

**NOTICE OF MEETING
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

FILED FOR RECORD
KRYSTAL VALDEZ
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners Court will be held on **Tuesday, August 18, 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:

County Judge:	Todd Little	County Clerk:	Krystal Valdez
Commissioners:	Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1 Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Pct. 2 Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3 Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Pct. 4	Assistant County Attorney:	Vance Hinds

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 Lane Grayson

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

RECESS REGULAR SESSION TO CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

P1 Public hearing on the proposed increase of the following expenses of elected officials for Budget FY 2020-2021, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §152.013.

****Please see attachment A for specific details.**

County Court at Law #1 Judge, Jim Chapman – No proposed increase.

County Court at Law #2 Judge, Gene Calvert – No proposed increase.

County Court at Law #3 Judge, *vacant until January 1, 2021* – New position created by Texas Legislature with budgeted amount of \$151,739 for salary; \$3,000 for conference; and \$450 for travel allowance.

County Judge, Todd Little – No proposed increase.

Sheriff, Charles Edge – No proposed increase.

Commissioner, Precinct 1, Randy Stinson – No proposed increase.

Commissioner, Precinct 2, Lane Grayson – No proposed increase.

Commissioner, Precinct 3, Paul Perry – No proposed increase.

Commissioner, Precinct 4, Kyle Butler – No proposed increase.

County Clerk, Krystal Valdez – No proposed increase.

District Clerk, Melanie Reed – No proposed increase.

County Tax Assessor/Collector, John Bridges – No proposed increase.

County Treasurer, Cheryl Chambers – No proposed increase.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Chris Macon

- No proposed salary increase.

- Proposed increase of \$1,800 to travel allowance. Increase from \$7,200 to \$9,000.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Jackie Miller, Jr.

- No proposed salary increase.

- Proposed increase of \$1,800 to travel allowance. Increase from \$7,200 to \$9,000.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Dan Cox

- No proposed salary increase.

- Proposed increase of \$1,800 to travel allowance. Increase from \$7,200 to \$9,000.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Steve Egan

- No proposed salary increase.

- Proposed increase of \$1,800 to travel allowance. Increase from \$7,200 to \$9,000.

Constable, Precinct 1, Roy Callender, Jr. – No proposed increase.

Constable, Precinct 2, Terry Nay – No proposed increase.

Constable, Precinct 3, Curtis Polk, Jr. – No proposed increase.

Constable, Precinct 4, Mike Jones – No proposed increase.

County and District Attorney, Patrick Wilson – No proposed increase.

378th District Judge, William D. Wallace – No proposed increase.

40th District Judge, Bob Carroll – No proposed increase.

443rd District Judge, Cindy Ermatinger – No proposed increase.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

REGULAR AGENDA – Discussion, consideration, and action:

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 3.1 Discussion, consideration, and action to approve the salaries, expenses, and allowances of elected officials for Budget FY 2020-2021, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §152.011.
– *Todd Little, County Judge*
- 3.2 Consideration and action to set the proposed tax rate for FY2020-21. – *Todd Little, County Judge*
- 3.3 Consideration and action to set the following date, time, and location for a public hearing on the proposed budget for FY2020-21, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §111.007:

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Ellis County Commissioners' Courtroom
101 W. Main St., Waxahachie, TX 75165

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 14th day of August, 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 14th day of August, 2020 at 3:17 a.m./p.m.

Krystal Valdez, County Clerk

By Jina Chambers, 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.

August 18, 2020 Commissioners' Court Public Hearing



Attachment A

Title	Current Salary	Proposed Salary		Current Conference	Proposed Conference		Current Travel Allowance	Proposed Travel Allowance	
		Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease
**Ellis County Court at Law #1	179,739	None	None	3,000	None	None	450	None	None
**Ellis County Court at Law #2	179,739	None	None	3,000	None	None	450	None	None
**Ellis County Court at Law #3	151,739	None	None	0	3,000	None	None	450	None
Ellis County Judge	109,191*	None	None	3,000	None	None	Auto Provided	None	None
Ellis County Sheriff*	97,096	None	None	3,000	None	500	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County Commissioner Pct. 1	89,460	None	None	3,000	None	None	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County Commissioner Pct. 2	89,460	None	None	3,000	None	None	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County Commissioner Pct. 3	89,460	None	None	3,000	None	None	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County Commissioner Pct. 4	89,460	None	None	3,000	None	None	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County Clerk	79,130	None	None	5,500	None	None	2,000	None	None
District Clerk	79,130	None	None	3,000	None	None	1,500	None	None
Ellis County Tax Assessor/Collector	79,130	None	None	3,000	None	None	2,000	None	None
Ellis County Treasurer	79,130	None	None	3,000	None	None	475	None	125
Ellis County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1	72,468	None	None	3,000	None	None	7,200	1,800	None
Ellis County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2	72,468	None	None	3,000	None	None	7,200	1,800	None
Ellis County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3	72,468	None	None	3,000	None	None	7,200	1,800	None
Ellis County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4	72,468	None	None	3,000	None	None	7,200	1,800	None
Ellis County Constable, Pct. 1*	66,233	None	None	3,000	None	500	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County Constable, Pct. 2*	66,233	None	None	3,000	None	500	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County Constable, Pct. 3*	66,233	None	None	3,000	None	500	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County Constable, Pct. 4*	66,233	None	None	3,000	None	500	Auto Provided	Auto Provided	None
Ellis County and District Attorney	12,739	None	None	3,000	None	None	2,000	None	None
378th District Judge	12,739	None	None	3,000	None	None	500	None	None
40th District Judge	12,739	None	None	3,000	None	None	500	None	None
443rd District Judge	12,739	None	None	3,000	None	None	500	None	None

*Constables and Sheriff can earn up to \$900 per year in certification pay as well.

** County Court at Law #1, County Court at Law #2, County Court at Law #3 and County Judge salaries include Juvenile Board Supplement.

*** The salary approved for the prior County Judge for fiscal year 2018-2019 was \$169,300.