



# COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:30 AM

Ellis County Administrative Center – Commission Room

## Order of Business

- I. Opening
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
  - C. Clerk Calls the Roll
  - D. Order of Business  
Consideration of Amendments
  
- II. Prior Minutes – May 2, 2023
  
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Refunding Warrants as presented
  - B. Approval of Tax Roll Adjustments as presented
  - C. Approval of Escape Tax Orders as presented
  - D. Approval of Adds and Abates as presented
  - E. Approval of Purchase Orders as presented
  - F. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll as presented
  - G. Approval of County Licenses as presented
  
- IV. Issues from Persons Not on the Order of Business

## Public Forum Guidelines

*The Board requests all members of the public respect these guidelines so everyone who wants an opportunity to provide input will be given the chance.*

- Speakers are asked to only speak at the podium,
- Speakers are asked to start with stating their name, county, and organization,
- Speakers are limited to 3 minutes to make their presentations,
- Speakers are asked to make only points that have not been made previously.



- V. Monthly Financial Report
- VI. Voting Polling Place Changes (Bobbi Dreiling, County Clerk)
- VII. County Administrator Report (Darin Myers, County Administrator)
- VIII. County Commission Reports
- IX. Executive Session(s)
- X. Adjournment



**ELLIS COUNTY**  
**AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA DATE: May 9, 2023**

**TOPIC:** Poll Site changes

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Informational only.

**MOTION NEEDED:**    Yes No

**SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Combining two poll sites to a new location (601 Main and St. Michael's to Lutheran Messiah Lutheran Church as 2000 Main Street)

**Poll site at 601 Main Street**

Precincts involved: W1 P1 and W1 P2

Eligible voters: 1332

Voter turnout:

2022 USD Bond – 75 (0.06%)

2021 City/School – 50 (0.04%)

2019 City School – 70 (0.05%)

2017 City/School – 51 (0.04)

2022 General – 220 (17%)

2022 Primary – 262 (20%) This was higher because of the Constitutional Question on the ballot)

2020 General – 340 (26%) This was Presidential year

2020 Primary – 191 (14%)

Parking issues – The parking lot for 601 Main itself is very small and difficult to maneuver. There is some street parking and the parking lot across the street is not able to be used any longer.

**Poll Site at St. Michael's Church**

Precincts involved: W3 P1 and W3 P2

Eligible Voters: 1502

Is non-compliant with ADA standards. Voters that use the ExpressVote on the lower level of the poll site, because they can't do the steps to upper level, have no way to deposit their ballots into the DS200 which is located on the upper level of the poll site.

In searching for a new polling place to combine both of these locations I started with working with the Messiah Lutheran Church at 2000 Main Street. Church member (former Ellis County Clerk) Donna Maskus helped facilitate this meeting. I spoke with the board members and viewed their facility. I found that the room they offered would be optimal for a polling site. In the meantime, during my conversations with Messiah Lutheran Church, I was contacted by two FHSU students with the American Democracy Project. I looked at two locations: Student Union and Gross Memorial Coliseum. The Student Union was not feasible as the location of the actual room to be used as a polling site was quite a distance for voters to access. The second location was Gross Memorial Coliseum. While this location would have been better than the Student Union, I was told there was no air conditioning in the area that would be used until 2025; and they were not able to assure me that the space would



be available if I would have special elections, as their location would be first available for anything that they have scheduled for their own needs.

I will be sending out a postcard to each eligible voter to inform them of their new polling site. I will also post notices on the old polling sites the day of the election in the event a voter shows up they will know where to go. I have a news release with Hays Post and Hays Daily News that will also go out.

By combining these two polling sites there will be some savings to the County: Three less election workers will be needed and there will be less programming fees for two machines with the closing of one poll site.

**PURCHASE ORDERED NEEDED:**    Yes No                      **PO#**\_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTED BY:**        Bobbi Dreiling, Ellis County Clerk

**REVIEWED BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**    Yes No    N/A

**REVIEWED BY COUNTY COUNSELOR:**                      Yes No    N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

