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A.1 APPROVING REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL AND OFFICER'S REPORTS. – *COUNTY TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS*
- A.2 APPROVING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2 MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *THE HONORABLE JACKIE MILLER, JP, PCT. 2*
- A.3 APPROVING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3 MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2024, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *THE HONORABLE DAN COX, JP, PCT. 3*
- A.4 APPROVING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3 MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *THE HONORABLE DAN COX, JP, PCT. 3*
- A.5 APPROVING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4 MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *THE HONORABLE MIKE MCKENNA, JP, PCT. 4*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:

ADMINISTRATIVE

NO ACTION (3.1) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET UPDATE. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE AND CHIEF OF STAFF RYAN GARRETT*

PUBLIC HEARING

(2:43 P.M.) MOTION TO OPEN P.1 BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

(P.1) PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROPERTY TAX RATE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: KIM STURMAN, RED OAK; AMY RADER, WAXAHACHIE; LISA HEALEY, MIDLOTHIAN; ED HARRISON, OVILLA; GARY HOYER, MIDLOTHIAN; LINDA HOYER, MIDLOTHIAN; RANDY BELLOMY, OVILLA; SYLVIA COULSON, WAXAHACHIE; BYRON GENTRY, WAXAHACHIE

(3:13 P.M.) MOTION TO CLOSE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 425.24 (3.2) ADOPTING THE ELLIS COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON: "THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$7,256,411.00 (8.79% INCREASE IN TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED), AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$3,621,114.00 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.", SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER STINSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER GRAYSON – AYE
JUDGE LITTLE – AYE
COMMISSIONER PONDER – AYE
COMMISSIONER BUTLER – AYE

MINUTE ORDER 426.24 (3.3) RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.008(c).

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 427.24 (3.4) APPROVING TO ADOPT THE FY2025 ELLIS COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 0.273992 PER \$100, CONSISTING OF 0.245488 (M&O), 0.009869 (I&S), AND 0.018635 (F/M). – COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONER STINSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER GRAYSON – AYE
JUDGE LITTLE – AYE
COMMISSIONER PONDER – AYE
COMMISSIONER BUTLER – AYE

ADJOURNMENT 4:07 P.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:



TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE



RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1



LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 2

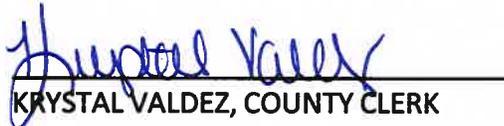


LOUIS PONDER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3



KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.



KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

