

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

Notice is hereby given that a **Workshop** will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 9:30 a. m. at the Ellis County Courthouse in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 101 West Main St, 2nd Floor, Waxahachie, Texas, the following item will be discussed:

Workshop – no action will be taken

Presentation and discussion concerning the Code Red program.

-Brian Davis with CodeRed

Signed this the 6th day of September,
2007.

Chad Adams
Ellis County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court do hereby certify that the above Notice of Workshop Meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court was posted at the doors of the Ellis County Courthouse, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 6th day of September, 2007 at _____ .M.

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

By_____

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court will be held on **Monday, September 10, 2007 at 10:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 101 West Main Street (2nd Floor), Waxahachie, Texas** at which time the following will be discussed and considered, to-wit:

County Judge:

Judge Chad Adams

Commissioners:

Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Bill Dodson, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Heath Sims, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ron Brown, Commissioner, Pct. 4

County Clerk:

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

County & District Attorney's Office:

Ann Montgomery, Assistant County Attorney

Lee Auvenshine, Assistant County Attorney

1. OPENING COURT

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

1.2 Motion to Open Court.

1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bill Dodson, Pct. 2

2. CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and Action:

Administrative:

- A1 Approval of Regular Bills, Payroll, and Officers' Reports.
- A2 Approval of bills and expenses for the employee appreciation dinner – Cindy Polley
- A3 Accept certificates of completion for Beth Allen, Leanne Brindle, Diana Buckley, Judy Burden, Cheryl Chambers, Holly Davis, Tracie Flieg, Judy Robertson, and Summer Williams, as well as Amy Hollingsworth and Mackie Owens of Hope Clinic, for “Fundamentals of Cost Allowability for Federal Grants and Subgrants,” an audio conference through Thompson Interactive.- A4 To correct a typographical error on the Ellis County Government 2007-2008 Payroll Schedule from an October 21, 2007 pay date to October 26, 2007; November 23, 2007 pay date to November 21, 2007; from March 21, 2008 time sheet due to March 20, 2008.

Financial:

- F1 From 5-001-0050-0819 Computer, 5-001-0050-0830 Maint/Repairs to 5-001-0050-0809 Auto Repair, 5-001-0050-0805 Conference, 5-001-0050-0801 Supplies – Mark Arnold, Ag. Extension
- F2 From 5-001-0450-0807 Crime Scene to 5-001-0450-0802 Equipment- Jim Pharr, Fire Marshal
- F3 From 5-001-0520-0874 Docket Books to 5-001-0520-0805 Conference, 5-001-0520-0801 Supplies – Jackie Miller, Jr. JP Pct. 2
- F4 From 5-006-0754-0911 RB Gen Misc to 5-006-0754-0701 RB Utilities – Ron Brown, Commissioner, Pct. 4
- F5 From 5-012-0754-0911 FM Gen Misc, 5-012-0754-0903 Gravel to 5-012-0755-0962 FM Lubricants, 5-012-0754-0906 FM Culverts, 5-012-0755-0907 FM Tires, 5-012-0755-0914 FM Signs, 5-012-0755-0910 FM Gas/Oil – Ron Brown, Commissioner, Pct. 4
- F6 From 3-047-0000-0302 Fund Balance to 5-047-0000-0001 General Expenses – Ray Stewart, Sheriff
- F7 From 5-001-0360-0883 Microfiche, 5-001-0360-0802 Equipment to 5-001-0360-0846 Witness Fees, 5-001-0360-0833 Court Reporting, 5-001-0360-0807 Gen Misc – Joe Grubs District Attorney
- F8 From 5-001-0110-0802 Equipment to 5-001-0110-0801 Supplies – Diana Buckley, Indigent Health Care
- F9 From 5-001-0614-0703 Telephone to 5-001-0614-0810 Auto Tires – Steve McKinney, Constable, Pct. 4
- F10 From 3-001-0000-0302 Fund Balance to 5-001-0360-0802 Equipment, 5-001-0035-0819 Computer, 5-001-0010-0819 Computer – Chad Adams, County

Judge

F11 From 5-001-0420-0845 Juv Detention to 5-001-0420-0601 Travel, 5-001-0420-0801 Misc – Chris Aldama, Juvenile Services

F12 Approval of a Tax Refund for Overpayment to Colonial Savings, Account #156513 in the amount of \$3,001.97.

F13 From 5-011-0703-0904 Asphalt, 5-011-0703-0908 Lumber to 5-011-0703-0910 Purchase of Equipment – Heath Sims, Commissioner, Pct. 3

F14 From 5-001-0380-0803 Furn/Fix to 5-011-0380-0801 Supplies, 5-001-0380-0802 Equipment – Greg Wilhelm, County Court at Law #1

Simplified Plat

2.1 T & T Wiles, 1 lot, Thomas Wiles, Pct. 2

3. ADMINISTRATIVE

3.1 Consideration and action to approve a contract with Code Red and authorize the County Judge to sign said contract, contingent upon the receipt of the sub-recipient agreement for the MUASI grant.

- Sharon McKinney, Homeland Security

3.2 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to authorize the County Judge to execute a Tax Resale Deed between Ellis County and the Ferris Independent School District trustee for itself, and on behalf of the successor in interest to the Ellis County Educational District and the Ferris Independent School District for a 10.58 acre tract of land acquired by tax foreclosure located in Ellis County, Texas being a portion of that certain 19 acres of land situated in both E. S. Miller

Survey, Abstract 864, Dallas County, Texas and E. S. Miller Survey, Abstract 736, Ellis County, Texas, said 19 acres being described in deed dated July 1, 1980 from James B. Kelly, et ux, to Orvil R. Osborn, et ux, recorded in Volume 647, Page 704, Deed Records of Ellis County, Texas and the 10.58 Acres tract herein described being all of that portion of said 19 acres which lies in the E. S. Miller Survey, Abstract 864, Dallas County, Texas, and being that same property identified on Plaintiff’s Tax Rolls as Account Number (189457) and 8.42 Acres, more or less, situated in the E. S. Miller Survey, Abstract 736, Ellis County, Texas, being a portion of that certain 19 acres of land situated in both E. S. Miller Survey, Abstract 736, Ellis County Texas, and E. S. Miller Survey, Abstract 864, Dallas County Texas, said 19 acres being described in deed dated July 1, 1980 from James B. Kelly, et ux, to Orvil R. Osborn, et ux, recorded in

Volume 647, Page 704, Deed Records of Ellis County, Texas, and the 8.42 acres tract herein described being all of that portion of said 19 acres which lies in the E. S. Miller Survey, Abstract 736, Ellis County, Texas, and being that same property identified on Plaintiff's Tax Rolls as Account Number 188061. The bid received is in the amount of \$27,500, from Mr. Michael R. Moffit of Ferris, Texas. The value of the tract is \$102,320.00. The bid is approximately 27% of the current appraised value and has been approved by the Ferris Independent School District.

- M. Elizabeth Vaughn, Linebarger Gogan Blair & Sampson, LLP

3.3 Consideration and action to approve the Amended Ellis County Tax Abatement Agreement with National Envelope Corporation and Its Landlord, KDC-Ennis I Investments, LP.

- Ann Montgomery, Assistant County and District Attorney

3.4 Consideration and action to approve a proclamation declaring September 16-September 22, 2007 as Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Week in Ellis County.

- Heath Sims, Commissioner, Pct. 3

3.5 Consideration and action to amend the Ellis County Animal Control Ordinance #96-002.

- Heath Sims, Commissioner, Pct. 3

3.6 Consideration and action to approve a resolution stating that any bridge replaced in Ellis County will be a two lane bridge, minimum of 24 feet wide.

- Joe White, County Engineer

4. RECESS REGULAR SESSION TO CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Public Hearing on the Proposed Ellis County Budget for Budget Fiscal Year 2007-2008 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 111.007(a).

- Chad Adams, County Judge

5.2 Public Hearing on the Proposed Ellis County Tax Rate for Budget Fiscal Year 2007-2008 pursuant to Commissioners Court Announcement on August 27, 2007 (Minute Order No. 329.07) of Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for Budget FY 2007-2008.

- Chad Adams, County Judge

6. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

7. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

7.1 Consideration and action to adopt the Ellis County Budget for FY 2007-2008, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §111.007(a).

- Chad Adams, County Judge

7.2 Consideration and action to approve a revision to the contract between Ellis County and the Ellis County SPCA.

- Dana White, Ellis County SPCA

8. DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

Consideration and action regarding the following presented by Delton Ake, Director Department of Development:

8.1 Replat – Cross Creek, Section Two, Phase VII, 4 lots; Vicki Dillow, Pct. 4.

8.2 Replat - Shiloh Forest, Phase 2, 2 lots; into True Vine Believer's Addition, 1 lot, Bobby Glass, Pct. 4.

8.3 Replat – Shiloh Grove, 3 lots into 2 lots, George Tellez, Pct. 4.

8.4 Replat – Goodsmith Estates, 1 lot, Bill Sheen, Pct. 1.

8.5 To grant a variance from County of Ellis Rules, Regulations and specifications for Subdivisions and Manufactured Homes as it relates to fire hydrant requirement on a replat, Wynette Amason, Pct. 3.

8.6 Replat – Grande Casa Ranchitos II, 2 lots, Wynette Amason, Pct. 3.

8.7 To grant a variance from County of Ellis Rules, Regulations and specifications for Subdivisions and Manufactured Homes as it relates to the lot size requirement of 1 acre per lot, Ramsey Road, Pct. 4.

8.8 To grant a variance from County of Ellis Rules, Regulations and Specifications for Subdivisions and Manufactured Homes as it relates to the fire hydrant requirement on a platted subdivision, F.M. 780, Enrique Zuniga, Pct. 1.

8.9 To grant a variance from County of Ellis Rules, Regulations and Specifications for Subdivisions and Manufactured Homes as it relates to the lot size of 4 lots per 1 acre which have public water supply and public sewer, Charles Jowell, Pct. 4.

9. PURCHASING

Consideration and action regarding the following presented by Richard Denniston, Purchasing Agent:

9.1 To award a 12 month blanket order for the repair and fabrication of headwalls and bridges to James R. Bolton at \$175/hour as primary and Neyland Bridge at \$200/hour as secondary. Contract will cover all Precincts. Rate includes all labor and equipment. Ellis County will provide material.

9.2 To notify and declare O’Neal Steel in breach of contract for steel supply to Ellis County.

9.3 To take appropriate action necessary to approve the purchase of Steel from Delta Steel due to unavailability from O’Neal Steel.

10. RECESS TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. 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 §551.074, 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 §551.074.”

12. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

Signed this the 6th day of September,
2007.

Chad Adams
Ellis County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of the Ellis County Commissioners Court do hereby certify that the above Notice of Regular 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 6th day of September, 2007, at _____ a.m./p.m.

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

By _____

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court will be held on **Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 3:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 101 West Main Street (2nd Floor), Waxahachie, Texas** at which time the following will be discussed and considered, to-wit:

County Judge:

Judge Chad Adams

Commissioners:

Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Bill Dodson, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Heath Sims, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ron Brown, Commissioner, Pct. 4

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1.2 Motion to Open Court.

1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Dennis Robinson, Pct. 1

2. ADMINISTRATIVE

2.1 Consideration and action to approve a joint election (includes early voting and Election Day) with the following entities:

1. Midlothian Independent School District
 2. Ellis County Emergency Service District # 4
 3. Ellis County Emergency Service District # 5
 4. Ellis County Municipal Utility District # 1
 5. Buena Vista Bethel Special Utility District
- Jane Anderson, Elections Administrator

2.2 Consideration and action to approve an increase in election worker's salaries from \$7.00 clerks / \$8.00 Judges to \$8.00 clerks / \$10.00 Judges effective with FY 2007-2008.

- Jane Anderson, Elections Administrator

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5. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. ADJOURN MEETING

Signed this the 31st day of August,
2007.

Chad Adams
Ellis County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of the Ellis County Commissioners Court do hereby certify that the above Notice of Special 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 31st day of August, 2007, at _____ a.m./p.m.

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

By:

Deputy Clerk

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