

**From:** Judge Paul Raleeh  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 4:11 PM  
**To:** Georgia Shepherd  
**Cc:** Judge Johnny G. Lewis  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting agenda item for the April 20th, 2009 Workshop

Justice Court Judges and Constables respectfully request that the agenda item relating to redistricting of the precincts or eliminating a court be tabled at the April workshop.

At the public hearing held on February 16, the Commissioners' Court and the Judge instructed the Justice Court Judges to meet with NTTA and the DPS and formulate a data base for the sole purpose of redistricting and/or eliminating a Justice Court. Following the directives of the Court, a meeting was held on March 13 with NTTA and Mr. Clayton Howe. During the luncheon, Mr. Howe agreed to prepare a projection on NTTA activity through December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2012. Subsequently, on April 2, a meeting was held with the two sergeants of the DPS Tollway District, and it was agreed that the County would be furnished a current and projected staffing levels on the tollways in Collin County. In the course of both meetings, it was asked what were the timelines for the reports and I quoted Judge Self and responded with the May deadline.

To date, the data has not been received; however, both agencies have dedicated resources to comply with Judge Self's request. It is our opinion that if decisions are made prior to the completion of the requests, it would be perceived as a disingenuous action by the County.

Beyond the requested data from NTTA and DPS, several legislative possibilities exists that could have an enormous impact on any redistricting initiatives. To wit; SB 992, HB3763, (Relating to the jurisdiction and administration of...certain courts in the state...elimination of Government Code 28, Small Claims Courts), SB 320, HB 29, (Relating to the requirements of Justice Court Judges to be licensed attorneys in certain counties, including Collin County), SB 882, HB 2334 ( Relating to tollways and specifically, Adoption of Administrative Adjudication Hearing Procedures that would change the Justice Court to an appellate court) and HJR 95 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the adoption of county home-rule charters).

The transition to Odyssey may be a remarkable event as it relates to court procedures and processing of caseloads and possible staff leveling.

In summary, it is requested that this agenda item be tabled until/when critical data is available to support the court's action.

Respectfully submitted.

Justice Court Judges and Constables of Collin County