

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2025

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025, 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 THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED, TO-WIT:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**COUNTY CLERK:** KRystal VALDEZ

COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY

**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.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTE ORDER 460.25**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A.1 APPROVING OF REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL, AND OFFICERS' REPORTS. – *COUNTY TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS*
- A.2 APPROVING THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025. - *COUNTY CLERK KRystal VALDEZ*
- A.3 APPROVING OF SETTING ESD BOARD MEMBER BOND AMOUNTS, FOR ALL CHECK SIGNERS. - *COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY*
- REVENUE UNDER \$500,000 – CHECK SIGNERS \$10,000 EACH
  - \$500,001 TO \$700,000 – CHECK SIGNERS \$25,000 EACH
  - REVENUE OVER \$700,001 – CHECK SIGNERS \$100,000 EACH
- A.4 ACCEPTING OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELLIS AND THE CITY OF GARRETT FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS, ROADS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, PARKING AREAS, WATERWAYS, AND DITCHES, ETC. FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026. - *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON*
- A.5 ACCEPTING OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELLIS AND THE CITY OF ALMA FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS, ROADS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, PARKING AREAS, WATERWAYS, AND DITCHES, ETC. FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026. - *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON*

- A.6 ACCEPTING OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELLIS AND THE AVALON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS, ROADS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, PARKING AREAS, WATERWAYS, AND DITCHES, ETC. FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026. - *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON*
- A.7 ACCEPTING OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELLIS AND THE ENNIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS, ROADS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, PARKING AREAS, WATERWAYS, AND DITCHES, ETC. FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026. - *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON*
- A.8 APPROVING OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING GENERAL ISSUE LICENSE PLATES USED ON CERTAIN COUNTY OWNED EXEMPT VEHICLES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES. - *COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY LINDY BEATY*

**NO ACTION** (A.9) APPROVAL TO LEASE A COPIER FOR THE AUDIT DEPARTMENT FROM XEROX USING THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #R191104. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LGC §271. – *PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN*

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **PURCHASING:**

**MINUTE ORDER 461.25** (2.1) APPROVING THE AWARD OF BID NUMBER RFB-2025-009 DRAINAGE CULVERTS WITH CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS AND WILSON’S CULVERTS, INC., AND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT UPON FINAL LEGAL REVIEW.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 462.25** (2.2) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN NATIONAL LEASING FOR A 2025 FORD EXPLORER AND A 2025 FORD F-150 FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 463.25** (2.3) APPROVING TO RENEW THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE NETWORK MONITORING SYSTEM USING DIR-CPO-5687 WITH FLAIR DATA SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,818.38.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 464.25** (2.4) AUTHORIZING TO ADVERTISE AND SOLICIT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SUBSTANCE USE ASSESSMENTS AND INTERVENTION FOR THE VETERAN'S TREATMENT COURT.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**NO ACTION** (3.1) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENACT A BURN BAN ORDER FOR ELLIS COUNTY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. – *FIRE MARSHAL TIM BIRDWELL*

**MINUTE ORDER 465.25** (3.2) APPROVING A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIR AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR TO ENTER INTO A 2026 JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE ELLIS COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PRIMARY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026 AND PRIMARY RUNOFF MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 ELECTIONS. – *ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR JANA ONYON*

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

**MINUTE ORDER 466.25** (3.3) APPROVING FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF VOTES (164 – TIM CUMMINGS; 164 – WALTER ERWIN) FOR THE 2026 RESOLUTION OF VOTES CAST TO THE ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. – *ELLIS COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY*

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

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** **2:15 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 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 (MUDs).

- 4.2 PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071 (1), CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION CONCERNING MATTHEWS FARMS AND FERRIS RANCH SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENTS.
- 4.3 PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.072, DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY IF THE DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 1305 WEST JEFFERSON IN WAXAHACHIE.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION 3:00 P.M.**

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

**NO ACTION** (3.4) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT ISSUES RELATED TO FERRIS RANCH, LOCATED IN ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT #1. – *DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES*

**NO ACTION** (3.5) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT ISSUES RELATED TO MATTHEWS FARMS, LOCATED IN ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT #4. – *DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES*

*JUDGE WRAY RECUSED HIMSELF FROM THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM DUE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST:*

**MINUTE ORDER 467.25** (3.6) APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 W. JEFFERSON ST. IN WAXAHACHIE, TX, AND ALLOW COMMISSIONER STINSON AS COUNTY JUDGE PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT. – *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON*

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

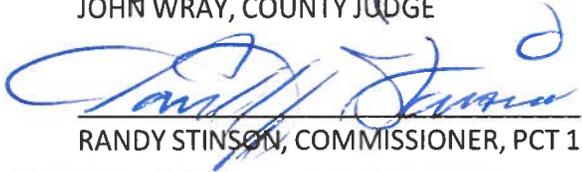
**ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION 3:02 P.M.**

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

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON NOVEMBER 10TH, 2025, ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

  
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JOHN WRAY, COUNTY JUDGE

  
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RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1

  
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LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 2

  
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LOUIS PONDER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3

  
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KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

  
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KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

