

**NOTICE OF MEETING
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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CINDY POLLEY
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners Court will be held on **Monday, January 13, 2014, 10:00 A.M., in the Historic Ellis County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom (2nd flr), 101 W. Main Street, Waxahachie, Texas** at which time the following will be discussed and considered, to-wit:

County Judge: Carol Bush

County Clerk: Cindy Polley

Commissioners:

- Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1
- Bill Dodson, Commissioner, Pct. 2
- Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3
- Ron Brown, Commissioner, Pct. 4

Assistant County Attorneys:

- Ann Montgomery-Moran
- Lee Auvenshine

OPENING COURT

County Judge will call meeting to order, declare quorum if present, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

Motion to Open Court.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Bill Dodson

PUBLIC COMMENT*

CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and Action:

Administrative:

- A1 Approval of Regular Bills, Payroll, and Officers' Reports
- A2 Consideration and action to purchase 23 Kenwood digital handheld radios using State Forfeiture Funds. Cost for units and programming cables is \$20,504.88. – *Chuck Laubach, Ellis County Sheriff's Office*
- A3 December 2013 Travel Reports of the Texas AgriLife Extension Office
 - Mark Arnold, Agriculture
 - Page Bishop, 4-H
 - Rita Hodges, Family & Consumer Sciences
- A4 Approval to accept the following resignations from Emergency Service District Boards effective December 31, 2013:

ESD #1	Don Frisbee
ESD #5	Paul Jones
ESD #8	Julie Hastings

Financial:

- F1 **From** 001-0210-40965 Contracting Elections **To** 001-0210-50801 Supplies, 001-0210-50848 Salaries. – *Elections Administration*
- F2 **From** 058-0958-30302 Fund Balance **To** 058-0958-50802 Equipment. – *Mike Jones, Constable, Precinct 4*
- F3 **From** 001-0612-50812 Radio **To** 001-0612-50802 Equipment. – *Terry Nay, Constable, Precinct 2*
- F4 **From** 031-0931-50853 Legal Research, 031-0931-50802 Equipment, 031-0931-50807 General Misc **To** 031-0931-50502 Salaries, 031-0931-50553 Fica/SS, 031-0931-50554 Retirement, 031-0931-50550 Insurance. – *Patrick Wilson, County & District Attorney*
- F5 **From** 047-0947-50807 General Expense, 3-047-0000-0302 Fund Balance **To** 047-0947-50802 Equipment. – *Chuck Laubach, Ellis County Sheriff's Office*
- F6 **From** 001-0520-50802 Equipment **To** 001-0520-50803 Furniture/Fixtures. – *Jackie Miller, Jr., Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2*
- F7 **From** 3-030-0000-0302 Budgeted Fund Balance **To** 030-0930-50502 Ck Proc – Salary, 030-0930-50553 Ck Proc – Social Security. – *Patrick Wilson, County & District Attorney*
- F8 **From** 001-0070-50502 Salary **To** 001-0070-50819 Computer – *Dan Cook, Veterans Services*

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1 Consideration and possible action to grant or deny a one-time variance from County of Ellis Rules and Regulations, and Specifications for Subdivisions and Manufactured Homes as it pertains to the Construction Bond for a new subdivision. Property owner, Clyde Hargrove proposes an alternative security agreement for subdivision, Springfield Lakes, in lieu of the standard construction bond required within Section 232.004 of the Local Government Code and Section X of the County Rules, located in Pct. 4.

PURCHASING

- 3.1 Consideration and approval for the disposal of out-dated law books from the Law Library in accordance with Local Government Code 263.152.
- 3.2 Discussion, consideration, and approval for County Judge to sign amendment of the Suez Energy Contract for Ellis County.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 4.1 Big Brothers Big Sisters National Mentor Month Proclamation.

- 4.2 Proclamation recognizing Ellis County native son Ernest Dale Tubb for his legendary career in country music as the 100th anniversary of his birth nears. – *Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3*
- 4.3 Consideration and action to accept a donation made by John Fite of an original oil painting of the Historic Courthouse.
- 4.4 Consideration and action to expand the use of the Ellis County Sheriff's Office Petty Cash Fund to include estray feeding and veterinarian services not to exceed \$250.00 per purchase. This change is authorized in the Local Government Code, Section 130.904(b). – *Chuck Laubach, Ellis County Sheriff's Office*
- 4.5 Consideration and approval of the Early Voting Schedule for the March 4, 2014 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. – *Election Administration*
- 4.6 Consideration and action to approve the renewal of the application and supporting documents for the TEXAS 1033 SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM. This is a yearly requirement of the program. – *Chuck Laubach, Ellis County Sheriff's Office*
- 4.7 Consideration and action as required for the Sheriff's Office to accept a \$1,500 grant from Target Corporation to be used for K-9 public safety related items; the funds to be put in the current Dept. 10 General Misc line item, and approval to complete any follow-up documents required as part of receiving this grant. – *Dennis Brearley, Ellis County Sheriff's Office.*
- 4.8 Consideration and possible action to approve the ratification of a contract with ACS, Firehouse Software, in regard to software utilized by the Fire Marshal's Office.
- 4.9 Discussion and possible action regarding trash / debris dumping in rural Ellis County. – *Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3*
- 4.10 Consideration and approval of Interlocal Agreement between Ellis County Road and Bridge Pct. 1 and Palmer ISD. – *Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1*
- 4.11 Consideration and approval of Interlocal Agreement between Ellis County Road and Bridge Pct. 1 and City of Pecan Hill. – *Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1*
- 4.12 Consideration and approval of Interlocal Agreement between Ellis County Road and Bridge Pct. 1 and City of Ferris. – *Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1*
- 4.13 Consideration and approval of Interlocal Agreement between Ellis County Road and Bridge Pct. 1 and City of Palmer. – *Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1*
- 4.14 Consideration and action to engage Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP to conduct the annual independent audit. – *Mike Navarro, County Auditor*
- 4.15 Consideration and action regarding the potential appointment of existing members and / or new applicants to serve as Emergency Service District Board Members for Emergency Service Districts Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 for two year terms beginning January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

- 4.16 Approval to accept the application of Clifton Neil Sims to Emergency Service District # 1 Board to fill the remaining year of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2014.
- 4.17 Elections Committee and Elections Office update. – *Carol Bush, Ellis County Judge*
- 4.18 Consideration and action regarding the appointment of the Fire Marshal position.

RECESS TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

- 5.1 Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code, consultation to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Fire Marshal.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Signed this the 9th day of January, 2014.



 Carol Bush
 Ellis County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of the Ellis County Commissioners Court 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 10 day of January, 2014 at 8:34 a.m./p.m.

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

By P. Reiter, Deputy