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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, October 1st, 2024, 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.

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Precinct 3 Commissioner 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.

RECOGNITIONS

R.1 Recognition of County Engineer Ted Kantor for His Service to Ellis County

CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and action:

Administrative Consent:

- A.1 Approval of regular bills, payroll, and officers' reports. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- A.2 Approval of the Commissioners' Court regular meeting minutes from September 17th, 2024. – *County Clerk Krystal Valdez*
- A.3 Acceptance of the August 2024 cash audit receipts, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.024. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*

- A.4 Acceptance of the County Auditor's monthly report for August 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.025. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.5 Acceptance of a tabulated report of the county's receipts and disbursements of funds from August 10th, 2024 – September 10th, 2024, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.024. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- A.6 Approval of the Department of Development's (DoD) monthly financial report for August 2024, as Chapter 114.044 of the Texas Local Government Code requires. – *Department of Development Director Alberto Mares*

Financial Consent:

- F.1 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *County Engineer Ted Kantor*
- Decrease 001-0375-508350 (Training) by \$4,000.⁰⁰
 - Decrease 001-0375-508050 (Conference) by \$3,000.⁰⁰
 - Decrease 001-0375-506890 (GIS Software) by \$2,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0375-508010 (Supplies) by \$4,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0375-508080 (Auto Gas/Oil) by \$3,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0375-508190 (Computer Equipment) by \$2,000.⁰⁰
- F.2 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *AgriLife Extension Service Director Mark Arnold*
- Decrease 001-0050-508050 (Conference) by \$400.⁰⁰
 - Increase 001-0050-508430 (4-H Travel) by \$400.⁰⁰
- F.3 FY24 Line-Item Transfer. – *Precinct 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*
- Decrease 010-0653-509150 (FM2 Asphalt) by \$45,000.⁰⁰
 - Increase 010-0653-509090 (FM2 Repairs/Parts) by \$45,000.⁰⁰

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, Consideration and Action

Department of Development:

- 1.1 Discussion, consideration, and action to release a performance bond for the proposed Greystone Estates Newstone Court cul-de-sac extension project. The ± 7.184-acre site is located ± 255 feet from the intersection of Newstone Court & Greystone Terrace, Midlothian, Road & Bridge Precinct No. 3.
- 1.2 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of 6 MTZ Bros on Hampel, Phase Two. The ± 1.362-acre site is located ± 580 feet northeast of the intersection of North I-45 Service Road and Hampel Road, situated in R. De La Pena Survey, Abstract No. 3, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Palmer, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 1.
- 1.3 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of Country Ridge Farms, Lots 4-A1, 4-A2 & 6-A1, being a replat of Country Ridge Farms Lot 4A & 6A. The ± 33.304-acre site is located at the southwest intersection of Texas Drive and Palmyra Road, Palmer, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 1.

- 1.4 Discussion, consideration, and action on the final plat of Josey's North Texas Cattle Company, Lot 1, Block A. The ± 18.441-acre site is located at the southeast corner of FM 308 & FM 66, situated in the E. Jackson Survey, Abstract No. 556, Grandview, Road & Bridge Precinct No. 3.
- 1.5 Discussion, consideration, and action to ratify staff action on a plat of Morgan Creek Estates, Phase 4, Lot 23A, being a replat of Lot 23 Morgan Creek Estates Phase 4, to create one (1) lot for residential use. The ± 0.800-acre site is located ± 360 feet north of the intersection of Cattle Drive and Norell Rd Road, located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Midlothian, Road, and Bridge Precinct No. 4.

Purchasing:

- 2.1 Discussion, consideration, and action for the County Judge to execute one (1) lease agreement with American National Leasing for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer for Ellis County Constable, PCT 4 in an amount of \$61,292.⁰⁰.
- 2.2 Discussion, consideration, and action for the purchase of a Doosan DX190W-7 US-40 from R.B. Everett & Co. using BuyBoard Contract #685-022 in an amount of \$277,111.⁰⁰ for Commissioner, Pct. 1.
- 2.3 Discussion, consideration and action for the County Judge to execute a cooperative purchasing interlocal agreement with Equalis Group LLC (Equalis Group) in accordance with Local Government Code Chapter 271.
- 2.4 Approval for the County Judge to execute contracts with Advanced Paving Acquisition Ltd dba Advanced Paving Company and Texas Materials Group, Inc. for RFB-2024-010-Pavement Rehabilitation and Resurfacing Services awarded September 17th, 2024.
- 2.5 Approval for the County Judge to execute approved contracts with J&K Excavation, LLC and Sanders Creek Construction, LLC for RFB-2024-011-Hourly Rates for Bridge and Headwall Repair awarded September 17th, 2024.
- 2.6 Discussion, consideration, and approval of Change Order #35 for the Ellis County Central Project for the construction of a new service drive lane, dumpster enclosure, and walk-way to be completed by Rogers-O'Brien in an amount of \$161,481.⁰⁰.

Administrative:

- 3.1 Discussion, consideration, and approval to award \$50,000.⁰⁰ to The Heights Ellis County Family Resources Program for the Fiscal Year 2024 yearly contribution. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- 3.2 Discussion, consideration, and approval for the County Judge to sign a contract with the Ellis County Woman's Building in the amount of \$200.⁰⁰ per month. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- 3.3 Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the ongoing burn ban in Ellis County. – *Fire Marshal Tim Birdwell*

- 3.4 Discussion, consideration, and approval to nominate Rusty Ballard to the Ellis County Appraisal District Board of Directors by resolution for a term beginning October 1st, 2024 and ending September 30th, 2025. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- 3.5 Discussion, consideration, and approval 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 1st, 2024 and ending September 30th, 2025. – *Precinct 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*
- 3.6 Discussion, consideration, and approval of an interlocal cooperation contract between the County of Ellis and the City of Ennis for maintenance, repair, and/or construction of streets, roads, alleys, bridges, parking areas, waterways, and ditches, etc. for a term beginning October 1st, 2024 and ending September 30th, 2025. – *Precinct 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*
- 3.7 Discussion, consideration, and approval 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 1st, 2024 and ending September 30th, 2025. – *Precinct 2 Commissioner Lane Grayson*
- 3.8 Discussion, consideration, and approval of LOGIC Investment Pool as an authorized investment. – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- 3.9 Discussion, consideration, and approval of Application of Participation in Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC). – *County Treasurer Cheryl Chambers*
- 3.10 Discussion, consideration, and approval of the annual payment to the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) in the amount of \$300,000.⁰⁰ to buy-down county liability. Payment will come from General Fund Account #001-0140-505540 and was included in the FY25 Budget. – *Human Resources Director Sharon Mancilla*
- 3.11 Discussion, consideration, and action for the County Judge to sign a one-year contract with Hope Health in the amount of \$440,915.²⁸ for continued Indigent HealthCare services. – *Indigent Health Care Coordinator Terri Klein*
- 3.12 Discussion, consideration, and action for the County Judge to sign a limited right of entry agreement with Texas Facilities Commission for Parcel ID #194448. – *County Judge Todd Little*
- 3.13 Discussion, consideration, and action to set the maximum expenditure amount by incumbent county or precinct officers who were not renominated or reelected, in accordance with Local Government Code §130.908. The affected offices are: Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4; Constable, Precinct 4; County Attorney. – *County Auditor Staci Parr*
- 3.14 Approval of a resolution of support for the creation of Emergency Services District #10 (Bardwell). – *County Judge Todd Little*
- 3.15 Approval of a resolution of support for the creation of Emergency Services District #11 (Alma). – *County Judge Todd Little*

- 3.16 Discussion, consideration, and court approval according to Texas Election Code Section 32.093 for a fixed compensation of election worker hourly pay to increase starting October 1st, 2024 as follows: \$14.⁰⁰ per hour for early voting presiding officer (head clerks), Judges for election day, ballot board and central counting station. \$13.⁰⁰ per hour for Alternate Judges for election day, ballot board and central counting station. \$12.⁰⁰ per hour for early voting and election day clerks. \$19.⁵³ per hour for election day rovers. \$14.⁸⁹ per hour for temporary office help. This hourly pay is for all elections conducted by the Elections Administrator. – *Elections Administrator Jana Onyon*

RECESS TO CONVENE TO 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, 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 Chapter 551.

- 4.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 (1), consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation concerning TCEQ matters, specifically pending Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems permits (TPDES) and pending petitions for the creation of Municipal Utility Districts (MUD's).
- 4.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074, deliberation on the duties of a public employee, specifically Alberto Mares as Director of the Department of Development and his duties under Local Government Code Chapter 232 and the Local Development Regulations Vol. 1 - 3 along with interim duties for the Department of Engineering.
- 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.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Signed the 27th of September, 2024 –


Todd Little, 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 27th of September, 2024 at 4:05 p.m.


Krystal Valdez, County Clerk

