

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 26, 2024

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE HISTORIC ELLIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (2<sup>ND</sup> 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 BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, MOTION CARRIED

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

**RECOGNITIONS:**

- R.1 RECOGNIZING THE ELLIS COUNTY AUDITING DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA).
- R.2 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THANKSGIVING IN ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

**CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTE ORDER 534.24 (WITHOUT A.1)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A.1 MOVED TO REGULAR AGENDA BY JUDGE LITTLE
- A.2 APPROVING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2024. – *COUNTY CLERK KRYSTAL VALDEZ*
- A.3 APPROVING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2024. – *COUNTY CLERK KRYSTAL VALDEZ*
- A.4 ACCEPTING OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.025. – *COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*
- A.5 ACCEPTING OF THE OCTOBER 2024 CASH AUDIT REPORTS, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §115.002. – *COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*
- A.6 ACCEPTING OF A TABULATED REPORT OF THE COUNTY'S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2024 – NOVEMBER 15, 2024, PURSUANT TO LGC §114.024. – *AUDITOR STACI PARR*

- A.7 APPROVING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §114.044. – *THE HONORABLE CHRIS MACON, JP, PCT. 1*
- A.8 APPROVING OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ELLIS COUNTY AND THE ENNIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT. – *PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON*
- A.9 ACCEPTING OF THE ANNUAL COMPILATION REPORT OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #5 (FERRIS), PURSUANT TO TEXAS HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §775.082. – *FIRE MARSHAL TIM BIRDWELL*
- A.10 APPROVING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT’S (DoD) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024, AS REQUIRED BY §114.044 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. – *DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES*
- A.11 APPROVING FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM TO SECTION 10.12 (LIMITATION OF LIABILITY) OF THE EXISTING DIR CONTRACT NO. DIR-CPO-4699, ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. (ESRI), AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL GIS SOFTWARE LICENSES IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. – *DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES*

**FINANCIAL CONSENT:**

- F.1 ACCEPTING OF ESTRAY REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 BY THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE. REQUEST SPECIAL BUDGET OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:  
 INCREASE 001-0010-508700 (ESTRAY) BY \$100.00  
 PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*
- F.2 ACCEPTING OF RESTITUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$817.41 BY THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE. REQUEST SPECIAL BUDGET OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:  
 INCREASE 001-0010-506970 (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS) BY \$817.41  
 PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*
- F.3 FY2024 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*  
 DECREASE 001-0140-505580 (CONTINGENCY RESERVE) BY \$208,750.00  
 DECREASE 001-0140-505600 (CONTINGENCY/FRINGE LIABILITY) BY \$150,000.00  
 DECREASE 001-0140-507080 (COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE) BY \$381,112.00  
 DECREASE 001-0140-590205 (GRANT WRITER) BY \$120,000.00  
 DECREASE 001-0140-599990 (RETIREE INSURANCE) BY \$81,543.30  
 INCREASE 001-0140-507010 (UTILITIES) BY \$220,134.33  
 INCREASE 001-0140-507100 (TAX APPRAISAL FEE) BY \$335,790.37  
 INCREASE 001-0140-507240 (LEASE FACILITY) BY \$42,986.34  
 INCREASE 001-0140-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$48,953.56  
 INCREASE 001-0140-508220 (LEGAL FEES) BY \$168,025.70  
 INCREASE 001-0140-508370 (POSTMORTEM EXAMS) BY \$125,515.00

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

**MINUTE ORDER 535.24** (A.1) APPROVING REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL AND OFFICER'S REPORTS. – COUNTY  
TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS

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

**REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTE ORDER 536.24** (1.1) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A PLAT OF JAMES CORNER, LOT 1, BLOCK A. THE ± 2.115-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,230 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF CHAPARALL ROAD AND NEWTON ROAD, SITUATED IN THE RAFAEL DE LA PENNA SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 3 FERRIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 1, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. RESERVE AT LEAST 12 INCH BY 1 ½ INCH MARGIN ON UPPER RIGHT CORNER TOP PAGE.
2. UPDATE THE OSSF STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE LINE TO MATCH THE ATTACHED SAMPLE PLAT.
3. PROVIDE A 2024 TAX CERTIFICATE DEMONSTRATING ALL PROPERTY TAXES ARE PAID IN FULL.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 537.24** (1.2) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A PLAT OF JOHNSON ROSS ADDITION, LOT 1, BLOCK A. THE ± 1.1264-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 690 FEET SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF OLD MAPLE STREET AND OLD GIN ROAD, SITUATED IN THE RAFAEL PENNA SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 3, ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 1.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 538.24** (1.3) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A PLAT OF PREMIERE ESTATES, LOT 1, BLOCK A. THE ± 3.136-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 690 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF TRUMBULL CIRCLE AND LOOP 561, SITUATED IN THE LITTLETON WHITE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1110, FERRIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 1.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 539.24** (1.4) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A FINAL PLAT OF COTTON CREEK SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1-4, BLOCK A. THE ± 13.979-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF RAMONS ROAD AND SANDSWITCH ROAD, SITUATED IN THE JOSEPH GARWOOD SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 415, ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 540.24** (1.5) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON AN AMENDING PLAT OF CUEVAS ESTATES, LOTS 1A-4A, BLOCK A. THE ± 4.443-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,040 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF HUGHES CEMETERY ROAD AND FM 55, SITUATED IN THE ELLIS COUNTY SCHOOL LAND SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 329, AVALON, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. PROVIDE ORIGINAL, EMBOSSED 2024 TAX CERTIFICATE DEMONSTRATING ALL PROPERTY TAXES ARE PAID IN FULL.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 541.24** (1.6) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A FINAL PLAT OF LYONS ROAD ESTATES, LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK A. THE ± 8.689-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF ALMA ROAD AND LYONS ROAD, SITUATED IN THE MEMPHIS, EL PASO AND PACIFIC RAILROAD CO. SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 765, WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 2, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. ADD IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF ALMA TO THE PLAT TITLE BLOCK.
2. UPDATE THE GRAPHIC SCALE THROUGHOUT THE PLAT.
3. THE METES AND BOUNDS CALL N 57° 59' 13" E 265.62' DOES NOT MATCH THE PLAT DRAWING.
4. UPDATE THE NOTE TO ETJ OF ALMA.
5. PROVIDE AN ORIGINAL, EMBOSSED 2024 TAX CERTIFICATE DEMONSTRATING ALL PROPERTY TAXES ARE PAID IN FULL.
6. PLEASE MAKE THE FONT BOLD FOR ROADS.
7. PROVIDE A SIGNED APPLICATION AND TIA WAIVER BY DENISE HORTON.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 542.24** (1.7) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A PLAT OF GREEN ACRE, LOT 1, BLOCK A. THE ± 1.192-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 2,750 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF BARTON ROAD AND FIRST STREET, SITUATED IN THE FLETCHER LAYTON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 624, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF MAYPEARL, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 3, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. PROVIDE AN ORIGINAL, EMBOSSED 2024 TAX CERTIFICATE DEMONSTRATING ALL PROPERTY TAXES ARE PAID IN FULL.
2. INSTRUMENT NUMBER 1633028 HAS THE OWNER AS PEGGY JEFFERSON. PROVIDE A SIGNED APPLICATION FROM PEGGY JEFFERSON.
3. LABEL THE DASHES AND X ON THE PLAT DRAWING.
4. UPDATE THE OSSF STATE AND SIGNATURE LINE TO MATCH THE ATTACHED SAMPLE PLAT.
5. RESIDUAL LOT MUST CONTAIN 150' OF ROAD FRONTAGE. STAFF WILL NOT SUPPORT A VARIANCE.
6. UPDATE THE PLAT NAME.

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

*(COMMISSIONER GRAYSON ARRIVED AT 2:27 P.M.)*

**MINUTE ORDER 543.24** (1.8) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A PLAT OF J.M.J. ADDITION, LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK A. THE ± 4.9873-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HOLDER ROAD AND DRY BRANCH ROAD, SITUATED IN THE THOMAS J. SMITH SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 970, FORRESTON, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 3, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. RENUMBER THE NOTES ON THE PLAT.
2. ADD ACREAGE TO ROW DEDICATION.
3. ADD BLOCK A TO THE PLAT TITLE BLOCK AND THROUGHOUT THE PLAT.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 544.24** (1.9) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A PLAT OF HUNTER ESTATES, LOT 1, BLOCK A. THE ± 2.138-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,500 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH ARMSTRONG ROAD AND MATTHEWS ROAD, SITUATED IN THE ADAM T. MILLER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 716, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF MAYPEARL, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 4.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 545.24** (1.10) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A PLAT OF ROBLES ADDITION, LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK A. THE ± 3.471-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,890 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF LOMA LINDA ROAD AND FM 813, SITUATED IN THE T.R. FOLLETT SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 373, WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 4, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. LABEL EACH LOT WITH A BLOCK DESIGNATION.
2. REMOVE "WITHIN THE ETJ OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE" FROM THE PLAT TITLE BLOCK.
3. REMOVE "CITY OF WAXAHACHIE CASE NUMBER SUB-XX-XXXX" FROM THE PLAT TITLE BLOCK.
4. ADD A GENERAL NOTE REFERENCING THE REMOVAL FROM THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE ETJ, DATE AND ORDINANCE NUMBER.
5. REMOVE "PROP" FROM ROW DEDICATION.
6. UPDATE THE COURT SIGNATURE BLOCK TO MATCH THE ATTACHED SAMPLE PLAT.
7. UPDATE THE OSSF STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE LINE TO MATCH THE ATTACHED SAMPLE PLAT.
8. THE METES AND BOUNDS CALL S 49°04'52" W DOES NOT MATCH THE PLAT DRAWING.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 546.24** (1.11) RATIFYING STAFF ACTION ON A PLAT OF VELA ADDITION, LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK A. THE ± 6.841-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 2,170 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF BUFFALO STREET AND OLD FORT WORTH ROAD, SITUATED IN THE CUAD IRR Co SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 262 AND THE J. STEWART SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 961, IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF

THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE, PRECINCT No. 4, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. PROVIDE AN ORIGINAL, EMBOSSED 2024 TAX CERTIFICATE DEMONSTRATING ALL PROPERTY TAXES ARE PAID IN FULL.
2. ADD LOTS AND BLOCK TO THE PLAT TITLE BLOCK.
3. SHOW THE FLOODPLAIN WITH SHADING.
4. UPDATE THE ACREAGE IN THE PLAT TITLE BLOCK.
5. SHOW CITY OF MIDLOTHIAN CITY LIMIT LINE.

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

## **PURCHASING**

**MINUTE ORDER 547.24** (2.1) DECLARING THE LISTED ITEMS FROM ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 2 AND CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 4 AS SURPLUS TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 263: ONE (1) 2001 BROCE BROOM SWEEPER, VIN: 401317, FROM R&B 2; ONE (1) 2008 DODGE RAM 1500 VIN: 1D7HA16N18J18002, FROM R&B 2; ONE (1) DESKTOP COMPUTER FROM CONSTABLE 4; AND ONE (1) COMPUTER MONITOR FROM CONSTABLE 4.

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

(TO AGENDA ITEM 2.3)

**MINUTE ORDER 548.24** (2.3) APPROVING TO PURCHASE EXTENDED SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL AND SUBSCRIPTION LICENSE RENEWAL FROM SAFARI MICRO USING THE DIR-CPO-4846 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,856.46 FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 549.24** (2.4) GRANTING AN EXEMPTION UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §262.024 (A)(7) TO PURCHASE EZ STREET PROPRIETARY POLYMER COLD ASPHALT MIX ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FROM ATLAS ASPHALT, INC. AS THE SOLE SOURCE.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 550.24** (2.5) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF EZ STREET PROPRIETARY POLYMER COLD ASPHALT MIX ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FROM ATLAS ASPHALT, INC., UTILIZING THE EXEMPTION GRANTED UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §262.024 (A)(7).

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

**MINUTE ORDER 551.24** (2.6) APPROVING FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE APPROVED CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN CLEANING SERVICES, INC. FOR RPP-2024-007 JANITORIAL SERVICES AWARDED NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, WITH AN INITIAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00, FOR ELLIS COUNTY CENTRAL, THE PRECINCT 2 SUB-COURTHOUSE, AND THE JUVENILE SERVICES BUILDING. CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**PUBLIC HEARING** (2:38 P.M. – 2:44 P.M.)

MOTION TO OPEN P.1 BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, MOTION CARRIED

(P.1) PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST FOR TAX ABATEMENT FROM AREP, LOCATED IN REINVESTMENT ZONE No. 13 IN THE CITY OF RED OAK.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: LEE MCCLEARY AND TODD FULLER, CITY OF RED OAK

MOTION TO CLOSE P.1 BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTE ORDER 552.24** (3.1) APPROVING TO ENTER A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AREP, LOCATED IN REINVESTMENT ZONE 13 OF THE CITY OF RED OAK. ABATEMENT TERM IS 7 YEARS AT 70% OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UP TO \$300,000,000.00 INVESTED; AND 75% OVER \$300,000,000.00 INVESTED. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

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

(TO AGENDA ITEM 3.3)

**MINUTE ORDER 553.24** (3.3) APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO CAST VOTES TO ELECT DIRECTORS FOR THE ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR 2025. ALL 812 VOTES WILL BE CAST FOR RUSTY BALLARD. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 554.24** (3.4) APPROVING FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT TRUST FUND PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF THE 2025 FUNNY CAR CHAOS EVENT AT THE TEXAS MOTORPLEX, PURSUANT TO TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 5190 SECTION 5C. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

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

(TO AGENDA ITEM 3.6)

**MINUTE ORDER 555.24** (3.6) APPROVING TO RENEW THE ORDER TO DESIGNATE AUXILIARY COURTHOUSE, EFFECTIVE 12/12/24. – *THE HONORABLE JIM CHAPMAN, COUNTY COURT AT LAW 1*

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

(TO AGENDA 3.5)

**MINUTE ORDER 556.24** (3.5) APPROVING FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE WAXAHACHIE CIVIC CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ELLIS COUNTY TEMPORARY AUXILIARY COURTHOUSE – FOR JURY SELECTIONS. APPROVING ARPA FUNDS TO BE USED TO PAY THE MONTHLY FEE OF \$4,146.00 – *THE HONORABLE JIM CHAPMAN, COUNTY COURT AT LAW 1*

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

(TO AGENDA ITEM 3.7)

**NO ACTION** (3.7) ACCEPTANCE OF PETITIONS FOR THE CREATION OF ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #12. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

**MINUTE ORDER 557.24** (3.8) APPROVING TO UTILIZE 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; & AUTHORIZING A SECOND RENEWAL IF NEEDED, NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COUNTY JUDGE LITTLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** **3:26 P.M.**

MOTION TO RECESS BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

**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 551, OR 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 551.

- 4.1 PURSUANT TO 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 (MUDs) INCLUDING A POSSIBLE REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH BICKERSTAFF, HEATH, DELGATO, ACOSTA, LLP.
- 4.2 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071(1), CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, NACHAWATI LAW GROUP, VIA REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE, REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORMS REGARDING AN OFFER FROM KROGER IN THE MATTER OF TEXAS OPIOID MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION FOR THE COUNTY.
- 4.3 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071(2), CONSULTATION WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL, LITTLER MENDELSON P.C., VIA REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE, ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER, REGARDING EMPLOYMENT MATTERS, SPECIFICALLY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT'S ROLE IN HANDLING A COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.
- 4.4 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071(1), CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION CONCERNING COURT CASE No. 4:24-CV-00368, STYLED COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE V. MICHAEL GOULD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS COLLIN COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK, ET. AL., INCLUDING A POSSIBLE REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH D. RANDALL MONTGOMERY & ASSOCIATES PLLC.

**RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION 5:30 P.M.**

MOTION TO RECONVENE BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

(TO AGENDA ITEM 2.2)

**MINUTE ORDER 558.24** (2.2) APPROVING THE AWARD OF RFP-2025-001 COMPREHENSIVE INMATE MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHS CARE TX, LLC DBA YESCARE FOR GROUP 1 INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT UPON FINAL LEGAL REVIEW.

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

(TO AGENDA ITEM 3.2)

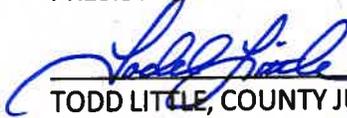
**NO ACTION** (3.2) UPDATE FROM THE COUNTY JUDGE ON THE STATUS OF THE SHANKLE ROAD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (MUD) FOLLOWING THE TCEQ COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024. THE MUD WAS DENIED 3-0 BY THE TCEQ COMMISSION, JUDGE LITTLE THANKED THOSE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORT. – *COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE*

**ADJOURNMENT      5:35 P.M.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, MOTION CARRIED

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON NOVEMBER 26, 2024,  
ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

  
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TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE

  
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RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1

  
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KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.

  
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KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

