



# COUNTY COMMISSION

Monday, April 13, 2020

5:00 PM Following Public Building Commission Meeting

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  
April 6, 2020
  
- 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
  
- V. Monthly Financial Report



- VI. Household Hazardous Waste Rate Increase (Environmental, Mason Ruder)
- VII. Sales Tax Election Results (Interim County Administrator, Darin Myers)
- VIII. County Administrator Report (Interim County Administrator, Darin Myers)
- IX. County Commission Reports
- X. Executive Session(s)
- XI. Adjournment



**ELLIS COUNTY**  
**AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA DATE: 4-13-2020**

**TOPIC:**

Ellis County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program rate adjustment

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

To change the annual rate for the Ellis County Regional Household Waste Program from \$600 annually to \$1000 annually starting January 1, 2021.

**MOTION NEEDED:**

Yes  No

**SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:**

I move that the Commission approve changing the annual rate for the Ellis County Regional Household Waste Program from \$600 annually to \$1000 annually starting January 1, 2021

**DISCUSSION:**

The Ellis County HHW Program began in 1994 with 6 counties and has grown to 14 counties as of 2020. It is very important to keep this program in existence, Additionally, the program strives to minimize the health and environmental impact associated with the generation, storage, transportation, and disposal of all hazardous waste. The last rate adjustment was \$500 annually to \$600 annually in January of 2018. As the costs of processing and disposal costs continue to rise, the program must generate enough revenue to continue to operate as efficient as possible. In 2019 the cost for processing, disposal, personal protective equipment, etc. for HHW was \$20,959. Ellis County brings in roughly half of the HHW which comes out of the Solid Waste budget as a service for Ellis County residents. The other 13 counties combined pay \$7800 at the \$600 annual fee. After our annual meeting in March with the other counties, the other counties collectively suggested we put the annual rate to \$1000 to help fund the Ellis County Regional HHW Program. By approving an adjustment to \$1000 annually, the other 13 counties would total \$13,000 annually to help offset the rising costs of disposal of hazardous waste. Ellis County Solid Waste would fund the remainder of any expenses incurred.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The rate adjustment would help fund the bill of the HHW program

**PRESENTED BY:**

Mason Ruder, Environmental Planning Supervisor

**REVIEWED BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**

Yes  No  N/A

**REVIEWED BY COUNTY COUNSELOR:**

Yes  No  N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

none

**ELLIS COUNTY**  
**AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA DATE: 4-13-2020**

**TOPIC:**

Sales Tax Election Results

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Provide direction

**MOTION NEEDED:**

Yes  No

**SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:** None

**DISCUSSION:**

As the commission is aware, both the countywide sales tax ballot questions passed, and the official election canvas will be held on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Since the results are known, planning and information can be adjusted for the 2021 budget year. Here is some information for the commission to consider:

- Reschedule Road Tour from April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - What projects does the commission want to view
- Contact the county's financial advisor regarding bonding road improvement projects
- Budget Discussion
  - Priorities
  - Updated Operating Budgets due to the administrator May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Special Meeting for Individual Departmental Budgets - May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**PRESENTED BY:**

Darin Myers, Interim County Administrator

**REVIEWED BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**

Yes  No  N/A

**REVIEWED BY COUNTY COUNSELOR:**

Yes  No  N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

