

**NOTICE OF MEETING
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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CINDY POLLEY
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Commissioners Court will be held on **Thursday, December 19, 2013, 3:00 P.M., in the Historic Ellis County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom (2nd flr), 101 W. Main Street, Waxahachie, Texas** at which time the following will be discussed and considered, to-wit:

County Judge: Carol Bush

County Clerk: Cindy Polley

Commissioners:

- Dennis Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 1
- Bill Dodson, Commissioner, Pct. 2
- Paul Perry, Commissioner, Pct. 3
- Ron Brown, Commissioner, Pct. 4

Assistant County Attorneys:

- Ann Montgomery-Moran
- Lee Auvenshine

OPENING COURT

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

Motion to Open Court.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Dennis Robinson

PUBLIC COMMENT*

CONSENT AGENDA – Consideration and Action:

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
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Financial:

- F1 **From** 001-0210-40719 Chapter 19 State Funding **To** 001-0210-50800 Chapter 19 Expenditures. –
Jane Anderson, Elections Administrator

PURCHASING

Consideration and action regarding the following presented by Kim Gould, Purchasing Agent:

- 2.1 Consideration and action to authorize 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 3.1 4-H'ers will present findings of their Water Conservation Project to Court. – *Page Bishop, Extension*
- 3.2 Recognition of First Responders of the Milford pipeline explosion.
- 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.
- 3.4 Discussion and possible action to subscribe to CASA Radar Program.
- 3.5 Consideration and action to appoint Larry Barnett to the North Central Texas Workforce Board.
- 3.6 Consideration and action to authorize the approval of hiring an Intermediate Clerk in the Ellis County & District Attorney 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. – *Patrick Wilson, County & District Attorney*
- 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

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 CETRZ. Additional information on this topic may be found on the Texas Department of Transportation website: <http://www.roadstexasenergy.com> under the "Legislation" tab.

The potential boundaries and requirements of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ), as authorized §222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code.

2. 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

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

- 3.8 Consideration and action to authorize the hiring of personnel as necessary in the Elections Office.
- 3.9 Consideration and action to engage contract services for elections administration.

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 16th day of December, 2013.



Carol Bush
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 16 day of December, 2013 at 2:42 a.m./p.m.

Cindy Polley, County Clerk

By P. Keiter, Deputy