

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners' Court will be held on **Monday, December 8, 2008 at 10:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 101 West Main Street (2nd Floor), Waxahachie, Texas** at which time the following will be discussed and considered, to-wit:

County Judge:

Judge Chad Adams

Commissioners:

Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Bill Dodson, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Heath Sims, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ron Brown, Commissioner, Pct. 4

County Clerk:

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

County & District Attorney's Office:

Ann Montgomery, Assistant County Attorney

Lee Auvenshine, Assistant County Attorney

1. OPENING COURT

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

1.2 Motion to Open Court.

1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Dennis Robinson

2. CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and Action:

Administrative:

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

A2 Accept Certificate of Course Completion for Open Meetings Act and Certificate of Attendance for the Attorney General's Conference for Holly Davis and Gretchen Kitzman.

A3 Accept the certified copy of the appointment of Michael S. Navarro to County Auditor of Ellis County for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Financial:

F1 From 006-0754-40008 Interlocal Agreement to 006-0754-50807 General Misc. – Ron Brown, Commissioner, Pct. 4

F2 From 001-0510-50874 Docket Books to 001-0510-50819 Computer – Bill Woody, JP Pct. 1

3. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 3.1 Update from Lori Burns on the status of the Public Power Pool.
 - Chad Adams, County Judge
- 3.2 Presentation from Wes Burt from e-Civis concerning improving grant performance in Ellis County.
 - Chad Adams, County Judge
- 3.3 Consideration and action to approve an Agreement Cooperation between the County of Ellis and the Ennis Garden Club (represented by the Chairman of the Bluebonnet Trail Annual Event) pursuant to Local Government Code 319.003 and 319.004.
 - Bill Dodson, Commissioner, Pct. 2
- 3.4 Consideration and action to approve a Work Order Under Agreement Cooperation between the County of Ellis and the Ennis Garden Club (represented by Chairman of the Bluebonnet Trail Annual Event).
 - Bill Dodson, Commissioner, Pct. 2
- 3.5 Consideration and action to create a temporary part-time clerk position in the Emergency Management Department to be paid entirely by grant funds and terminating on July 31, 2009.
 - Diana Buckley, Human Services
- 3.6 Consideration and action to approve a travel reimbursement policy for Ellis County that will reflect any changes made by the Internal Revenue Service to the standard mileage rates for reimbursed travel expenses and, in addition, to approve a decrease to the county mileage reimbursement from 58.5 cents per mile to 55.0 cents per mile in accordance with changes made by the Internal Revenue Service, effective January 1, 2009.
 - Holly Davis, Special Projects Director
- 3.7 Consideration and action to approve a resolution supporting the creation of a Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) with Ellis, Johnson, Hill and Somervell Counties as a fee-based GCD during the 81st Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, allowing for regulation of water use by oil and gas industry like other large producers of groundwater, and allowing for the possible inclusion of Navarro County should that county ever be included in the Priority Groundwater Management Area (PGMA).
 - Holly Davis, Special Projects Director
- 3.8 Consideration and action to approve the appointment of Bernyce Crownover to the Ellis County Women's Building board for a four-year term. She will replace Sylvia Smith who has completed her four-year term.
 - Holly Davis, Special Projects Director
- 3.9 Consideration and action in compliance with the rules of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board for the ratification and approval by the Commissioners Court of the appointment by the Ellis County Commissioners Court naming County Court at Law No. 2 Judge Gene Calvert to the slot statutorily designated for a judge of a county court or county court at law in the county having jurisdiction over criminal matters for the term of January through December 2009.
 - Chad Adams, County Judge

4. ENGINEERING

Consideration and action regarding the following presented by Joe White, County Engineer:

- 4.1 To accept a settlement in the amount of \$36,411.34 and authorize the County Judge to sign a release for damages incurred to Dale Acres Bridge in Precinct 3 on April 30, 2008.
- 4.2 To contract with Atmos Energy Corporation to relocate gas pipelines necessary for construction of the Ellis County Bond Program. Cost not to exceed \$74,000.
- 4.3 To authorize the County Judge to sign an Easement and Right Of Way Agreement between Ellis County and Atmos Energy Corporation necessary for relocation of Atmos pipelines associated with the Ellis County Bond Program.

5. DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

Consideration and action regarding the following presented by Delton Ake, Director Department of Development:

- 5.1 Discussion of proposed Slaughter House location at the address of 620 Greathouse Road, Pct. 3.

6. PURCHASING

Consideration and action regarding the following presented by Richard Denniston, Purchasing Agent:

- 6.1 To approve the purchase of two (2) 2005 Dodge Ram Trucks from APEX Fleet in the amount of \$10,110.00 each for a total of \$20,220.00 for Precinct 2.
- 6.2 To approve the purchase of a 2009 Dodge Charger with pursuit package from McKinney Dodge, with additional equipment to be purchased upon delivery (light bar, siren, lights, door locks, mobile video, radio, cage, radar) at a cost not to exceed \$35,000 (50% to be covered by grant) for the emissions enforcement grant.

7. RECESS TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. 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 §551.071, 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 §551.071.”

- 8.1 Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Government Code, consultation with counsel regarding the

possible sale or lease of real property “if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person”.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

Signed this the 4th day of December, 2008

Chad Adams
Ellis County Judge

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of the Ellis County Commissioners Court do hereby certify that the above Notice of Regular 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 4th day of December, 2008, at _____ a.m./p.m.

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

By _____
Deputy

The Commissioners Court reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any particular order. Anyone wishing to address the Commissioners Court concerning a posted agenda item must make a formal request by presenting a "Participation Form" to the County Clerk at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting. 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.