

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
OFFICIAL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE HISTORIC ELLIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM (2ND FLOOR) 101 W. MAIN STREET, WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS AT WHICH THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED, TO-WIT:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

COUNTY CLERK: KRYSTAL VALDEZ

COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY

COMMISSIONERS:

PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER RANDY STINSON
PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON
PRECINCT 3 COMMISSIONER LOUIS PONDER
PRECINCT 4 COMMISSIONER KYLE BUTLER

OPENING COURT:

COUNTY JUDGE CALLS MEETING TO ORDER, DECLARES QUORUM AND DECLARES NOTICES LEGALLY POSTED PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER LANE GRAYSON*

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTE ORDER 414.25

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A.1 APPROVING OF REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL, AND OFFICERS' REPORTS. – *COUNTY TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS*
- A.2 APPROVING THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25TH, 2025. - *COUNTY CLERK KRYSTAL VALDEZ*
- A.3 APPROVING THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025. - *COUNTY CLERK KRYSTAL VALDEZ*
- A.4 ACCEPTING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025, PURSUANT TO LGC §114.044. - *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1 JUDGE CHRIS MACON*
- A.5 ACCEPTING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2 MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025, PURSUANT TO LGC §114.044. - *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2 JUDGE JACKIE MILLER, JR.*
- A.6 ACCEPTING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3 MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025, PURSUANT TO LGC §114.044. - *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 3 JUDGE DAN COX*
- A.7 ACCEPTING OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4 MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025, PURSUANT TO LGC §114.044. - *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 4 JUDGE JAMES "BUTCH" BRYANT*
- A.8 ACCEPTING OF THE CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2 MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025, PURSUANT TO LGC §114.044. - *CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2 CASEY BORDERS*
- A.9 APPROVING OF AN INTERLOCAL WORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELLIS, PRECINCT 2 AND THE CITY OF GARRETT, INTERLOCAL MO #462.24. THE WORK IS TO INCLUDE RECLAIM AND CHIP SEAL IN THE

CITY OF GARRETT ON PORTIONS OF SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD. – COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON

- A.10 ACCEPTING OF 2025 CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED BY SEC. 262.011, LGC FOR PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN. - *PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN*
- A.11 ACCEPTING OF 2025 CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED BY SEC. 81.0025, LGC FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1 RANDY STINSON - *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1 RANDY STINSON*
- A.12 ACCEPTING OF THE RESIGNATION OF JOE CHADIC FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LEVEE DISTRICT #2, AND APPROVING TO APPOINT MATT CAMERON IN HIS PLACE. – *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1 RANDY STINSON*
- A.13 ACCEPTING OF THE RESIGNATION OF EDWARD MCFADDEN FROM ESD #7 (BRISTOL), EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. – *FIRE MARSHAL TIM BIRDWELL*
- A.14 ACCEPTING OF THE RESIGNATION OF RICK DAVIS FROM ESD #9 (PALMER), EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. – *FIRE MARSHAL TIM BIRDWELL*
- A.15 ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT OF DARREN WYNN TO REPLACE RICK DAVIS, TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2025 TO ESD #9 (PALMER). – *FIRE MARSHAL TIM BIRDWELL*

FINANCIAL CONSENT:

- F.1 ACCEPTING OF AN INTERLOCAL DEPOSIT FROM PALMER ISD BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1 RANDY STINSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,307.10 AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE:
INCREASE 009-0602-508070 (OPERATING EXPENSE) BY \$115,307.10
INCREASE 009-0602-509100 (FUEL) BY \$10,000.00
PURSUANT TO TEXAS LGC §111.0108, UNANTICIPATED REVENUE CERTIFIED BY COUNTY AUDITOR. – *COUNTY AUDITOR STACI PARR*
- F.2 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY TREASURER CHERYL CHAMBERS*
DECREASE 001-0400-508350 (TRAINING) BY \$2,000.00
INCREASE 001-0400-508050 (CONFERENCE) BY \$2,000.00
- F.3 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE COUNTY COORDINATOR*
DECREASE 001-0050-508030 (FURNITURE/FIXTURES) BY \$1,200.00
INCREASE 001-0050-508050 (CONFERENCE) BY \$1,200.00
- F.4 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SHARON MANCILLA*
DECREASE 001-0425-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$100.00
INCREASE 001-0425-508050 (CONFERENCE) BY \$78.00
INCREASE 001-0425-508010 (SUPPLIES) BY \$22.00
- F.5 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 4 JUDGE JAMES “BUTCH” BRYANT*
DECREASE 001-0540-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$112.63
INCREASE 001-0540-506020 (STAFF TRAVEL) BY \$112.63
- F.6 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3 CURTIS POLK, JR.*
DECREASE 001-0613-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$189.00
INCREASE 001-0613-508090 (AUTO REPAIRS) BY \$189.00
- F.7 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON*
DECREASE 010-0653-509150 (ASPHALT) BY \$25,000.00
INCREASE 010-0653-509090 (REPAIR PARTS) BY \$25,000.00

- F.8 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 LANE GRAYSON*
 DECREASE 004-0652-509150 (ASPHALT) BY \$10,000.00
 INCREASE 004-0652-509240 (SOIL CONSERVATION) BY \$10,000.00
- F.9 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3 LOUIS PONDER*
 DECREASE 005-0703-505020 (SALARIES-FULL TIME) BY \$4,000.00
 DECREASE 005-0703-508070 (OPERATING EXPENDITURES) BY \$584.15
 INCREASE 005-0703-505025 (SALARIES-SEASONAL) BY \$4,000.00
 INCREASE 005-0703-508190 (COMPUTER EQUIPMENT) BY \$584.15
- F.10 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3 LOUIS PONDER*
 DECREASE 011-0704-508070 (OPERATING EXPENDITURES) BY \$10,000.00
 DECREASE 011-0704-509150 (ASPHALT) BY \$30,000.00
 DECREASE 011-0704-508070 (OPERATING EXPENDITURES) BY \$1,067.72
 INCREASE 011-0704-509090 (REPAIRS/PARTS) BY \$10,000.00
 INCREASE 011-0704-509170 (CONCRETE STABILIZATION) BY \$30,000.00
 INCREASE 011-0704-508050 (CONFERENCE DUES/BOND) BY \$1,067.72
- F.11 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR JOCELYN KING*
 DECREASE 001-0035-508010 (SUPPLIES) BY \$1,000.00
 DECREASE 001-0035-508050 (CONFERENCE) BY \$2,000.00
 INCREASE 001-0035-508080 (AUTO GAS/OIL) BY \$600.00
 INCREASE 001-0035-508190 (COMPUTER EQUIPMENT) BY \$2,400.00
- F.12 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY*
 DECREASE 001-0140-570020 (CONTINGENCY-DEATH PENALTY) BY \$47,010.40
 INCREASE 001-0360-508460 (WITNESS FEE) BY \$47,010.40
- F.13 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY LINDY BEATY*
 DECREASE 001-0360-508460 (WITNESS FEE) BY \$34,934.00
 DECREASE 001-0360-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$4,500.00
 INCREASE 001-0360-508190 (COMPUTER EQUIPMENT) BY \$39,434.00
- F.14 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY LINDY BEATY*
 DECREASE 001-0360-508080 (AUTO GAS) BY \$1,937.00
 DECREASE 001-0360-508330 (COURT REPORTING) BY \$6,909.00
 INCREASE 001-0360-508030 (FURNITURE/FIXTURES) BY \$8,846.00
- F.15 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *443RD DISTRICT COURT JUDGE GRACE PANDITHURI*
 DECREASE 001-0200-508330 (EXTRA COURT REPORTER) BY \$1,317.05
 INCREASE 001-0200-508010 (SUPPLIES) BY \$1,317.05
- F.16 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR JANA ONYON*
 DECREASE 001-0210-509420 (ELECTION EXPENSE) BY \$6,000.00
 INCREASE 001-0210-508680 (CONTRACT SERVICES) BY \$6,000.00
- F.17 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *INDIGENT HEALTHCARE DIRECTOR TERRI KLEIN*
 DECREASE 001-0110-508010 (SUPPLIES) BY \$800.00
 INCREASE 001-0110-508680 (CONTRACT SERVICES) BY \$800.00
- F.18 FY2025 LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – *EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR MICHAELA SANDEFER*
 DECREASE 001-0430-508020 (EQUIPMENT) BY \$2,400.00
 DECREASE 001-0430-509770 (PREPAREDNESS TRAINING) BY \$1,000.00

DECREASE 001-0430-508080 (AUTO GAS) BY \$680.00
INCREASE 001-0430-508190 (COMPUTER EQUIPMENT) BY \$2,400.00
INCREASE 001-0430-508050 (CONFERENCE) BY \$1,680.00

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT:

MINUTE ORDER 415.25 (1.1) APPROVING TO ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR THE PROPOSED ELLIS RANCH MANORS. THE ± 122.595-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 530 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF GIBSON ROAD AND BROADHEAD ROAD, SITUATED IN THE G.R. WHELOCK SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1117, WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE NUMBERS 1 AND 4, IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1. ACCEPT BOND NO. LICX1986821 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, & 00/100 (\$151,200.00) ISSUED BY LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY FOR EARTHWORK.
2. ACCEPT BOND NO. 1986822 IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS, & 30/100 (\$609,447.30) ISSUED BY LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINAGE.
3. ACCEPT BOND NO. 198682 – IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION, SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS, & 40/100 (\$2,627,301.40) ISSUED BY LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY FOR PAVING CONSTRUCTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 416.25 (1.2) APPROVING A REPLAT OF ENSIGN ESTATES, LOTS 2R1 & 2R2, BLOCK A. THE ± 10.373-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 615 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF ENSIGN ROAD AND BRAZIER ROAD, LOCATED IN THE ETJ OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2. SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. CORRECT THE OWNER'S NAME WITHIN THE METES AND BOUNDS AND SIGNATURE LINE. THE DEED INDICATES PATRICIA L. MORRIS AS THE OWNER.
2. WITHIN THE METES AND BOUNDS, CORRECT THE PROPERTY LOCATION TO BE WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY.
3. CORRECT THE ACREAGE AND SQUARE FOOTAGE MEASUREMENTS WITHIN THE PLAT DRAWING, WHICH DO NOT EQUATE TO THE MEASUREMENTS INDICATED WITHIN THE METES AND BOUNDS AND TITLE BLOCK.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 417.25 (1.3) APPROVING A REPLAT OF WILD PLUM SUBDIVISION, LOTS 2R AND 2R-1. THE ± 14.741-ACRE SITE IS LOCATED ± 4,230 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF FM 55 AND NASH HOWARD ROAD, WAXAHACHIE, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 2. SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. REMOVE ALL COLOR WITHIN THE PLAT. PLATS ARE TO BE BLACK AND WHITE ONLY; THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WILL NOT ACCEPT PLATS WITH COLOR FOR FILING.
2. ADD ALL OWNERS' NAMES TO THE OWNER CONTACT ON PAGE 1.
3. MEASUREMENTS WITHIN THE PLAT DRAWING INDICATE THE GROSS ACREAGE TO BE 14.741; HOWEVER, THE TITLE BLOCK INDICATES 14.740 ACRES.
4. REMOVE THE DUPLICATE SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION BLOCK ON THE SECOND PAGE.
5. TXDOT'S DRIVEWAY PERMIT INDICATES PARCEL NO. 307764 WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ONE ACCESS POINT AT THIS LOCATION AND THAT A SHARED ACCESS IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED. PLEASE UPDATE THE PLAT DRAWING TO IDENTIFY A SHARED ACCESS DRIVEWAY FOR LOTS 2R AND 2R-1 MEETING TXDOT'S REQUIREMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE ADD A GENERAL PLAT NOTE REFERENCING TXDOT'S ACCESS REQUIREMENT.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 418.25 (1.4) APPROVING TO RELEASE THE SUPPLEMENTAL DEPOSIT AND ACCEPT THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR JORDAN RUN PHASE IV. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS ± 92.218 ACRES, LOCATED SOUTH OF MAKALA DRIVE, ± 330 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF KATRINA RUN AND NORRELL ROAD, MIDLOTHIAN, ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT NO. 3. APPROVED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1. RELEASE OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL DEPOSIT, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS & 00/100 (\$5,000.00), ISSUED BY HSM DALCON, INC., RECEIVED FOR THE OUTSTANDING DRAINAGE DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE JORDAN RUN, PHASE IV SUBDIVISION.
2. ACCEPT THE INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE JORDAN RUN, PHASE IV SUBDIVISION INTO THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEM.
 - A. ROADS LOCATED WITHIN THE JORDAN RUN, PHASE IV SUBDIVISION INCLUDE:
 1. DREW LANE (± 778.50 FEET)
 2. KATRINA RUN (± 2,682 FEET)
 3. KYNLEIGH LANE (±1,303 FEET)
 4. GRAYSON COURT (± 627 FEET)
 5. DAVID LANE (± 959 FEET)
 6. CLAIRE DRIVE (± 2,316 FEET)
 7. REBECCA DRIVE (± 321 FEET)

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

PURCHASING:

MINUTE ORDER 419.25 (2.1) APPROVING TO PURCHASE FURNITURE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE COURTS AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITY REMODEL PROJECT FROM OAK CLIFF OFFICE PRODUCTS USING THE TIPS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #230301 AND OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #240117. THE TOTAL FURNITURE AND INSTALLATION COST WILL BE \$245,313.83.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 420.25 (2.2) APPROVING FOR THE AWARD OF RFP-2025-007 INMATE FOOD SERVICES FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY DETENTION CENTER TO SELRICO SERVICES, INC. FOR INMATE FOOD SERVICES AND APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT UPON FINAL LEGAL REVIEW.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 421.25 (2.3) APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #22 FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY COURTS & ADMINISTRATION RENOVATION PROJECT FOR AVIGILON CAMERA LICENSES AND AN AI NVR2 SERVER IN AN AMOUNT OF \$71,177.00

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, MOTION CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE:

PASSED (3.1) PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL INTERPRETATION OF TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE AND INTRODUCTION OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M PERSONNEL DISTRICT EXTENSION ADMINISTRATOR, JAY KINGSTON. – *TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE COUNTY COORDINATOR SIDNEY ATCHLEY*

NO ACTION (3.2) INTRODUCTION OF ELLIS COUNTY COALITION FOR HEALTH OPTIONS, DBA HOPE HEALTH'S NEW CEO MICHAEL RANDLE. – *INDIGENT HEALTHCARE DIRECTOR TERRI KLEIN*

MINUTE ORDER 422.25 (3.3) APPROVING TO RENEW THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (TAC) WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR THE 2026 PLAN YEAR AND SUBMIT POOL DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY FOR THE POOL TO PROPERLY UNDERWRITE THE RENEWAL, INCLUDING APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ALL RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION. – *HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SHARON MANCILLA*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 423.25 (3.4) APPROVING ADDITIONAL/AND/OR UPDATED CORE MEMBERS TO THE ELLIS COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM. – *COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY LINDY BEATY*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 424.25 (3.5) APPROVING TO UPDATE THE ELLIS COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL TO ALIGN WITH CHANGES APPROVED BY THE 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025 OF CHAPTER 262 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. – *PURCHASING AGENT E.J. HARBIN*

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

NO ACTION (3.6) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET UPDATE. – *COUNTY JUDGE CHIEF OF STAFF RYAN GARRETT*

PUBLIC HEARING (2:47 P.M. – 3:01 P.M.)

MOTION TO OPEN P.1 BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

(P.1) PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: SHEILA HOOD, MIDLOTHIAN; MATT CRAIG, RED OAK

MOTION TO CLOSE P.1 BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING (3:02 P.M. – 3:08 P.M.)

MOTION TO OPEN P.2 BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

(P.2) PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX YEAR 2025 PROPERTY TAX RATE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MARK BIELAMOWICZ, WAXAHACHIE

MOTION TO CLOSE P.2 BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

MINUTE ORDER 425.25 (3.7) APPROVING TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET. – *COUNTY JUDGE JOHN WRAY*

RECORD VOTE:

COMMISSIONER STINSON : YES

COMMISSIONER PONDER: YES

COMMISSIONER GRAYSON: YES

COMMISSIONER BUTLER: YES

JUDGE WRAY: YES

MINUTE ORDER 426.25 (3.8) APPROVING TO ADOPT THE TAX YEAR 2025 PROPERTY TAX RATE:
TOTAL TAX RATE: 0.273992 (M&O = 0.246737 I&S = 0.009041 F/M = 0.018214)

RECORD VOTE:

COMMISSIONER STINSON: YES COMMISSIONER PONDER: YES
COMMISSIONER GRAYSON: YES COMMISSIONER BUTLER: YES JUDGE WRAY: YES

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION **3:17 P.M.**

MOTION TO RECESS BY COMMISSIONER STINSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

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 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071(1), CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO ACOSTA, LLP. VIA REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE, REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION CONCERNING TCEQ MATTERS, SPECIFICALLY PENDING TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEMS PERMITS (TPDES), PENDING PETITIONS FOR THE CREATION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS (MUDs) AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO MUD'S.
- 4.2 PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071 (1), CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION MATTER CONCERNING SPRINGSIDE ESTATES, PHASE 2 BONDS.
- 4.3 PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071 (1), CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION REGARDING ROAD REPAIRS DONE ON SUNRISE CIRCLE.

RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION **4:19 P.M.**

MOTION TO RECONVENE BY COMMISSIONER PONDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT **4:20 P.M.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRAYSON, MOTION CARRIED

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2025, ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:



JOHN WRAY, COUNTY JUDGE



RANDY STINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1



LANE GRAYSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 2



LOUIS PONDER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3



KYLE BUTLER, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.



KRYSTAL VALDEZ, COUNTY CLERK

