

Ellis County Long Term Recovery Committee Agenda
Ellis County Courts and Admin Building
Multi-Purpose Room, 109 South Jackson, Waxahachie, Texas 75165
October 11, 2022
10:00 – 11:30 AM

MINUTES

Action items have been identified in RED.

Items in Blue are notes from the pervious and current meeting(s).

| AGENDA ITEMS | REMARKS |
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| ❖ <u>WELCOME</u> | ❖ Introduction around the table was made of attendees. There were 15 members in attendance at Ellis County Historic Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom, 101 W. Main Street, Waxahachie, Texas at the October 11, 2022 Meeting. (See the attached Attendance Roster spreadsheet – Column A indicates who attended  Ellis County LTRC Agenda - October 1 |
| ❖ <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Disaster Case Management:</u> The UMCOR and The Salvation Army would work together in Disaster Case Management. They will contact and consolidate the known names of residents that need assistance due to the Storm Incidents. A template will be developed for the purpose of interviews and assisting the other agencies in assisting the residents. | ❖ Major Don & Caitlin Heitz (Case Management Specialist) The Salvation Army Case Manager provided updates on 6 cases. Residents that have not provided the need documents to the Salvation Army office for needed assistance have been closed. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>HELPING Organizations</u> | ❖ The following organizations have been assisting the affected residents on incidents in Ellis County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ American Red Cross ➤ Crisis Response Ministry ➤ Daniel’s Den ➤ Ellis County Homeless Coalition ➤ Ellis County Long Term Recovery Committee - Long Term Recovery Committee - LTRC Ellis County, TX Official Website ➤ Manna House ➤ Meals on Wheels ➤ Midlothian Lions Club |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor Joseph Barrett, Central Baptist Church, Italy, Texas - Joseph Barrett – Central Baptist Church of Italy, Texas (cbcitaly.org) ➤ Salvation Army ➤ Serenity Veterans Village ➤ Superior Construction, Italy (Ashley Ford), 320 US-77, Italy, TX 76651 (888) 230-2240 ➤ Texas Baptist Men ➤ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ➤ United Way of Western Ellis County ➤ Waxahachie Bible Church ➤ Waxahachie Care |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Texas Baptist Men</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Texas Baptist Men currently have the following elements to assist in a disaster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Box Unit ➤ Shower Unit ➤ Clean-Out Unit ➤ Heavy Equipment Unit |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Donations Management/Unmet Needs:</u> The United Way, Ministers Alliance, UMCOR, and The Salvation Army would work these requirements. The Salvation Army Case Worker would be the lead for Unmet Needs and the United Way would oversee the Donations Management (dollars). For request to donate money they can write a check or give cash to the United Way identifying it as funds for the “Ellis County Relief Fund”. As of today the Texting Number is not active. All moneys donated will be 100% used to support Ellis County families and agencies in relief and rebuilding efforts. | <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Ellis County LTR Financial mission st</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>LTRC Meeting – October 24, 2017, January 23, 2018</u> The committee will continue to function as it is, still seeking officers to fulfill the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. ❖ The current balance of in the Ellis County EllisRelief fund is <u>\$4,692.59</u>. United Way – Jamie McNulty, Executive Director of the United Way of West Ellis County ❖ The website to donate thru the United Way is: https://www.uwwec.org/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=28 ❖ We need to continue to use our Social Media resources to keep the information flow and provide the residents with support material. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Spiritual Care:</u> The Crisis Response Ministry, Ministers Alliance, UMCOR, Salvation Army, and Texas Baptist Men would work this area with the Ministers Alliance as the lead agency. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ellis County Christian Homeschool Organization P.O. Box 232, Waxahachie, TX 75168 Contact: Wendy Johnson Email: info@eccho.us http://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/eccho/ ❖ |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to continue to involve our Ministers Alliance group in the community, not only for physical support item but to available for the emotion needs as they are expect to surface in the next 3-6 months. • The Texas Baptist Disaster Recovery group also has access to Counselors through the Baylor Hospital • Discussion on non-faith residents and their needs for counselor which may not be provided by the church counselors. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>OLD ITEMS:</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The minutes for the April 12, 2022 Meeting was reviewed with no further action needed as of this meeting.  <p>Ellis County LTRC Minutes- April 12, 2022</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>HELPING ORGANIZATIONS OR CONTACTS</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>These are some of the Agencies in Ellis County may assist resident in the time of need.</u> ❖ <u>The North Texas Food Banks.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Waxahachie</i>, every 3rd Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Covenant Life Church, 423 N. College Street, Waxahachie. ○ <i>Manna House - Italy</i> has a Food Bank on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. For information, please contact Shelly Skinner, 972-775-0319. ○ The <i>Salvation Army</i> also has a Food Bank available. (Choice Shopping) ❖ <u>Texas Baptist Men</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For assistance to the residents – it was mentioned that the Texas Baptist Men’s organization has a Rebuild group. Point of Contact is Dwain Carter, Rebuild Coordinator, dwain.carter@tbmtx.org ❖ <u>Salvation Army</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boys & Girls Club ○ Thrift store access ○ Assist with food pantry (Choice Shopping) ○ Spiritual Care/Support |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>Crisis Response Ministry</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establishing a Shelter Home ○ The ministry is currently involved in the following helps: Victims of Crimes, Domestic Violence, Provided Temporary Funds, Repair of Door & Window, and Court System helps. ○ ❖ <u>Meals on Wheels</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daily feed 720 meal to residents in Johnson and Ellis Counties ○ Looking for ways to assist ○ <u>United Way</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current assistance websites provided from past meetings (1) https://www.volunteerelliscounty.org/ - VolunteerEllisCounty is designed to connect willing volunteers with the various opportunities in the area. If you have any major events or ongoing volunteer opportunities. (2) https://helpfinder.org/ HelpFinder is designed to connect members in the community who are looking for assistance with the various resources and local agencies. This would be an excellent site to place on the sidebar of your website. ❖ <u>Red Cross</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Getting ready for the spring storms ○ Baylor Thrift Store help ○ Cowboy Church – Palmer ❖ <u>7th Day Adventist</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Care Buckets |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>Crisis Response Ministry.</u> Larry Hunt provided an update on the Crisis Response Ministry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: Larry’s dog (Grace) is now certified as a Therapy dog. Larry and Grace have done some Therapy visit in some local schools since the last meeting. If one is needed, please contact him. ❖ <u>Legal Aid of Northwest Texas</u> (No one in attendance, however the information should be the same.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heidi Marsala is the point of contact for the Legal Aid of Northwest Texas. The office number for assistance is (972) 923-3344 ○ Information from Legal Aid. ○ <u>Evictions Information:</u> We now have an Eviction Defense Intake Line that you can share with community partners, agencies, and court staff. People leave a message and someone calls back and then it gets referred to the |

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| | <p>appropriate office.</p> <p>Need help with an eviction? Call us at 855-548-8457 Call us at 817-339-5391</p> <p><u>Rent Relief:</u> Texas Rent Relief funds still available for rent and utility assistance: For Information, Call Toll-Free or Email: 1-833-9TX-RENT • 1-833-989-7368 • info@texasrentrelief.com Monday-Saturday • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. CST • Help is available in multiple languages.</p> <p><u>Community Services Inc. provides rent and utility assistance for Ellis County Residents:</u></p> <p>302 Hospital Drive, Corsicana, TX 75110 (903) 872-2401 support@csicorsicana.org</p> <p>Attorney at Law LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS 110 E. Main Street, Suite 200 Waxahachie, Tx 75165 972-923-3344 Tel 972-923-9955 Fax</p> <p>❖ United Way – Jamie McNulty, Executive Director of the United Way of West Ellis County.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NEW ITEMS:</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Updates from attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Crisis Response Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides assistance to Victims of Crimes, Domestic Violence, Provided Temporary Funds, Repair of Door & Window, and Court System helps ▪ Has Comfort Dogs for victims ➤ Daniel’s Den <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has an Emergency Shelter (8 beds) ▪ Can provide transportation as needed ▪ Can provide bus tickets ▪ Has Transitional Housing ➤ Ellis County Homeless Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Needs resources in Ellis County. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Salvation Army <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has an active Boys & Girls Club ▪ Has a Food Pantry (Choice Shopping) ▪ Spiritual Care/Support ➤ Serenity Veterans Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located in Palmer, however, provides assistance throughout Ellis County ▪ Constructing Sleeping rooms (portable electric only) for homeless veterans or their families ▪ Need help in construction of these facilities ▪ Has extra item that can placed in helping agencies (eg air fryers) ➤ Superior Construction, Italy (Ashley Ford), 320 US-77, Italy, TX 76651 (888) 230-2240 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify as a construction company that might help with construction and building ➤ Texas Baptist Men <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deployed to Florida currently ▪ Alternate Point of Contact is Pastor Barrett ➤ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can help with home repairs ▪ Would like to see a group formed in Ellis County for Home Repair resources ➤ United Way of Western Ellis County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are 26 Non-Profit organizations that can touched for assistance thru the United Way ▪ Looking for Mentors to assist in the Mentors Care Program for Ellis County ▪ Looking for Community Impact Projects ➤ Waxahachie Bible Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has the Thrift Store on College Street near the Post Office (301 College Street) ▪ Has medical equipment available on a loan basis: walkers, cutches, lift chairs, wheel chairs ▪ Has the following classes available: EFL Class, Citizenship Class, D&A Groups ➤ Waxahachie Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can assist with Rent & Utilities ▪ Has bedding, kitchen items, Baby items, Feminine Products, toys ▪ Has gas appliances ▪ Does minor home repairs as funds are available |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ellis County Emergency Management Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on the Animal Shelter Trailer - \$only \$1,500.00 dollars short on the donations to access the trailer of Ellis County • Provided flyer on the Financial Recovery for Ellis County Partners application (The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Deadline is December 31, 2022. Information can be found on the Ellis County Website. ➤ Pastor Barrett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that Eagle Oak Retreat Center, Italy will be opening soon. Provides services to Veterans and First Responders with PTSD, Eagle Oak Retreat Foundation 1547 US-77, Italy, TX 76651 (979) 800-4376 There Mission: is to provide combat veterans and first responders with the skills necessary to overcome traumatic stress experienced as a result of their service to our country. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CLOSURE</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Next Ellis County Long Term Recovery Committee Meeting is: <u>April 18, 2023, 10:00 – 11:30 AM</u>, Ellis County Courts and Admin Building, Multi-Purpose Room, 109 South Jackson, Waxahachie, Texas 75165 ❖ As Case arise for a need for approval a Special Meeting may be called or the information sent out by email for the vote of the committee. ❖ Invite to follow. |