

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES – MAY 7, 2025

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025, AT 10:00 A.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 (ARRIVED AT 10:38 A.M.)

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 PONDER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

(1.1) CONDUCT INTERVIEWS FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY JUDGE POSITION.

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:02 A.M.**

MOTION TO RECESS BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, 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 §551.074 (A) (1), DELIBERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, SPECIFICALLY REGARDING INTERVIEWS FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE POSITION.

**RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION 4:40 P.M.**

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

**MINUTE ORDER 249.25** (1.2) APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF RESIGNATION BY ELLIS COUNTY JUDGE TODD LITTLE, EFFECTIVE MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AT 8:00 A.M. – *COUNTY JUDGE*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 250.25** (1.3) APPROVING THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF JOHN WRAY AS THE NEW ELLIS COUNTY JUDGE TO FILL THE VACANCY ON MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AT 8:00 A.M. – *COUNTY JUDGE*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: REBECCA PERRY, MILFORD

MOTION TO APPOINT BYRON GENTRY BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND

MOTION TO APPOINT JOHN WRAY BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

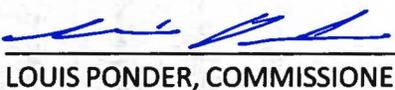
**ADJOURNMENT** **4:57 P.M.**

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

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 7, 2025, ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

  
TODD LITTLE, COUNTY JUDGE

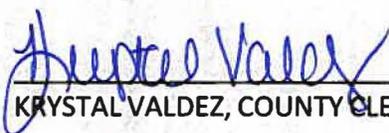
  
RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1

  
LOUIS PONDER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3

  
LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 2

  
KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025.

  
KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

