



# Treasury Newsletter

November 2018

## Dear Ellis County Citizens:

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Treasurer. The responsibilities and duties of this office have been both challenging and rewarding, and this first year has yielded great things.

Since my election, I have initiated several earnings and savings practices that total over **1 million dollars**, including the **\$250,000** savings from the first major staff restructure. The other savings and earnings are outlined below:

Interest Income from the investment of idle funds: **\$330,000**

New Initiation of annual tax sale—this year's total collection since initiating: **\$326,000**

New Delinquent tax collection processes and garnishments: **\$73,000**

Second staff restructure March 2018: **\$10,000** in salary savings over 4 years

Cancellation and solicitation of bids for various procurement contracts: **\$41,000**

Money management skills are ultimate in the success of the Treasury. Smart investing is key, and money *not spent* also really adds up.

In addition to managing Ellis County's money, I manage Treasury staff. Both the staff restructure and the cross-training program are yielding a multi-talented staff, providing an indefinite "soft value" in terms of stability for the Treasury, the "hub" of Ellis County. The Treasury interfaces with the entire county management team, and specifically, plans and directs accounts payable, tax collection, and investment and disbursement of funds.

Other notable items in the Treasury include the beginning of a transition in our banking contracts, which will yield interest income on our operating accounts in addition to our investment accounts.

I'm proud to say that the savings and income I have generated have already paid for my wages for my entire 4-year term many times over. My consultation with other Treasuries still provides immense benefits. By every standard of measure, the Treasury is performing excellently. To learn more, additional information is available on our website.

As always, it is my goal to make you, the citizens of this county, proud. As Treasurer, I've shown I'm not afraid of standing up for the office of the Treasury and for myself, regardless of pressures from Commissioners, the Clerk's Office, or the County Administrator. I aim to avoid (and address when necessary) political pressures. I want to keep the interests of the people first and foremost. I keep my focus on performing my duties with excellence. The results I've produced speak for themselves, and you, the people are the final judge of my performance. I am grateful to work for you and will continue to represent taxpayers' interests in the years to come as your Treasurer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Schlegel".

**Lisa Schlegel**   
*Ellis County Treasurer*

**"Leadership, Dependability, &  
Integrity"**

