

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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**NOTICE OF MEETING
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners Court will be held on **Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:00 P.M.**, in the **Historic Ellis County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom (2nd floor), 101 W. Main Street, Waxahachie, Texas** at which time the following will be discussed and considered, to-wit:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19 IN CONNECTION TO COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETINGS:

Please be aware that the current order from the Office of Governor Greg Abbott limits groups of individuals to less than ten (10). Therefore, satellite viewing rooms will be made available for members of the public to view and participate in the meeting. **The satellite viewing room will be limited to no more than ten (10) individuals at one time. Visitors will be asked to keep at least six (6) feet apart from other members of the public and Ellis County staff.** Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting may complete a participation form that will be submitted to the County Clerk.

Alternatively, an electronic participation form can be submitted through the link below:

<https://www.co.ellis.tx.us/FormCenter/Commissioners-Court-Participation-Form-2/Commissioners-Court-Participation-Form-36>

Satellite viewing location:

Historic Ellis County Courthouse, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Courtroom (1st floor), 101 W. Main St., Waxahachie, Texas 75165

OPENING COURT

County Judge will call meeting to order, declare quorum if present, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act §551

Motion to open meeting

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Precinct 1

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 Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2020. – *Krystal Valdez, County Clerk*
- A3 Approval for County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Affidavit. – *Todd Little, County Judge*
- A4 Approval for payment of funds in relation to Agreement to Contribute Right of Way Funds (Fixed Price), previously approved by Commissioners' Court on November 20, 2018. One section (ROW CSJ #2964-12-003) has an annual payment of \$89,905.45, while the second section (ROW CSJ #2964-12-004) has an annual payment of \$47,081.32. This gives a total of \$136,987.77. – *Ted Kantor, Engineering*

Financial:

- F1 Acceptance of the monthly report for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.044. – *Chris Macon, Judge, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1*
- F2 Approval of tax refunds. – *John Bridges, Tax Assessor/Collector*
- F3 Acceptance of a tabulated report of the county's receipts and disbursements of funds from March 17, 2020 – March 30, 2020, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.024. – *Janet Martin, Audit*
- F4 Acceptance of unanticipated revenue: \$21,425.00 as certified by the County Auditor, pursuant to Local Government Code §111.0108. This is proceeds from an auction held on March 3, 2020 by Lone Star Auctioneers. – *K.W. Winkles, Audit*

***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.**

- F5 **FY2019-20 Budget Amendment:** INCREASE 001-0010-409280 Auction Sale by \$2,150.00; INCREASE 001-0020-508020 Equipment by \$2,150.00. – *K.W. Winkles, Audit*
- F6 **FY2019-20 Budget Amendment:** INCREASE 005-0703-400100 RB3 Sale of Equipment by \$2,000.00; INCREASE 005-0703-508070 RB3 Gen/Misc by \$2,000.00. – *Paul Perry, Commissioner, Road & Bridge Precinct 3*

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, consideration, and action:

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

- 1.1 Consideration and action to approve the final plat of Cabaniss Estates. The property contains ± 11.00 acres of land in the W. Mitchell Survey, Abstract No. 688, located near the north side of the intersection of Derrs Chapel Road and Richards Street, in the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Italy, Road & Bridge Precinct No. 3.
- 1.2 Consideration and action to approve the final plat of Emmert Addition, Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 1. The property contains ± 36.091 acres of land in the R. De La Pena Survey, Abstract No. 3, located ± 3,220 feet northeast of the intersection of FM 660 and Union Hill Road, Ennis, Road & Bridge Precinct No. 1.
- 1.3 Consideration and action for a request to accept a performance bond for Ferris Ranch. This property contains ± 70.84 acres of land in the R. De La Pena Survey, Abstract No. 3, located ± 745 feet west of the intersection of FM 660 and India Road, Ferris, Road & Bridge Precinct No. 1.

PURCHASING

- 2.1 Consideration and approval for the County Judge to execute an agreement between Ellis County and the City of Ferris for the use of the City of Ferris Scout House for First Responder sequestration if necessary due to Covid-19 exposure.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 3.1 Consideration and action to purchase informational material for promotion of the 2020 Census using County funds. – *Todd Little, County Judge*
- 3.2 Consideration and action on a resolution to establish the Indigent Defense Review Committee. – *Todd Little, County Judge*
- 3.3 Consideration and action to approve contract for services with Ron Clyde during the COVID-19 pandemic. – *Todd Little, County Judge*
- 3.4 Consideration and approval for County Judge to sign Interlocal Agreement between Ellis County and City of Waxahachie for use of Hoblitzelle Camp and Conference Center for First Responders Infected with COVID-19. – *Todd Little, County Judge*

- 3.5 Consideration and action to approve Policy and Request Form regarding the Emergency Family & Medical Leave Expansion Policy. This act was recently signed into law and is in effect beginning April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. – *Theresa Taylor, Human Resources*
- 3.6 Consideration and action to approve the Policy and Request Form regarding the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy. This act was recently signed into law and is in effect beginning April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. – *Theresa Taylor, Human Resources*
- 3.7 Consideration and action to replace Inventory Coordinator position with Senior Buyer position in Purchasing Department. This position would be funded from existing funds via a line item transfer and will be compensated within a range of \$55,000 to \$60,000 annually. – *EJ Harbin, Purchasing*

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, to discuss personnel matters.
- 4.2 Pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code, to discuss pending or contemplated litigation by Jodi Spillers.
- 4.3 Pursuant to §551.072 of the Government Code, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if 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

Signed this the 3rd day of April, 2020.



Todd Little
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 3rd day of April, 2020 at 12:33 a.m./p.m.



Krystal Valdez, County Clerk

Tina Chambers

, Deputy

- 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.