

**ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OFFICIAL MINUTES // DECEMBER 19, 2013**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013 AT 3:00 P.M., IN THE HISTORIC ELLIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM, 101 WEST MAIN STREET (2ND FLOOR), WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED TO WIT:

PRESENT WERE:

COUNTY JUDGE:

JUDGE CAROL BUSH

COMMISSIONERS:

DENNIS ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1

BILL DODSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2

PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3

RON BROWN, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4

COUNTY CLERK:

TINA CHAMBERS, ASSISTANT COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

ANN MONTGOMERY-MORAN, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

LEE AUVENSHINE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

OPENING COURT: (3:05 PM)

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

MOTION TO OPEN COURT BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DODSON CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—COMMISSIONER DENNIS ROBINSON, PCT. 1

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTE ORDER NO 418.13 APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A1 APPROVAL OF REGULAR BILLS, PAYROLL, AND OFFICERS' REPORTS
- A2 NOVEMBER 2013 TRAVEL REPORTS OF THE TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE
 - MARK ARNOLD, AGRICULTURE
 - PAGE BISHOP, 4-H
 - RITA HODGES, FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES
- A3 REVIEW AND ADOPT BY RESOLUTION THE ELLIS COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY, INVESTMENT STRATEGY, AND AUTHORIZED BROKERS IN ACCORDANCE TO SECTION 256.005 (E) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. THERE ARE NO CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR — CHERYL CHAMBERS, TREASURER
- A4 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE ON THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED VEHICLES THAT ARE ALLOWED TO DISPLAY REGULAR LICENSE PLATES ON EXEMPT VEHICLES: 1999 CHEVROLET VIN# 1GCEK19T1X1142567 – CHUCK LAUBACH, ELLIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
- A5 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE NECESSARY BONDS FOR THE FOLLOWING ELECTED ELLIS COUNTY OFFICIAL.
BILL DODSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2 \$3,000.00

FINANCIAL:

F1 FROM 001-0210-40719 CHAPTER 19 STATE FUNDING TO 001-0210-50800 CHAPTER 19 EXPENDITURES – JANE ANDERSON, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

PURCHASING:

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PRESENTED BY KIM GOULD, PURCHASING AGENT:

MINUTE ORDER NO 419.13 (2.1) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN ELLIS COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SOUTH ELLIS WATER DISTRICT

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DODSON CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE:

3.1 4-H'ERS WILL PRESENT FINDINGS OF THEIR WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT TO COURT. – PAGE BISHOP, EXTENSION FIVE (5) 4-H MEMBERS APPEARED AND MADE PRESENTATION TO THE COURT

3.2 RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE MILFORD PIPELINE EXPLOSION.
JUDGE BUSH THANKED RESPONDERS

3.3 PRESENTATION BY DPS REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ELLIS COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ALLOWING DPS TO PLACE ITS RADIO EQUIPMENT ON THE NEW ELLIS COUNTY TOWER. GABRIELLE MCKITCHERN, DPS SPOKE TO COMMISSIONERS ABOUT THE LOW OR NO COST OF EQUIPMENT ON ELLIS COUNTY TOWERS

MINUTE ORDER NO 420.13 (3.4) APPROVAL TO SUBSCRIBE TO CASA RADAR PROGRAM
AMANDA EVERLEY, NTCOG SPOKE REGARDING WEATHER RADAR

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PERRY CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTE ORDER NO 421.13 (3.5) APPOINTING LARRY BARNETT TO THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS WORKFORCE BOARD

MOTION TO APPROVE BY JUDGE BUSH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PERRY CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTE ORDER NO 422.13 (3.6) AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AN INTERMEDIATE CLERK IN THE ELLIS COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THIS POSITION WILL PAY \$12.3726 PER HOUR AND BE FUNDED FROM THE DRUG FORFEITURE-STAFF SALARY 031-0931-50635-00000-000, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 FOR THE REMAINING 2013-2014 BUDGET. (SB 1611...UNFUNDED MANDATE TO PROVIDE COPIES TO DEFENSE ATTORNEYS) (PATRICK WILSON, COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER PERRY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

TABLED: 3.7 DISCUSSION WITH MIKE NAVARRO AND COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGARDING APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF RESPONSE AND SHARING OF RESOURCES IN THE EVENT OF A LOCAL OR DECLARED EMERGENCY. – PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

RECESS REGULAR SESSION TO CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING (4:15 PM)

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DODSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

1. OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING TO PRESENT INFORMATION AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

WHETHER OR NOT TO CREATE ONE OR MORE COUNTY ENERGY TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE (CETRZ), AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, TO PROMOTE ONE OR MORE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY TO BE FUNDED BY THE CERTZ. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS TOPIC MAY BE FOUND ON THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.ROADSFORTEXASENERGY.COM](http://www.roadsfortexasenergy.com) UNDER THE "LEGISLATION" TAB.

SPEAKERS: JOE WHITE, COUNTY ENGINEER
KATHY RODRIGUE, COUNTY CHIEF APPRAISER

THE POTENTIAL BOUNDARIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF A COUNTY ENERGY TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE (CETRZ), AS AUTHORIZED §222.1071 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE.

PARTICIPANTS: GINGER COLE AND DAVE VANCE

1. THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY, 30 DAYS AFTER CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING, TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE MATTER, AS THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY IN ITS DISCRETION DETERMINE TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY.

INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING BY EITHER ORAL OR WRITTEN TESTIMONY WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE A SPEAKER'S FORM TO BE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING. ORAL TESTIMONY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES IN THE INTEREST OF TIME AND TO PERMIT MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION BY OTHERS. RULES OF DECORUM WILL APPLY.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION (4:40 PM)

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DODSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PERRY CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTE ORDER NO 423.13 (3.8) APPROVAL TO HIRE TWO (2) PART TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES AT A CLERK II PAY SCALE FOR 25 HOURS PER WEEK FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FROM WHEN THEY BEGIN EMPLOYMENT
MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PERRY CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTE ORDER NO 424.13(3.9) APPROVAL TO PURSUE A CONTRACT SERVICE PERSON FOR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON TO PURSUE CONTRACT SERVICE PERSON FOR ELECTIONS AND BRING DOLLAR AMOUNT BACK TO COURT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DODSON CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DODSON CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT (5:18 PM)

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON, SECOND BY JUDGE BUSH CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2013 ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

PRESIDING OFFICER:



CAROL BUSH, COUNTY JUDGE


DENNIS ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 1


BILL DODSON, COMMISSIONER, PCT 2


PAUL PERRY, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3


RON BROWN, COMMISSIONER, PCT 4

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF OFFICE THIS MARCH 24, 2014


CINDY POLLEY, COUNTY CLERK

