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“New Position in Ellis County Elections Office Strengthens Election Integrity Measures”

Ellis County, TX – At its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, the Ellis County Commissioners’ Court provided funding for one new clerk position in the Elections Office. This new position will help the office manage increased employee workload caused by strengthened election integrity processes implemented during the 87th Texas Legislature.

“We strive to respect the taxpayer dollar in Ellis County,” said County Judge Todd Little, “but if there is one thing we can justify spending on, it would be election integrity. That was the reason behind our decision to pay for sequentially-numbered ballots, and that is the reason we must also provide Elections with the staffing they need to accommodate the requirements we put in place.”

Passed in 2021, Senate Bill 1 fortified election integrity measures across the board, including new verification requirements for voter registrations and mail-in ballots. Recently, Ellis County also opted to utilize sequentially-numbered ballots, which must be pre-printed before every election. While these new requirements are intended to enhance election integrity, they also greatly increase the time required for election workers to process voter and ballot data.

Combined with the sheer number of new voters brought about by Ellis County’s expanding population, this increased workload has strained the Elections Office. Elections Administrator Jana Onyon presented a request for an additional Clerk III position to commissioners, who agreed to fund the position with a transfer of \$25,900.42 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022. Moving forward, the new position will be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2023 budget with a fully-funded salary of \$62,161.00.

Interested applicants can apply at <http://co.ellis.tx.us/Jobs.aspx?UniqueId=124&From=All&CommunityJobs=False&JobID=Clerk-III-262> or by reaching out to Ellis County Human Resources at 972-825-5290.

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