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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, September 8, 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:**

Visitors will be asked to review posted screening questions prior to entry. Pursuant to Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-29, visitors will be asked to keep at least six (6) feet apart from other members of the public and Ellis County staff.

OPENING COURT

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

Motion to open meeting

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kyle Butler

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

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS:

AA Recognition of Dale Cheek, retiring from Ellis County Sheriff's Office after 20 years of service.

CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and action:

Administrative:

A1 Approval of Regular Bills, Payroll, and Officers' Reports.

- A2 Approval of Commissioners' Court Minutes from and August 25, 2020.
– *Krystal Valdez, County Clerk*
- A3 Approval of payment to Dr. Leigh Nordstrom in the amount of \$7,425.00 for 49.5 hours of work related to COVID-19 pandemic response. – *Todd Little, County Judge*
- A4 Approval of the FY2020-21 Commissioners' Court Calendar. – *Todd Little, County Judge*
- A5 Acceptance of the annual audit of the fiscal accounts and records for Emergency Services District #1, pursuant to Chapter 775.082 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- A6 Acceptance of the annual audit of the fiscal accounts and records for Emergency Services District #2, pursuant to Chapter 775.082 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- A7 Acceptance of the annual audit of the fiscal accounts and records for Emergency Services District #3, pursuant to Chapter 775.082 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- A8 Acceptance of the annual audit of the fiscal accounts and records for Emergency Services District #4, pursuant to Chapter 775.082 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- A9 Acceptance of the annual audit of the fiscal accounts and records for Emergency Services District #6, pursuant to Chapter 775.082 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- A10 Acceptance of the annual audit of the fiscal accounts and records for Emergency Services District #7, pursuant to Chapter 775.082 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- A11 Acceptance of the annual audit of the fiscal accounts and records for Emergency Services District #8, pursuant to Chapter 775.082 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- A12 Acceptance of the annual audit of the fiscal accounts and records for Emergency Services District #9, pursuant to Chapter 775.082 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- A13 Authorize the County Judge to execute a renewal of a contract with FPSI (Fire and Police Selection Inc) for the entry level Deputy Sheriff employment exams. This is our current vendor and is a budgeted expense. – *Chuck Edge, Sheriff*
- A14 Approval for the County Judge to execute an amendment to the contract approved on October 27, 2013 (Minute Order 382.13) for Software Services from Swagit Productions, LLC. – *E.J. Harbin, Purchasing*

Financial:

- F1 Acceptance of a tabulated report of the county's receipts and disbursements of funds from August 19, 2020 – August 30, 2020, pursuant to Local Government Code §114.024. – *Janet Martin, Audit*
- F2 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 001-0010-508700 Estray by \$842.93; DECREASE 001-0010-509380 DWI Warrant Review by \$191.12; INCREASE 001-0010-508890 Transport Expense by \$842.93; INCREASE 001-0010-508470 Promotional/Printing by \$191.12. – *Chuck Edge, Sheriff*
- F3 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 001-0015-508880 Computer Software by \$250.77; INCREASE 001-0015-508030 Furniture/Fixture by \$46.93; INCREASE 001-0015-508210 Jailer Uniform by \$203.84. – *Chuck Edge, Sheriff*
- F4 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 001-0050-508190 Computer Equipment by \$15.79; DECREASE 001-0050-508430 4-H Travel by \$500.00; DECREASE 001-0050-508050 Conference by \$500.00; INCREASE 001-0050-508010 Supplies by \$1,015.79. – *Mark Arnold, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office*
- F5 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 001-0140-505600 Com/Fringe Liability by \$2,598.00; INCREASE 001-0020-505020 Salaries – Full Time by \$2,175.00; INCREASE 001-0020-505530 Social Security by \$167.00; INCREASE 001-0020-505540 Retirement by \$256.00. – *Todd Little, County Judge; Keith Roberts, Maintenance*
- F6 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 001-0380-508320 Visiting Judge by \$450.00; INCREASE 001-0380-508190 Computer Equipment by \$450.00. – *Jim Chapman, County Court at Law #1*
- F7 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 009-0602-509080 FM1 Lumber by \$15,000.00; DECREASE 009-0602-508680 FM1 Contract Labor by \$5,000.00; INCREASE 009-0602-509110 FM1 Gravel by \$15,000.00; INCREASE 009-0602-509140 FM1 Signs by \$5,000.00. – *Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Road & Bridge Precinct 1*
- F8 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 003-0601-509150 RB1 Asphalt by \$45,354.00; INCREASE 003-0601-509110 RB1 Gravel by \$45,354.00. – *Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Road & Bridge Precinct 1*
- F9 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 001-0060-506010 Travel Reimb by \$540.00; DECREASE 001-0060-507030 Telephone by \$350.00; DECREASE 001-0060-508060 Dues by \$200.00; DECREASE 001-0060-508080 Auto Gas by \$2,100.00; DECREASE 001-0060-508100 Tires by \$200.00; DECREASE 001-0060-508730 Office Equip Maint by \$610.00; INCREASE 001-0060-508010 Supplies by \$1,000.00; INCREASE 001-0060-508020 Equipment by \$1,000.00; INCREASE 001-0060-508050 Conference by \$500.00; INCREASE 001-0060-508090 Auto Repair by \$850.00; INCREASE 001-0060-508190 by \$650.00. – *Alberto Mares, Department of Development*

- F10 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 001-0210-508880 Computer Software by \$8,600.00; INCREASE 001-0210-508480 Part Time Election Salaries by \$8,600.00. – *Jana Onyon, Elections*
- F11 **FY2019-20 Line Item Adjustment:** DECREASE 001-0450-508020 Equipment by \$300.00; INCREASE 001-0450-508080 Auto Gas by \$300.00. – *Tim Birdwell, Fire Marshal*
- F12 **FY2019-20 Budget Amendment:** INCREASE 042-0942-303020 Budgeted Fund Balance by \$1,701.72; INCREASE 042-0942-508020 Equipment by \$1,701.72. – *Chuck Edge, Sheriff*

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, consideration, and action:

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

- 1.1 Consideration and action upon a plat of Lot 1, Block 1, Lacey Addition. The property contains ± 2.403 acres of land in the Samuel Billingsley Survey, Abstract No. 78, located on the south side of FM 2377 ± 1,505 feet east of Hollie Drive, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 1.
- 1.2 Consideration and action upon a plat of G. Martinez and Bros Estates Plat. The property contains ± 8.498 acres of land in the R. De La Pena Survey, Abstract No. 3, located on the northwest side of Newton Road ± 2,134 feet south of Bobs Run Drive, Road and Bridge Precinct No. 1.
- 1.3 Consideration and action for a request to accept a performance bond for the Bella Vista Subdivision (Parcel ID No. 191729). This property contains ± 40.730 acres of land in the Henry Taylor Survey, Abstract No. 1099, located on the north side FM 875, ± 1,622 feet west of the intersection of Skinner Road and FM 875 Road, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Midlothian, Road & Bridge Precinct No. 4.

PURCHASING

- 2.1 Consideration and action to provide authorization to advertise and solicit bids for printed forms including letterhead, envelopes, business cards, and other printing materials for the county.
- 2.2 Consideration and action to provide authorization to advertise and solicit bids for wholesale gas and diesel for precinct tanks/barns and Ellis County Sheriff's Office.
- 2.3 Consideration and action to provide authorization to advertise and solicit bids for convenience store fuel.
- 2.4 Discussion, consideration and approval for the tiered award of Bid Number RFB 2020-018 – Contract for Miscellaneous Concrete Work to J.C. Concrete (Primary Section "A" and "B"); J&K Excavation (Primary Section "C"); Joe Muirhead Concrete Services (Secondary all) and Don Smith Concrete (Tertiary all).

- 2.5 Consideration and action to declare the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus for various Ellis County Departments and to be disposed in accordance with Local Government Code Chapter 263:

	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>VIN</u>
a.	FORD	2005	EXPLORER	1FMZU73K75ZA14610
b.	DODGE	2005	RAM	1D7HA18N55S210956
c.	DODGE	2005	RAM	1D7HA18N64S741369
d.	DODGE	2010	CHARGER	2B3CA4CV1AH203535
e.	ACURA		LEGEND	JH4KA7655MC037386
f.	MAZDA		6	1YVFP80C365M17395
g.	FORD	2007	500	1FAHP241976150337
h.	MINATSUBISHI		DIAMANTE	GMMAP47P2XT004351
i.	GMC	1993	PICKUP	2GTEC19K3P1550847

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 3.1 Presentation by Midlothian Economic Development regarding Project 1906, also known as Earth Root Holdings, LLC. – *Kyle Kintateder, Midlothian Economic Development*
- 3.2 Consideration and action to advise Human Resources, Payroll, and the Auditor’s Office of the Commissioners’ Court’s desire to implement or not implement Presidential Executive Order on deferment of FICA. – *Janet Martin, Audit*
- 3.3 Consideration and approval to participate in the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) cybersecurity training program and for County Judge to sign agreement. – *Theresa Taylor, Human Resources*

RECESS REGULAR SESSION TO CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING

- P1 Public Hearing on FY 2020-2021 Proposed Tax Rate, pursuant to Texas Tax Code §26.06.
- P2 Public Hearing on FY 2020-2021 Proposed Ellis County Budget, pursuant to Local Government Code §111.007.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

- 3.4 Discuss and consider the recommendation of the FY2020-21 Salary Grievance Committee: a 5% raise for Ellis County Constables. This was recommended by a 7-2 vote on August 27, 2020. – *Todd Little, County Judge*
- 3.5 Discussion, consideration, and action to adopt the FY 2020-2021 Budget pursuant to Local Government Code §111.008. – *Todd Little, County Judge*

- 3.6 Discussion, consideration, and action to adopt a County tax rate of 0.320946 (consisting of an Interest and Sinking rate of 0.019531 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of 0.301415), and to adopt a Farm to Market tax rate of 0.031182 for Ellis County FY 2020-2021, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §81.006 and Texas Tax Code §26.05. This will make the total tax rate 0.352128 per \$100 of taxable value. – *Todd Little, County Judge*

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.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Signed this the 3rd day of September, 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 September, 2020 at 3:03 a.m. (p.m.)



Krystal Valdez, County Clerk

By  _____, 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.