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Ellis County GOP's Monthly Newsletter
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June 2023 Edition

A Message from the Chair

Ellis County Republicans:

Since our last letter a lot of crazy and evil things have been going on at the State Capitol. We have had a state representative expelled from the House because of sexual misconduct, the speaker of the house opened a session so drunk that he was slurring his words and had to lean on the podium to keep from falling down, and the attorney general was impeached.

The Texas Legislature only meets 147 days every two years. The Senate got to work right away, but Speaker of the House Dade Phelan took nearly 33 days to appoint committee chairmen. Then he called for two 5-day weekends. One-third of the session was gone with just two delays. Over 8000 bills were introduced. Because of all the delay tactics many bills will not be heard, for example, border security, property tax relief, and election integrity. This is done on purpose to keep the status quo.

All the partying and drinking needs to stop. The business of the people of Texas needs to be tended to as the top priority. The only way to keep this from happening again is for Texans to get informed and get involved. We need godly, principled state representatives who will turn the House in the right direction. You may say our representative voted correctly; be sure to pray for him. I believe Brian has done a good job, too.

We need to influence our families, friends, and anyone who will listen before we lose our state. As Texas goes, so goes the nation. That is why the impeachment of Attorney General Paxton is so political. The Biden Administration hates him because he has sued them and won more than any other attorney general in the nation. He is our last line of defense between us and our burdensome Federal Government.

We will be considering several resolutions, statements, and possible censure of Speaker Phelan. Our meeting will be June 6 at our usual place, 1511 Ovilla Rd. in Waxahachie. Social hour is at 5:30, and the meeting begins at 6:30.

Hope to see you Tuesday,
Randy Bellomy
Chairman
Republican Party of Ellis County

Congressman Ellzey's Statement on The Fiscal Responsibility Act

May 31, 2023 - "Republicans control one-half of one-third of the federal government. Today, we cut federal spending by 2 trillion dollars," said Ellzey. "We put an end to the President's proposed 5 trillion dollars in new taxes, we cut wasteful spending within the federal government, we reversed the President's student loan repayment giveaway, and we cut 400 million dollars from the Centers For Disease Control (CDC). We ensure support for our veterans is fully funded, including care for veterans exposed to toxins during their military service. The Fiscal Responsibility Act lays a pathway to balancing our budget, getting federal government spending in check, and puts limits on federal bureaucrats' rulemaking authority."

[Link to Congressman Ellzey's video statement](#)

June Agenda

Ellis County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday June 6, 2023

Social Hour 5:30-6:30

6:30 Executive Committee

Executive Committee (All are welcome.)

Welcome – Randy Bellomy, County Chair

Invocation and pledges to the flags

Officer's Reports:

Secretary's Report -Terry Todd: Report of Quorum, request approval of minutes Committee

Reports:

Budget & Finance – Tom Manning

Precinct Chairman Development -Sharon Tryon

o New Precinct Chair, GOTV winner

Communications & Marketing JJ Brookshire

Headquarters and volunteers- Kay Dunn

Events & Fundraising – Paula Anz

Victory -Jennifer Zarate

Bylaws – Nelson Baird

Legislative and political priorities-Kathy Ponce (state), Dan Altman (federal) Parades – Bettie

Gray

Republican Women's Report – Beverly Gatlin

Young Republicans: Report - Daniel Southerland

Resolution: Drug Pricing – Sharon Tyron

New Business- Resolutions

General Session

Old Business

General Public comments and Questions

Adjournment.



BRIAN HARRISON

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 10

Rep. Harrison's Statement on House "Adjournment"

The Texas House of Representatives is still technically in session since our Sine Die resolution requires Senate concurrence, which has not occurred. Since the Legislature failed to pass or agree on a single

serious border security bill or to return even half of the surplus to Texans through property tax cuts, we should get back to work.

In addition to those failures, my constituents are justifiably furious that the House prioritized impeaching the Attorney General and growing government more than ever in our state's history instead of putting Texas on a path to eliminate property taxes, banning COVID vaccine mandates, empowering parents with education freedom, reining in executive emergency powers, ending taxpayer funded lobbying, protecting the grid, refocusing our energy market on reliable sources, ending hostile foreign ownership of Texas land, fighting ESG, reducing burdensome regulations, securing our elections, and many other policies to protect individual liberty, constrain government, and resist federal overreach.

Regardless of which chamber is most responsible for the inaction, I hope the Governor keeps us in Austin until these issues and others are resolved so that the next generation can inherit a more free and prosperous Texas.

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See also: Representative Harrison's [Tweet](#) on this matter.

Legislative Update

Sine Die to the 88th Legislative session! Not really, just kidding!
As the Texas House called Sine Die and the State Legislatures were heading home, no sooner did Governor Abbott call a Special Session beginning May 29th at 9:00 P.M.

Abbott was just in doing so. No deal on Property Tax Relief for Texans had been made, yet historical spending took place. Thank you to Governor Abbott for prioritizing the fact that hard working Texans deserve a Property Tax break, because our State Legislature certainly did not think we did.

Governor Abbott's priorities for Special Session 88th (1) are:

1. Property Tax Compression
2. Increasing penalties for human smuggling and operating stash houses

Please attend the Tuesday night GOP meeting to hear a rather detailed account of the 88th Legislative session and bills passages and failures. As well as an update on what we can look forward to in the Special Sessions. Yes, there will be more than one.

Please note the following:

With the largest spending increases in Texas history, the Texas Legislature has passed in this budget more than \$10B in new corporate welfare. This is the largest amount in Texas history.

This includes property tax abatements by school districts, subsidies for natural gas projects, money for the Governor's Texas Enterprise Fund, subsidies for broadband projects, subsidies for water projects, subsidies for more state parks, subsidies for movie production, and much more.

Much of this will be on the ballot with new funds to spend on these efforts this November. Voters should reject. This should be done in the normal budget process instead of Constitutionally dedicating these taxpayer dollars, thereby moving them outside of the Constitutionally spending limit.

This is more reason to unleash free-market capitalism in Texas by rejecting all corporate welfare, cutting the budget, providing property tax relief of \$20.4B n new compression for record relief, and having the spending limit include, at least, all State funds whether Constitutionally dedicated, or not, though all funds under a new limit would be best as that's the full burden of State Government.

Stop trying to make Texas like California, or DC. Let people prosper by using fiscal conservatism, which was not on display this Legislative Session.

The biggest surplus in Texas history, and yet you and I were forgotten and thrown to the side for any Property Tax Relief.

Onward to the Special Sessions . There is still time for you to be involved.

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Ellis County GOP Precinct Corner

[Precinct maps and Chair listing found HERE.](#)



Ellis County Elections Department June 10, 2023 Joint Runoff Election Daily Report for Early Voting In-Person and Mail Ballot Returned

Date	Elections Office	Midlothian Conference Center	Grace Covenant Church	Total Early Voting In-Person Ballots	Total Returned Mail	Early Voting Provisional Ballots	Grand Total Voted
Tuesday, May 30, 2023	1	59	190	250	28	0	278
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	3	73	175	251	1	0	252
Thursday, June 1, 2023	1	66	152	219	7	0	226
Friday, June 2, 2023	2	121	162	285	2	1	288
Saturday, June 3, 2023	1	80	187	268	4	0	272
Monday, June 5, 2023							0
Tuesday, June 6, 2023							0
Wednesday, June 7, 2023							0
Thursday, June 8, 2023							0
Friday, June 9, 2023							0
Saturday, June 10, 2023							0
Late Returned/ Overseas							0
Loc. Tot:	8	399	866	1273	42	1	1316

This data is being published on 6/3/2023

Registered Voters: 49,637
Early Voting % of Turnout: 2.65%

This report represents the numbers after 5 of the 7 days of Early Voting in the Runoff Elections for Cedar Hill Council - Place 6, Grand Prairie Council - Place 7, Midlothian Council - Place 1, and Red Oak ISD Trustee - Place 5. When only those eligible to vote in these races is considered there have been 1,316 votes cast by the 49,637 eligible voters. This equates to less than a 3% voter turnout.

Two of these races include candidates endorsed by the Ellis County Republican party. [Penny Story for Red Oak ISD Trustee - Place 5](#) and [Allen Moorman for Midlothian Council - Place 1](#). Please get out and vote and urge your friends, family and neighbors to do the same.

Early Voting Location Dates and Times:

- ELECTIONS OFFICE (Main Location) 204 E. JEFFERSON ST. WAXAHACHIE, TX 75165
 - GRACE COVENANT CHURCH (Dining Hall) 212 N. MAIN ST. RED OAK, TX 75154
 - MIDLOTHIAN CONFERENCE CENTER (Lobby) 1 COMMUNITY CIRCLE DR. MIDLOTHIAN, TX 76065
- Monday, June 5, 2023 and Tuesday June 6, 2023 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Election Day Voting Location Dates and Times:

- GRACE COVENANT CHURCH (Dining Hall) 212 N. MAIN ST. RED OAK, TX 75154
 - MIDLOTHIAN CONFERENCE CENTER (Lobby) 1 COMMUNITY CIRCLE DR. MIDLOTHIAN, TX 76065
- Saturday, June 10, 2023 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

The upcoming ECRPEC meeting will include discussion of at least one resolution along with a lengthy report regarding the 2023 Texas Legislative Session. Please join us for the meeting and invite others to join you.

- Date:** Tuesday, May 2nd
- Time:** 5:30PM Social and Supper Hour (BYOB) 6:30PM Meeting
- Food Available from:** [Good Directions BBQ](#).

Please patronize the food vendor. They are providing this service without any guarantee or cost to the Ellis County Republican Party.

Location: [The After Church, 1511 Ovilla Rd, Waxahachie, TX 75167](#)

One Team, Many Fights!

PS: Please encourage your fellow Ellis County residents to visit the Ellis County GOP website and subscribe to the Elephant's Ear



Woker than a Joke

We continue to careen down the Left's woke agenda. It's "Pride" month, once again, and we are seeing many companies throw their branding to exploit the gender dysphoria of a minority group of people. A true plane crashing of capitalism. As a Christian Mom, I have had several conversations, recently, about the rainbow. We are certainly past the culture wars and are now waist deep in an ocean of good versus evil. Most of my friends in the GOP are practicing Christians. I feel as though it's ok to bring this to light to this audience, even if some of you are already thinking it, I'm just going to say it. The "Pride" flag is not God's rainbow. This begs the question, "Was the rainbow hijacked?" I contend, no. I believe the "Pride" flag is a mockery, rather than a hijacking of the Lord's Covenant Bow. What's the basis for that, you may ask? First and foremost it's called the "Pride" flag, and the only deity I can think of associated with pride starts with an "S" and ends with an "atan." That's red FLAG number one! Red FLAG number two is the "Pride" flag is most often depicted with six colors. Six is one less than seven, and seven is God's perfect number. We teach our kids the acronym "ROYGBIV" to remember the colors of the rainbow. How many colors are there in the rainbow in the sky? The answer, according to a very quick woke search engine Google "science" search is, SEVEN! Imagine that! I am shocked to pieces Google hasn't fact checked the rainbow, yet. A full spectrum of spiritual warfare is out on display this month. Walk into Target, here in Waxahachie, TX USA and you can see it.

A friend recently asked me how to approach this issue with their child because the child had brought something up about this particular topic. It just brought it closer to home. This woke agenda is coming after our children and we are the frontline of defense. Forget about "love is love" which is another mockery. Love is the truth. Put the blood over your doorposts friends, and suit up with Ephesians 6. If you haven't figured it out already, it's not just Republicans vs. Democrats anymore, and we are in more trouble than just the debt ceiling.

There is, however, good news about who has paid all debts though...

Holly Freeman

Editor

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Food for Thought

[Harrison on Paxton Impeachment](#)

[Abbott's Special Session Agenda](#)

[Ellzey's Statement on Fiscal Responsibility Act](#)

[Scorecard: Border Official Calls for Border Security Agency](#)

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10AM
JUNE 14, 2023
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Isaac Garcia

Our office will also be receiving your worn American flags that have served their purpose and will be disposed of with proper flag retirement protocol. We encourage you to bring all that you have so that this symbol of American freedom and liberty can be treated with the respect it deserves.

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VIEW OUR EQUIPMENT

VIEW OUR 2023 ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

TOUR OUR OFFICES

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When you become a Legacy Circle member of the Republican Party of Ellis County you will be a vital part of helping us build a powerful and influential presence.

Your contribution will help keep Ellis County and the great state of Texas, RED!

Your valuable contribution will go directly to providing a permanent location for our GOP Headquarters in Ellis County which allows us to do the following:

1. Hold our GOP monthly meetings open to all citizens
2. Have training for Precinct Chairman and volunteers
3. Host our 'Get Out The Vote' efforts at election time
4. House our resources such as our candidate campaign signs and literature
5. Be a center for town hall meetings to educate and inform our citizens

There are several levels of membership – please choose the one that is right for you!

Bronze level contribution - \$100

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[To Join the Legacy Circle CLICK HERE](#)

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