

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OFFICIAL MINUTES – JANUARY 6, 2026

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, 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 101.26**

**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 DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025. - *COUNTY CLERK KRystal VALDEZ*
- A.3 APPROVING OF THE YEARLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEIGHTS ELLIS COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCES FOR FY26 IN AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00. FUNDING WILL COME FROM THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT BUDGET LINE. - *ELLIS COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY*
- A.4 APPROVING OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE 2026 CERTIFIED RESULTS OF THE ELLIS APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION. THE TWO CANDIDATES WITH THE LARGEST CUMULATIVE VOTE TOTALS WERE TIM CUMMINGS AND WALTER ERWIN. - *ELLIS COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY*
- A.5 APPROVING TO LEASE A COPIER FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FROM XEROX USING THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER R241205 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, CHAPTER 271 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. - *PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN*
- A.6 APPROVING TO LEASE A COPIER FOR 40<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT'S OFFICE FROM XEROX USING THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER R241205 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COOPERATIVE

PURCHASING PROGRAM, CHAPTER 271 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. - *PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN*

- A.7 APPROVING TO LEASE TWO (2) COPIERS FOR THE NEW JURY SELECTION AREA AT COURTS AND ADMIN, FROM XEROX USING THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER R241205 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, CHAPTER 271 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. THESE WILL REPLACE THE ONES AT THE WAXAHACHIE CIVIC CENTER THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH LEASE. - *PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN*
- A.8 APPROVING OF ANNUAL COMPILATION REPORT OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT IN ELLIS COUNTY FOR ESD #8 AVALON: PURSUANT TO 775.082, TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. - *FIRE MARSHAL TIM BIRDWELL*
- A.9 RATIFYING STAFF ACTION OF APPROVAL ON A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF NEWMAN ACRES. THE ±37.474-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF EPPS ROAD AND PALMYRA ROAD, IN THE ETJ OF THE CITY OF PALMER, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 1. SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
1. AT THE TIME OF FINAL PLAT APPLICATION SUBMISSION, LOTS WITH DIRECT DRIVEWAY ACCESS TO ROADS INDICATED ON THE MASTER THOROUGHFARE PLAN (WHICH INCLUDES PALMYRA ROAD) SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED WITHOUT MEETING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES AS APPROVED IN ELLIS COUNTY'S QUALITY GROWTH INITIATIVES, VOLUME III, SECTION II (C)(4): (i) ACCESS PROVIDED VIA A PARALLELSLIP STREET, OR (ii) SHARED ACCESS DRIVES AND SHARED ACCESS EASEMENTS BETWEEN MULTIPLE LOTS.
  2. TWO (2) SURVEY BENCHMARKS ARE REQUIRED TO BE LABELED ON THE FINAL PLAT.
  3. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF PALMER. UPDATE THE PLAT TITLE BLOCK, PLAT DRAWING, AND WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION TO REFLECT THIS REVISION.
  4. PALMYRA ROAD IS CLASSIFIED AS A MAJOR COLLECTOR ROAD ACCORDING TO ELLIS COUNTY'S 2024 MASTER THOROUGHFARE PLAN. FIFTY (50) FEET OF RIGHT-OF-WAY MEASURED FROM THE CENTERLINE OF THE ROAD IS REQUIRED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR PALMYRA ROAD. PLEASE UPDATE THE PLAT DRAWING, AS WELL AS LABEL THE ACREAGE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR BOTH PALMYRA ROAD AND EPPS ROAD.
  5. UPDATE EPPS ROAD WITHIN THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION CLARIFYING THAT THE EXISTING 60-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EPPS ROAD IS EAST OF THE INTERSECTION AT PALMYRA ROAD. THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF PALMYRA ROAD IS UNRECORDED VARIABLE WIDTH.
  6. ADD THE DEED CALLS TO THE PLAT DRAWING THAT DIFFER FROM THE PLAT CALLS FOR THE PROPERTY LINE ALONG PALMYRA ROAD.
  7. L2 AND L3 LABELS ARE MISSING FROM THE PLAT DRAWING. PLEASE ADD TO THE DRAWING.
  8. LABEL THE MONUMENT TYPE FOR THE BEGINNING OF L1 ON THE PLAT DRAWING AND UPDATE THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION.
  9. IDENTIFY THE MONUMENT FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NEWMAN TRACT ON THE PLAT DRAWING.
  10. THE FOLLOWING BEARING ON THE PLAT DRAWING DOES NOT MATCH THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: S 53°26'42" E. REVIEW AND REVISE.
  11. IDENTIFY THE MONUMENT FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NEWMAN TRACT ON THE PLAT DRAWING.
  12. IDENTIFY THE MONUMENT TYPE FOR THE POINT FOR CORNER IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NEWMAN TRACT.
  13. UPDATE THE FRONT BUILDING LINE SETBACK TO BE TWENTY-FIVE (25) FEET FOR LOTS 8 – 12.

14. LABEL THE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF LOT 12 ON THE PLAT DRAWING.
  15. ADD 2-FOOT ELEVATION CONTOURS TO THE PLAT DRAWING.
  16. UPDATE THE FLOODPLAIN STATEMENT TO REFERENCE BOTH FEMA FIRM PANEL NOS. 48139C0205G AND 48139C0210G, EFFECTIVE DATE OCTOBER 19TH, 2023.
  17. ADD A BLOCK TO EACH PROPOSED LOT DESCRIPTION (I.E., LOT 1, BLOCK A).
  18. CORRECT ALMOND ROAD TO ALMAND ROAD IN THE VICINITY MAP.
  19. THE PLAT FOR SOUTH FARM ESTATES IDENTIFIES A 100-FOOT TEXAS POWER & LIGHT EASEMENT BETWEEN LOTS 3 AND 4. PLEASE CONFIRM IF THE SAME EASEMENT TRAVERSES THIS PROPERTY. UPDATE THE PLAT DRAWING AND PLAT NOTES IF NECESSARY.
  20. INCREASE THE MINIMUM FONT SIZE ON PAGE 2 TO AT LEAST 8-POINT.
- A.10 RATIFYING STAFF ACTION OF APPROVAL ON A FINAL PLAT OF CENTRE POINT ADDITION, LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 1. THE ± 11.054-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 390 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF FM 984 (WAXAHACHIE AVENUE) AND PLANTERS GIN ROAD, PARTIALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND THE ETJ OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2. SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
1. PLEASE CONFIRM WITH THE CITY OF BARDWELL THAT THE CITY'S SIGNATURE BLOCK ON THIS PLAT WILL REMAIN AT THE TIME OF FILING. IF THE CITY'S SIGNATURE BLOCK IS TO REMAIN, THE FINAL PRINTED PLAT COPIES WILL REQUIRE NEW CITY SIGNATURES PRIOR TO PLAT FILING. OTHERWISE, IF THE CITY PREFERS TO REMOVE THE SIGNATURE BLOCK FROM THE PLAT, WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION ON OFFICIAL CITY LETTERHEAD CONFIRMING THE ENTITIES OFFICIAL ACTION ON THIS PLAT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR. AN ADDITIONAL FILING FEE MAY BE REQUIRED IF A LETTER IS SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF OFFICIAL SIGNATURES.
  2. PRIOR TO THE FILING OF THE FINAL PLAT, PLEASE PROVIDE PERMIT APPROVAL OR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM TxDOT REGARDING DRIVEWAY ACCESS FOR LOTS 1 & 2. PLEASE LABEL ANY SHARED ACCESS EASEMENTS ON THE PLAT DRAWING AS REQUIRED BY TxDOT.
  3. ADD "FINAL PLAT" TO THE TITLE BLOCK.
  4. UPDATE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY'S LOCATION THROUGHOUT THE PLAT TO BE PARTIALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF BARDWELL AND PARTIALLY IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS.
  5. UPDATE PLANTER GIN RD TO PLANTERS GIN RD AND S PECAN ST TO PECAN ST IN THE VICINITY MAP.
  6. LABEL THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH FOR FM 984 ON THE PLAT DRAWING. ELLIS COUNTY'S MASTER THOROUGHFARE PLAN CLASSIFIES FM 984 AS A COLLECTOR ROAD, REQUIRING FORTY (40) FEET OF RIGHT-OF-WAY MEASURED AT THE CENTERLINE OF THE ROAD. ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION MAY BE REQUIRED IF THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AS INDICATED WITHIN THE ADOPTED MASTER THOROUGHFARE PLAN.
  7. LABEL TWO (2) SURVEY BENCHMARKS ON THE PLAT DRAWING WITH GROUND COORDINATES.
  8. UPDATE THE OWNERSHIP INFORMATION FOR THE ADJACENT SUTTON TRACT AND BENDAYAN TRACT ON THE PLAT DRAWING.
  9. THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION IDENTIFIES JORGE ALMANZA VALADES AS AN ADJACENT OWNER, WHEREAS THE PLAT DRAWING LABELS JORGE ALMANZA VALDEZ. UPDATE THE OWNERSHIP INFORMATION ACCORDINGLY.

10. ADD THE ADJACENT PROPERTY LINE AND OWNERSHIP FOR PARCEL NO. 185662 TO THE PLAT DRAWING.
  11. THE MONUMENT IDENTIFICATION ON THE PLAT DRAWING DIFFERS FROM THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR THE END OF THE CURVE TO THE LEFT ALONG THE NORTHEAST PROPERTY LINE. REVIEW AND REVISE.
  12. ADD THE DEED CALLS THAT DIFFER FROM THE PLAT CALLS TO THE PLAT DRAWING FOR THE PROPERTY LINE ALONG FM 984.
  13. UPDATE THE FEMA FIRM MAP PANEL NO. IN THE FLOODPLAIN STATEMENT TO BE 48139C0375F, EFFECTIVE JUNE 3, 2013.
  14. REMOVE "BY: CENTRE POINT PROPERTIES, LLC" LOCATED ABOVE THE OWNER SIGNATURE LINE ON SHEET 2.
  15. UPDATE THE NAME UNDER THE OWNER'S SIGNATURE LINE TO: SHERYL HONZA, AUTHORIZED AGENT OF CENTRE POINT PROPERTIES, LLC.
  16. REVISE THE DATE WITHIN ALL SIGNATURE BLOCKS AND NOTARY STATEMENTS ON SHEET 2 TO YEAR 2026.
- A.11 APPROVING OF A PLATTING EXEMPTION FROM PARCEL ID NO. 177658, AS STATED IN TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 232.0015(E). THE ± 1.548-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 55 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF CUTT OFF ROAD AND FM 1181, PARTIALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE ETJ OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2. SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
1. LABEL THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION, ALONG WITH RECORDING INFORMATION, ON THE GRANTEE'S SURVEY FOR FM 1181.
  2. THE PROPERTY IS REQUIRED TO DEDICATE THE APPROPRIATE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S THOROUGHFARE PLAN AT THE TIME OF PLATTING.
  3. NO FURTHER SUBDIVISION OF THIS ENTIRE ± 1.548-ACRE SITE SHALL OCCUR UNTIL IT MEETS THE SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT AT THAT TIME.
  4. AS STATED IN TEXAS LGC 232.0015 (E), IF ANY PIECE OF THIS PROPERTY SELLS OUTSIDE OF THE FAMILY, THE ENTIRE PROPERTY SHALL BE PLATTED PRIOR TO ITS SALE.
  5. ADHERENCE TO ANY OTHER REGULATIONS RELATING TO THIS PARTICULAR PLAT EXEMPTION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS SIGNED AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION.
  6. APPROVAL OF THIS PLATTING EXEMPTION REQUEST DOES NOT EXTEND TO MULTITENANT, MULTI-UNIT, OR ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES OR BUSINESSES WITHOUT MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT AT THAT TIME.

**FINANCIAL CONSENT:**

- F.1 FY2026 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2 JACKIE MILLER, JR.*  
 DECREASE 001-0520-508350 (TRAINING) BY \$300.00  
 DECREASE 001-0520-508740 (DOCKET BOOKS/PRINTING) BY \$300.00  
 INCREASE 001-0520-508060 (OFFICIAL BOND/DUES) BY \$300.00  
 INCREASE 001-0520-508070 (OPERATING EXPENDITURES) BY \$300.00

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT:

**MINUTES ORDER 102.26** (1.1) APPROVING TO ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE LETTER OF CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED, SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS & 67/100 (\$668,190.67), ISSUED BY PLAINS CAPITAL BANK, FOR THE PROPOSED PALMER PARK SUBDIVISION. THE ± 16.837-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 745 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF FM 813 AND NECK ROAD, SITUATED IN THE R. DE LA PENNA SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 3, IN THE ETJ OF THE CITY OF PALMER, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 1.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 103.26** (1.2) APPROVING A REPLAT OF COBBS PLACE LOT 1B, BLOCK A. THE ± 1.497-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 505 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH ARMSTRONG ROAD AND SHARON LANE, PARTIALLY LOCATED IN THE ETJ OF THE CITY OF MAYPEARL, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 3. SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. PROVIDE A COMPLETED AND SIGNED PLAT APPLICATION FROM DIANE M. COBBS.
2. PROVIDE FEE PAYMENT OF \$25.00 FOR FILING OF THE SECOND PLAT PAGE.
3. PROVIDE A COPY OF THE DEED FOR PROOF OF OWNERSHIP FOR LOT 1, RHEA PLACE.
4. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED PARTIALLY WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF MAYPEARL. UPDATE THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, TITLE BLOCK, TO REFLECT THE REPLAT'S UPDATED NAME, COBB'S PLACE LOT 1B, BLOCK A.
5. ADD THE RECORDED OWNERSHIP INFORMATION TO THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR LOT 1 OF RHEA PLACE.
6. UPDATE ARMSTRONG ROAD TO NORTH ARMSTRONG ROAD WITHIN THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND PLAT DRAWING.
7. UPDATE THE OWNERSHIP INFORMATION FOR CARI LYNN RUCKER WITHIN THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND PLAT DRAWING.
8. THE FOLLOWING CALL WITHIN THE WRITTEN PROPERTY DESCRIPTION DOES NOT MATCH THE PLAT DRAWING: "...PASSING AT A DISTANCE OF 510.10 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD WITH CAP STAMPED "RPLS 4480" FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, RCC ADDITION...". REVIEW AND REVISE.
9. LABEL THE IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, RHEA PLACE ON THE PLAT DRAWING.
10. LABEL THE FRONT BUILDING LINE SETBACK MEASUREMENT FOR LOT 1B.
11. UPDATE THE SIDE UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENTS TO BE 10 FEET FOR LOT 1A.
12. ACCORDING TO ELLIS COUNTY'S MASTER THOROUGHFARE, NORTH ARMSTRONG ROAD IS CLASSIFIED AS A MINOR ARTERIAL ROAD. FIFTY (50) FEET OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION MEASURED AT THE CENTERLINE OF NORTH ARMSTRONG ROAD IS REQUIRED FOR LOT 1B. PLEASE UPDATE THE PLAT.
13. ADD DEED CALLS AND ORIGINAL PLAT CALLS TO THE PLAT DRAWING THAT DIFFER FROM THE GROUND CALLS OF THIS REPLAT.
14. UPDATE MARON RD TO MARION RD WITHIN THE VICINITY MAP.
15. CONFIRM THAT THE ORIENTATION OF THE NORTH ARROW ON THE PLAT DRAWING IS CORRECT AND UPDATE IF NECESSARY.
16. UPDATE THE DATES WITHIN THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS AND NOTARY STATEMENTS ON PAGE 2 TO YEAR 2026.

17. LABEL THE LOCATION OF THE EXISTING WELL ON THE PLAT DRAWING.
18. REVISE THE PLAT DRAWING, AND CONTENTS OF THE REPLAT TO REFLECT LOT 1B ONLY.

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

**MINUTES ORDER 104.26** (1.3) APPROVING TO ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS & 50/100 (\$1,219,427.50) ISSUED BY GREAT MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY, FOR THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE ESTATES OF HIDDEN CREEK SUBDIVISION. THE ± 44.50-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 1,335 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERN PORTION OF STONEBRIAR DRIVE AND FM 387, WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 4.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 105.26** (1.4) DENYING A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR PARCEL ID No. 274632, 183403 – (PROPOSED THE TRAILS AT HIDDEN CREEK DEVELOPMENT) FROM VOLUME III, SECTION IV (D) OF THE STANDARD CONSTRUCTION DETAILS TO WAIVE THE REQUIRED CEMENT STABILIZED FLEX BASE. THE ± 65.892-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 830 FEET SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF BUCHANAN DRIVE AND SOUTH RING ROAD, WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 4.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MARIE KELLEY, WAXAHACHIE

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**MINUTE ORDER 106.26** (3.1) APPROVING TO ENTER A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM SERVICES ON THE DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. – COUNTY ENGINEER ZACH GERICH

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MATT CRAIG, RED OAK

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

**MINUTE ORDER 107.26** (3.2) APPROVING TO PURCHASE TWO (2) ADA COMPLIANT METAL DETECTORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,244 TO BE FUNDED BY THE COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND. THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION BY THE ELLIS COUNTY COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE. – COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY

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

**MINUTE ORDER 108.26** (3.3) APPROVING A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT WITH QUORUM ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR AN ANIMAL SHELTER, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,500 WHICH IS 50% OF OVERALL COST. – *DOD DIRECTOR ALBERTO MARES AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MATT CRAIG, RED OAK

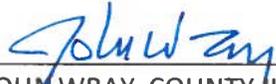
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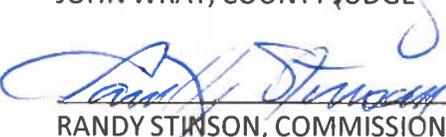
**ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION** **2:37 P.M.**

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

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON JANUARY 6TH, 2026, ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

  
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JOHN WRAY, COUNTY JUDGE

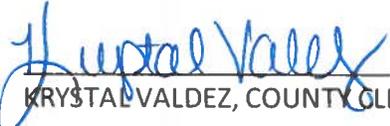
  
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RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1

  
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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 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

  
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KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

