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Palmer to consider sale of beer and wine

Based upon Election Administrator Jane Anderson's certification of qualified signatures on a Local Option Petition submitted for the City of Palmer, Ellis County Commissioners ordered that an election be held in the City of Palmer "TO LEGALIZE THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE" on November 2, 2010, the next uniform election date. The City of Palmer will be responsible for the election cost.

Commissioners also approved the polling locations for the November 2, 2010 general election as well as the early voting schedule and locations for early voting.

Polling locations will be as follows:

- Pct. 101 & 102, Midlothian Church of Christ
- Pct. 103, First Baptist Church of Ovilla
- Pct. 104 & 110, Acorn Building/Old Junior High, Red Oak
- Pct. 105 & 140, Eastridge Elementary, Red Oak
- Pct. 106 & 143, Ferris ISD Administration Building
- Pct. 107 & 142, Midlothian Conference Center
- Pct. 108, Creekside Church of Christ, Midlothian
- Pct. 109, Red Oak City Hall
- Pct. 111 & 136, Waxahachie Bible Church
- Pct. 112 & 118, Church of Christ, Maypearl
- Pct. 113 & 115, Graham Street Church of Christ, Waxahachie
- Pct. 114, First Baptist Church/Epton Hall, Waxahachie
- Pct. 116 & 128, Fundamental Baptist Church, Palmer
- Pct. 117, Bristol Community Center
- Pct. 119, Buffalo Creek Baptist Church, Waxahachie
- Pct. 120 & 145, Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie
- Pct. 121 & 127, Refiner's Fire Ministries, Ennis
- Pct. 122, Church of Christ on Country Club Road, Ennis

Pct. 123 & 141, Bright Morning Star Baptist Church, Ennis
Pct. 124 & 126, Trinity United Methodist Church, Ennis
Pct. 125, Ellis County Sub-Courthouse in Ennis
Pct. 129 & 139, Park Meadows Baptist Church, Waxahachie
Pct. 130, Milford Community Center
Pct. 131, Italy City Council Chamber
Pct. 132, Avalon High School
Pct. 133, Bardwell Community Center
Pct. 134, First United Methodist Church, Waxahachie
Pct. 135, Ferris Heights Methodist Church, Waxahachie
Pct. 137, Longbranch Community Church, Midlothian
Pct. 138, Oak Leaf City Hall
Pct. 144, Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, Waxahachie

Early voting for both the General Election and the Local Option Election will begin on October 18, 2010 and continue through October 29, 2010. Locations for early voting will be the Elections Office in Waxahachie, the Ellis County Sub-Courthouse located in Ennis, the Midlothian Conference Center, and the Acorn Building in Red Oak. For specific hours of operation at each location, visit the county website at www.co.ellis.tx.us.

Commissioners also reappointed Dr. Thomas Ledbetter to a second two-year term as the Ellis County Health Authority.

According to the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 121.021, a Local Health Authority is a physician appointed to administer state and local laws relating to public health within the appointing body's jurisdiction, performing those duties necessary to protect the public health.

In other business, Commissioners:

- Approved a contract with BAT Security for installation and monthly maintenance for an alarm system in the Waxahachie tax office;
- Approved a contract with West Publishing for the law library to use West Complete for print publications, with a yearly savings of approximately \$1,300;
- Approved an amendment to the existing contract between Ellis County and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding a grant relating to expenditure of Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) funds for Local Initiative Projects under Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 382.220;
- Approved a replat in Emerald Forest, Section One, pct. 3.