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Burn Ban Rescinded

In a special meeting on Friday, March 20, Ellis County Commissioners voted unanimously to rescind the burn ban.

“The KBDI was 248 this morning – well below 500,” said Fire Marshal Investigator Jim Pharr. “The National Forest Service says it will be a dry spring and summer, but lifting the ban at least for a short period of time will allow people to burn their trash.”

The 90-day ban was originally slated to expire near the end of April.

Also in Friday’s meeting, the Court approved application for Recovery Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding of \$76,950 to be used in law enforcement. Chief Sheriff’s Deputy Dennis Brearley was asked to take charge of writing the grant application, which will ask for funding to add technology to County law enforcement vehicles to improve both safety and efficiency.

The Court adjourned to executive session to deliberate the appointment of a new county judge to fill the unexpired term of County Judge Chad Adams. No action was taken following the executive session.