



40TH DISTRICT COURT
378TH DISTRICT COURT
443RD DISTRICT COURT
ELLIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1
ELLIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2
ELLIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3

ELLIS COUNTY COURTS BUILDING
109 S. JACKSON
WAXAHACHIE, TX 75165

January 15, 2025

Hon. Todd Little, Ellis County Judge &
Ellis County Commissioners (R. Stinson, L. Grayson, L. Ponder, and K. Butler)
101 West Main Street
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Dear Judge Little and Ellis County Commissioners,

Please receive this letter demonstrating our firm and unqualified support for the creation of a fourth District Court by the 89th Texas Legislature. This District Court will be a Court of general jurisdiction focusing on felony criminal cases.

As members of the Ellis County Judiciary, the undersigned Judges work diligently to administer justice in a fair, timely, and responsible manner – collectively handling thousands of cases and conflicts impacting individuals, families, and businesses throughout Ellis County. In doing so, we are ever mindful of the truism central to the judicial branch of government and civilized society that *justice delayed is justice denied*.

Given that Ellis County is the 8th fastest growing county in the U.S.¹, with a projected 2025 population of over 240,000 residents, we are unanimous in our belief that the need for the new Court exists *now*, and will continue to increase to the January 1, 2026 new Court target date.

Sincerely,

Judge Bob Carroll, 40th District Court
Judge William Wallace, 378th District Court
Judge Grace Pandithurai, 443rd District Court
Judge Jim Chapman, County Court at Law 1
Judge Gene Calvert, County Court at Law 2
Judge Joe Gallo, County Court at Law 3

¹ Texas Tribune, Article by M. Rubin (March 14, 2024).