



## ELLIS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL/PLANNING & ZONING QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER VOLUME 1/QUARTER 1 (JAN-MAR)

### IMPORTANT DATES IN QTR 1:

#### Zoning Meetings QTR 1:

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, Mar 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Other Dates:

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>:** Offices Closed

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>:** Swearing in of New Commissioners

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>:** Martin Luther King Day-Offices Open

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>:** Town Hall Meetings for the Comprehensive Plan Update in the Ellis County Commission Chambers-7pm

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>:** Valentine's Day

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>:** Septic Contractors Training 9am

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>:** Regional HHW Meeting 10am

### NEW AND IMPROVED!

Welcome to the new Quarterly Newsletter from the Ellis County Environmental/Planning & Zoning Office! The new layout will provide the same great information in a more in-depth manner and more spread out as to not overload your inbox.

#### What will be covered in the new Newsletters?

We will still cover everything that goes on with private wastewater systems, private water wells, zoning, floodplain, HHW, etc. and get the information that is pertinent to you.

They will go out in Quarters throughout the year:

Qtr 1: Jan-Mar, Qtr 2: Apr-Jun, Qtr 3: Jul-Sep, Qtr 4: Oct-Dec

#### Other New Items

The newsletter isn't the only new and improved item in our office. We are also in the process of updating our Ellis County Comprehensive Plan. This plan is designed to continually look at Ellis County and determine the next logical plan of action for County Sustainability and Land Use.

Another update is to the Environmental Website. We have now added a Property Transfer section that has everything you would want to know about transferring property in Ellis County.

There is also a new email to get in contact with our office. It is [environmental@elliscounty.net](mailto:environmental@elliscounty.net). This will give you one address to type in to send to our entire office, to ensure speed of response and get you the right person as quick as possible.

Our forms are also getting changed for ease of access while also giving as much information as possible. We are also working on digitizing the forms, so they can be filled out and emailed or downloaded to save time and money on mailing physical copies.

Our office is constantly working to make your lives easier and get you what you need faster than before!





## QUICK OFFICE OVERVIEW

The Ellis County Environmental Office provides environmentally sound practices and progressive development that help Ellis County residents protect the land and ground water in the county through Private Water Well & Private Wastewater administration through permitting, regulation, and inspection. The Environmental Office is also the Director of the 13-County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program.

The Planning and Zoning Division strives to ensure that the Ellis County Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations are followed in providing proper land use and development of Ellis County properties. This is done in accordance with the Ellis County Zoning and Sub-Division Regulations and Floodplain Management.

## Contact Us

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### Ellis County

### Environmental/Planning & Zoning

### Fees 2019

Water Well Permit- \$60.00

Wastewater Permit- \$60.00

### Water Screen

Nitrate/Bacteria- \$20.00

Nitrate/Bacteria/RO-\$25.00

### Property Transfer Evaluations

Water Well- \$50.00

Wastewater- \$50.00

Both- \$75.00

\*please contact office for any fees that may occur

country citizen and how to make “Living in the Country” a truly enjoyable experience. Be on the look out for other updates for information on the go and the ability to fill out and email the forms directly to our office for speed of processing. Please be as thorough as possible when filling out the forms. You can also see our past newsletters and the place where the new ones will be here: <https://www.ellisco.net/602/Newsletter>.

## THE ELLIS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

The Ellis County Comprehensive Plan Update is moving along and will soon be at the stage where the citizens of Ellis County should get involved to give as much input as possible for success. January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Ellis County Commission Chambers, we are holding two Town Halls to let the public provide feedback, give direction, ask questions and whatever else they need to know about the Comprehensive Plan. Everyone is always invited and encouraged to attend these Town Hall’s and our monthly Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings. Please contact our office at the information to the left for any info you may need and take the survey to help gather as much data as possible. The survey is available until Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at the following address: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EllisCountyCompPlan>

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

During the Month of February, our office is going to go to Realtors, Lenders and Abstractors’ offices to explain the changes to the form process, the email version of reports that are now available on request, and what is required by the Ellis County Environmental Code adopted in September of 1992.

## WEBSITE UPDATES

Currently, our office is working to update and streamline our website to give citizens easier access to any information pertinent to your situation. Our website has a “Living in the Country” tab that has helpful links and applications for everyone from a first time country citizen to a veteran

See page 3 for a Special Congratulations of Retirement for Karen Purvis R.S, our current Environmental Sanitarian and Zoning Administrator.

## A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

The Ellis County Environmental Office would like to congratulate Environmental Sanitarian and Zoning Administrator Karen Purvis R.S. on her upcoming retirement March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Her past 27 years of service to the Ellis County Environmental Office have been nothing short of extraordinary. Her dedication and knowledge of the craft have helped many citizens of Ellis County in making informed decisions that would benefit them in more ways than one. As an employee who has only had a short time to work with her, I have learned so much and can only hope to continue to learn as much as she knows one day. Her professionalism, work ethic, and smarts are second to none and the Environmental Office will be missing an important piece of its family. The Environmental Office wishes nothing but the best in your retirement and want to wish congratulations to you, Karen! Thank you for all you do, will do, and have done for us and the citizens of Ellis County!

Thank you and Congrats!

Mason Ruder and Carla Meier

Environmental Office



Left: **Mason Ruder** Environmental Associate

Middle: **Carla Meier** Environmental Associate

Right: **Karen Purvis R.S.** Environmental Sanitarian and Zoning Administrator