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Date: December 12, 2024
To: Ellis Appraisal District County, School District and City Taxing Units
Re: Proposed Minor Renovation of the Ellis Appraisal District Office

Dear Presiding Officer and Governing Body:

With the population increase in Ellis County, Ellis Appraisal District has seen an escalation in property owner protests. This challenge presents a need for more Appraisal Review Board (ARB) panel meeting rooms.

The twenty-two member ARB meets in panels of three members. Each panel can usually accommodate an average of 28 hearings per day. There are two to three large ARB panel rooms at the front of the District office, that with minor alterations can be divided into four to six panel rooms. This additional space would make room for 56 to 84 additional hearings per day. The District has the funds in reserve to cover the cost of this renovation, so no additional funding from the taxing unit or financing will be necessary to accomplish this solution.

The alternative to making this change would be to lease offsite space that would require annual rent. The Appraisal Review Board and appraisal staff would be split between multiple locations. This alternative would present challenges in managing the ARB hearings process and likely have an annual cost equal to the one-time cost of the proposed alterations.

Attached is the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors **Resolution Proposing the Minor Renovation of the District Office** for your review. Also attached is a sample resolution for your taxing units considered action.

Section 6.051(b) of the Property Tax Code requires that three-fourths of the taxing units entitled to vote on the appointment of board members must approve this action within 30 days of receiving this letter. **Please list this action item on your next agenda and notify the chief appraiser of the meeting date and time.**

We look forward to continuing to serve all property owners and taxing units in Ellis County with excellent service as our County and your Taxing Unit continue to grow. Please contact me at kathy@elliscad.com or 972-937-3218 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathy Rodrigue, RPA
Chief Appraiser of the Ellis Appraisal District