



Office of Ellis County Judge Todd Little  
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**“Judge Little Named Chief Elected Official of Workforce Development Board”**

Ellis County, TX – Ellis County Judge Todd Little has been named as Chief Elected Official of the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board, a 14-county partnership that oversees the planning, oversight, policy guidance, and design of services in North Texas to promote economic growth, opportunity, and a skilled workforce. As Chief Elected Official, Judge Little will have a high degree of influence over key policy recommendations of the Workforce Development Board.

“I am honored and delighted that the Workforce Development Board values the insight I have as an elected official in one of the nation’s fastest-growing counties,” said Little. “Building up a strong workforce is one of the best ways we can ensure long-term economic strength for North Texas. We are cultivating talent in career fields with high demand, which will have down-stream benefits for our education, healthcare, and infrastructure employment across the metroplex and throughout the DFW region.”

One of the key policy areas Little hopes to focus on will be to promote trade programs to partner with high schools, community colleges, and technical college level. By offering training and certification programs to students, technical career fields will continue to offer lucrative opportunities to many in Ellis County and the region.

“Currently, there is a large surplus of ‘hands-on’ jobs in technical career fields that often get overlooked, but which offer competitive salaries and benefits for employees,” said Little. “Many North Texas employers in these fields are proactively seeking employees, yet are still struggling to find a qualified workforce. By building a pipeline from our schools to these employers, technical and healthcare careers will continue to be a viable option for students and families.”

Little’s appointment was made at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Workforce Development Board. As Chief Elected Official, his experience with economic development in Ellis County and the region will provide valuable direction to benefit all of North Texas.

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