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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, January 20th, 2026, 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.

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 January 6th, 2026. – *County Clerk Krystal Valdez*
- A.3 Acceptance of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 monthly report for December 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.044. – *Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Judge Chris Macon*
- A.4 Acceptance of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 monthly report for December 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.044. – *Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Judge Jackie Miller, Jr.*

- A.5 Acceptance of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 monthly report for December 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.044. – *Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Judge Dan Cox*
- A.6 Acceptance of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 monthly report for December 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.044. – *Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Judge James ‘Butch’ Bryant*
- A.7 Acceptance of the Constable, Precinct 2 monthly report for December 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.044. – *Constable Precinct 2 Casey Borders*
- A.8 Approval to allow Constables in Precinct 1, 2,3 and 4 to obtain Escrow or Trust Accounts for use upon executing writs for proceeds of the writ to be paid out to the Judgement holder. Account records shall be submitted to the Auditor on a quarterly basis for routine review. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.9 Approval to reappoint County Commissioner Precinct #1 Randy Stinson as Ellis County’s representative to the NCT 9-1-1 Board of Managers which is the governing body of the NCT 9-1-1 Program. The term is for 2 years. – *Ellis County Judge John Wray*
- A.10 Approval to remove all the Road & Bridge Departments from the Enterprise Fleet Maintenance Agreement approved on January 7th, 2025 with MO #110.25. – *Purchasing Agent E.J. Harbin*
- A.11 Acceptance of the tabulated report of the county’s receipts and disbursements of funds from December 11th, 2025 – January 2nd, 2026, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.024. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.12 Ratify staff action of approval on a final plat of Knotts Addition, Lots 1-3. The ± 5.966-acre site is located ± 3,280 feet southeast of the intersection of Gin Road and FM 1181, Ennis, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 2. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*
- A.13 Approval of Ellis County Department of Development’s (DOD) monthly financial report for December 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §114.044. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*
- A.14 Approval of the creation of an Ellis County Family Violence Prevention Fund and to allocate monies within the Fund, per Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 42A.504; funds to be disbursed quarterly, to The Heights Ellis County Resources. - *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*

Financial Consent:

- F.1 Acceptance of the Child Abuse Prevention Fund in the amount of \$300.00 as unanticipated revenue:
- Increase 001-0140-509990 (Child Abuse Prevention Expenditures) by \$300.00
- Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §111.0108, unanticipated revenue certified by County Auditor. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*

- F.2 FY26 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- Decrease 001-0400-508010 (Supplies) by \$359.76
 - Increase 001-0400-508880 (Computer Service) by \$359.76

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, Consideration, and Action

Department of Development:

- 1.1 Discussion, consideration, and action on a replat of Halverson Estates, Lots 1R & 2R, Block A. The ± 12.50-acre site is located ± 990 feet northwest of the intersection of Greathouse Road and Old Maypearl Road, Waxahachie, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 3.
- 1.2 Discussion, consideration, and action on a replat of HWH Addition, Lots 1R1 & 1R2, Block A. The ± 14.420-acre site is located ± 2,020 feet west of the intersection of East Highland Road and Westmorland Road, partially located in the disputed extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJs) of the City of Ovilla and the City of Oak Leaf, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 4.

Purchasing:

- 2.1 Discussion, consideration, and action for the County Judge to execute lease agreements with American National Leasing for:
- Five 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV w/ Law Enforcement Upfits for Sheriff's Department Lease #3832c in the total amount \$386,201.90
 - Three 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV w/ Law Enforcement Upfits for Sheriff's Department Lease #3833c in the total amount \$246,607.14
 - Five 2026 Chevrolet Silverado PPV w/ Law Enforcement Upfits for Sheriff's Department Lease #3834c in the total amount \$416,986.06
 - Two 2026 Chevrolet Silverado PPV w/ Law Enforcement Upfits for Sheriff's Department Lease #3835c in the total amount \$163,644.98
 - One 2026 GMC Sierra 1500 Elevation for Maintenance Department Lease #3830c in the total amount \$43,180.00
 - One 2026 GMC Sierra 1500 Elevation for Engineering Department Lease #3831c in the total amount \$43,180.00

Administrative:

- 3.1 Discussion, consideration, and action for the county judge to sign an engagement letter with Pattillo, Brown, and Hill LLP to perform external audit services for the FY2025 annual audit for Ellis County.
– *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- 3.2 Discussion, consideration, and action regarding development issues related to the Ellis Ranch subdivision development, located in Road and Bridge Precinct No. 1 and Precinct No. 4. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*

- 3.3 Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the Maintenance Facility Director position.
– County Judge John Wray
- 3.4 Discussion, consideration, and approval to re-award RFP-2023-003 Software and Implementation Services for a Court Case Management System and Jury Selection Management with Tyler Technologies, Inc as the bid offering the best value to the County, authorizing negotiation of the contract, and granting the County Judge Authority to sign the contract once negotiations are complete.
– 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.

- 4.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 (1), consultation with legal counsel, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP., via remote video conference, regarding pending or contemplated litigation concerning TCEQ matters, specifically pending Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems permits (TPDES), pending petitions for the creation of Municipal Utility Districts (MUD's) and possible alternatives to MUD's.
- 4.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 (1), consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation concerning Ellis Ranch subdivision development.
- 4.3 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 (1), consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation concerning court case management system contracts.
- 4.4 Pursuant to Texas 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 Maintenance Facility Director position.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Signed the 13th day of January, 2026 –



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 13th of January, 2026 at 4:46 a.m./p.m.



Krystal Valdez, County Clerk