

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

FILED FOR RECORD  
CINDY POLLEY  
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners Court will be held on **Monday, August 10, 2015, 10:00 A.M., in the Historic Ellis County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom (2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Pct. 2  
Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3  
Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Pct. 4

**Assistant County Attorneys:**

Vance Hinds  
Ray Rike

**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 Dennis Robinson

**PUBLIC COMMENT\*- Members of the public will have the opportunity to make their comments at the time the agenda item is being addressed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and Action:**

**Administrative:**

- A1 Approval of Regular Bills, Payroll, and Officers' Reports
- A2 Approval of a resolution in support of the Meals-on-Wheels of Johnson & Ellis County applying for a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture Home –Delivered Meal Grant Program.
- A3 Accept the statement, oath, and bond of the Purchasing Agent.
- A4 Approval of Official Minutes for June 8, 2015, June 22, 2015, July 6, 2015, and July 13, 2015. – *Cindy Polley, County Clerk*
- A5 July 2015 Travel Reports of the Texas AgriLife Extension Office
  - Mark Arnold, Agriculture
  - Rita Hodges, Family & Consumer Science
  - Megan Parr, 4H

**Financial:**

- F1 **From** 004-0652-30302 RB2 Fund Balance Carryover \$1,500.00 **To** 004-0652-50805 RB2 Conference Dues \$1,500.00. – *Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Pct. 2*
- F2 **From** 001-0520-50805 Conference \$275.00, 001-0520-50873 Maintenance/Repairs \$2,535.00 **To** 001-0520-50602 Staff Travel Reimbursement \$275.00, 001-0520-50801 Supplies \$2,535.00. – *Jackie Miller, Jr., Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2*
- F3 **From** 001-0010-40659 Insurance Reimbursement \$3,236.13 **To** 001-0010-50702 Repairs \$3,236.13. – *Brad Norman, Ellis County Sherriff's Office*
- F4 **From** 001-0210-50855 Voting Equipment \$10,500.00 **To** 001-0210-50848 Holding/Salary \$8,500.00, 001-0210-50805 Conference \$2,000.00. – *Bruce Sherbet, Elections Administrator*
- F5 **From** 001-0230-50809 Auto Repairs \$300.00 **To** 001-0230-50801 Supplies \$300.00. – *Jodi Platt, Purchasing Agent*
- F6 **From** 001-0430-50802 Equipment \$1,413.13 **To** 001-0430-50810 Tires \$43.98, 001-0430-50805 Conference \$309.49, 001-0430-50801 Supplies \$861.68, 001-0430-50703 Telephone \$160.78, 001-0430-50601 Travel Reimbursement \$37.20. – *Stephanie Parker, Emergency Management Coordinator*
- F7 **From** 011-0704-30302 Fund Balance \$11,000.00 **To** 011-0704-50912 Bridge Repair \$11,000.00. – *Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3*
- F8 **From** 001-0180-50873 Maint/Repair Office Equip \$3,900.00 **To** 001-0180-50698 Law Books/Dues \$400.00, 001-0180-50802 Equipment \$2,000.00, 001-0180-50801 Supplies \$1,500.00. – *Bob Carroll, 40<sup>th</sup> District Court*
- F9 Approve refund of overpayment to the following account for payment in error:

| <u>Refund to be issued to:</u>   | <u>Account</u> | <u>Amount Due</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Corelogic                        | 226552         | \$3161.67         |
| Discovery Childrens' Academy LLC | 237023         | \$2,500.01        |

**Simplified Plat:**

SP1 Simplified Plat- Howard Addition, 1 lot, Shiloh Road, Darlene Mageors, Pct. 4.

SP2 Simplified Plat – Hutchings-Stewart Subdivision, 2 lots, McDaniel Road, Lisa Stewart, Pct. 1.

**DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT**

**Consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the following matters:**

- 1.1 Replat – Alford's Acres, lots 2 & 3, 7660 Little Branch, Waxahachie, Jose Medina, Road and Bridge Pct. 2.

- 1.2 Grant a one-time variance from County of Ellis Rules, Regulations and Specifications for Subdivisions and Manufactured Home Parks as it relates to lot size, India Acres, Lot 35C, 499 Ten Mile Road, Ferris, Stephen Hamm, Road and Bridge Pct. 1.
- 1.3 Preliminary Plat – Bob White Estates, 74 lots, located on Black Champ Road and Bob White Road, Road and Bridge Pct 4, requested by R.V.P.G. Investments LLC.

## **PURCHASING**

### **Consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the following matters:**

- 2.1 To declare 1996 Ford F-250 truck, VIN 2FTHF26F6TCA48253, from Road and Bridge Precinct 3 as surplus and to be disposed of in accordance with the Local Government Code 263.
- 2.2 Repairs to the estray barn roof caused by wind damage.
- 2.3 Authorize Judge to sign extension agreement with GDF Suez, in accordance with the Local Government Code.
- 2.4 Moving expenses for multiple county offices to their dedicated locations.
- 2.5 The repair of the Ellis County (“Joe White”) Tower end of the Ovilla Link in the amount of \$1570.00.
- 2.6 Ellis County Depository Contract with First Financial Bank.
- 2.7 Ellis County Depository Pledge Contract with First Financial Bank.
- 2.8 Ellis County Collateral Security Agreement with First Financial Bank and Frost National Bank, San Antonio.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding the following matters:**

- 3.1 Burn ban notice for Ellis County.
- 3.2 Acceptance of annual road report received from Road & Bridge Pct. 2. – *Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Pct. 2.*
- 3.3 Accept the resignation of Janis Burdett from the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) board effective October 1, 2015: the position reverting to the County Judge or her designee.
- 3.4 To re-appoint director to the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors for a term of four years to expire August 2019.
- 3.5 Purchase of county vehicles using funds from FY 2014-2015 fund balance.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION TO CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing on the proposed increase of the following expenses of elected officials for Budget FY 2015-16, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §152.013. Salary increases reflect a 3% cost of living adjustment:

Constable, Pct. 1, Roy Callender, Jr.

-Proposed increase of \$1,662 to salary. Increase from \$55,386 to \$57,048

Constable, Pct.2, Terry Nay

-Proposed increase of \$1,662 to salary. Increase from \$55,386 to \$57,048

Constable, Pct. 3, Jimmy Ray

--Proposed increase of \$1,662 to salary. Increase from \$55,386 to \$57,048

Constable, Pct. 4, Mike Jones

-Proposed increase of \$1,662 to salary. Increase from \$55,386 to \$57,048

Justice of the Peace, Pct.1, Bill Woody

-Proposed increase of \$1,829 to salary. Increase from \$60,981 to \$62,810

-Proposed increase of \$200 to travel expense. Increase from \$5,500 to \$5,700

Justice of the Peace, Pct.2, Jackie Miller, Jr.

-Proposed increase of \$1,829 to salary. Increase from \$60,981 to \$62,810

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3, Curtis Polk

-Proposed increase of \$1,829 to salary. Increase from \$60,981 to \$62,810

-Proposed increase of \$1,000 to travel expense. Increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, Steve Eagan

-Proposed increase of \$1,829 to salary. Increase from \$60,981 to \$62,810

County Clerk, Cindy Polley

-Proposed increase of \$2,009 to salary. Increase from \$66,958 to \$68,967

County District Clerk, Melanie Reed

-Proposed increase of \$2,009 to salary. Increase from \$66,958 to \$68,967

County Tax Assessor/Collector, John Bridges

-Proposed increase of \$2,009 to salary. Increase from \$66,958 to \$68,967

-Proposed increase of \$1,300 to conference expense. Increase from \$2,200 to \$3,500

-Proposed increase of \$1,500 to travel expense. Increase from \$1,000 to \$2,500

County Treasurer, Cheryl Chambers

-Proposed increase of \$2,009 to salary. Increase from \$66,958 to \$68,967

Commissioner, Pct. 1, Dennis Robinson

-Proposed increase of \$2,287 to salary. Increase from \$76,226 to \$78,513.

-Proposed increase of \$1,500 to conference expense. Increase from \$1,000 to \$2,500

Commissioner, Pct.2, Lane Grayson

-Proposed increase of \$2,287 to salary. Increase from \$76,226 to \$78,513.

Commissioner, Pct. 3, Paul Perry

-Proposed increase of \$2,287 to salary. Increase from \$76,226 to \$78,513.

Commissioner, Pct.4, Kyle Butler

-Proposed increase of \$2,287 to salary. Increase from \$76,226 to \$78,513.

-Proposed increase of \$1,000 to conference expense. Increase from \$1,500 to \$2,500

Sheriff, Johnny Brown

-Proposed increase of \$2,492 to salary. Increase from \$83,077 to \$85,569

County and District Attorney, Patrick Wilson

-Proposed increase of \$327 to salary. Increase from \$10,885 to \$11,212 as follows:

State Funded Base Salary: \$140,000

Juvenile Board Supplement: \$ 11,212

Total Salary: \$151,212

40<sup>th</sup> District Judge, Bob Carroll

-Proposed increase of \$327 to salary. Increase from \$10,885 to \$11,212 as follows:

State Funded Base Salary: \$140,000

Juvenile Board Supplement: \$ 11,212

Total Salary: \$151,212

443<sup>rd</sup> District Judge, Cindy Ermatinger

-Proposed increase of \$327 to salary. Increase from \$10,885 to \$11,212 as follows:

State Funded Base Salary: \$140,000

Juvenile Board Supplement: \$ 11,212

Total Salary: \$151,212

378<sup>th</sup> District Judge, Joe Grubbs

-Proposed increase of \$327 to salary. Increase from \$10,885 to \$11,212 as follows:

State Funded Base Salary: \$140,000

Juvenile Board Supplement: \$ 11,212

Total Salary: \$151,212

County Court at Law #2, Judge Gene Calvert

-Proposed increase of \$4,497 to salary. Increase from \$149,885 to \$154,382 as follows:

County Funded Base Salary: \$143,170

Juvenile Board Supplement: \$ 11,212

Total Salary \$154,382

County Court at Law #1, Judge Jim Chapman

-Proposed increase of \$4,497 to salary. Increase from \$149,885 to \$154,382 as follows:

County Funded Base Salary: \$143,170

Juvenile Board Supplement: \$ 11,212

Total Salary \$154,382

County Judge, Carol Bush

-Proposed increase of \$2,931 to salary. Increase from \$97,672 to \$100,603 as follows:

County Funded Base Salary: \$89,391

Juvenile Board Supplement: \$11,212

Total Salary: \$100,603

## ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

### RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

3.7 To approve the salaries, expenses and allowances of elected officials for Budget FY 2015-16, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §152.01.

3.8 Setting the date, time and location of the public hearing on the proposed budget for Budget FY 2015-16, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §111.007, as follows:

Monday, August 24, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.  
Ellis County Commissioners' Courtroom  
101 W. Main St.  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

3.9 Discuss the tax rate for Budget FY 2015-16 and take record vote to place the proposal to adopt the rate at a future meeting, pursuant to Texas Tax Code §26.05(d) to be held on the following:

Monday, September 14, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.  
Ellis County Commissioners' Courtroom  
101 W. Main St.  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

3.10 Schedule two (2) public hearings to discuss the proposed tax rate for the Budget FY 2015-2016, and setting time and location of such public hearings, pursuant to §26.06 Texas Tax Code, as follows:

Monday, August 24, 2015, 3:00 P.M.  
Ellis County Commissioners Courtroom  
101 W. Main St.  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

And

Monday, September 14, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

Ellis County Commissioners Courtroom  
101 W. Main St.  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

- 3.11 To authorize County Judge to sign a contract amendment to the intergovernmental cooperative reimbursement agreement between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Ellis County to extend the expiration date of the agreement from August 31, 2015 to August 31, 2017 and to add \$416,798 in funding for FY 2016 and 2017 for the Drive a Clean Machine (DACM) program.
- 3.12 Compensatory analysis report. – *Anne Price, Director of Human Resources*
- 3.13 **From** 001-0430-50502 Salaries \$8,500.00 **To** 001-0430-50802 Equipment \$8,500.00. – *Stephanie Parker, Emergency Management Coordinator*
- 3.14 **From** 001-0015-50502 Staff Salary \$121,000.00 **To** 001-0015-50702 Repairs \$3,000.00, 001-0015-50807 Gen Misc \$2,000.00, 001-0015-50814 Feeding Prisoners \$112,000.00, 001-0015-50815 Jailer Uniforms \$1,000.00, 001-0015-50835 Employee Training \$1,000.00, 001-0015-50865 Pre-Employment Screening \$2,000.00.
- 3.15 **From** 001-0010-50502 Staff Salary \$17,000.00, 001-0010-50602 Staff Travel \$4,000.00, 001-0010-50889 Transport Expense \$2,320.00 **To** 001-0010-50503 Certification Pay \$17,000.00, 001-0010-50812 Radio \$200.00, 001-0010-50802 Equipment \$1,000.00, 001-0010-50946 Dispatch Equipment \$120.00, 001-0010-50809 \$5,000.00.
- 3.16 Discussion of the duties of the Fire Marshal's Office and possible amendment to the County Fire Code.
- 3.17 Act to accept the donation of broken concrete from Sokol KHB to Precinct 3, at no cost to the county. – *Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3*
- 3.18 Act to accept requested work from Maypearl ISD to patch holes in the surface of their high school parking lot and to move existing base material from their AG Barn to the intermediate school parking lot. – *Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3*
- 3.19 Discussion and possible action to accept the loan of audio equipment to the county from Scarborough Faire, in order to allow a Scarborough Faire agent to discuss the compatibility of the loaned equipment with county equipment. – *Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3*

## **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.

- 4.1 Pursuant to §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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.



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 7 day of August, 2015 at 9:34 a.m./p.m.

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

By Jina Chambers, Deputy

- **\*Public Comment – This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must present a completed public participation form to the County Clerk at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.**
- **The Commissioners Court reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any particular order.**
- **If you or your representative, have a disability that requires special arrangements and you plan to attend this public meeting, please contact the County Judge's Office at (972) 825-5011 within 72 hours of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to meet your needs at the meeting.**