

# Option 1

COURT ORDER NO. 2011- -04-11

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

**Subject: Resolution, North Texas Tollway Authority Performance Review – Commissioners Court**

On **April 11, 2011**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

**Keith Self  
Matt Shaheen  
Cheryl Williams  
Joe Jaynes  
Duncan Webb**

**County Judge, Presiding  
Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Commissioner, Precinct 4**

During such session the court considered adoption of the following resolution regarding the North Texas Tollway Authority Performance Review.

**WHEREAS**, the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) was created in 1997 and serves as a regional tollway authority for a four-county North Texas region; and

**WHEREAS**, the obligations of Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant Counties require each county to appoint two members to serve on the nine-member NTTA Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the NTTA predecessor, the Texas Turnpike Authority (TTA), was created as a state agency in 1953, and upon the NTTA's official creation the TTA's assets and liabilities in North Texas were transferred to NTTA. Since that time, the NTTA has grown into an agency that is a leader in regional transportation, reaching over 1 million toll-tag accounts and 2 million toll-tags in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, recently questions have arisen about NTTA's business practices, warranting a performance review by an outside entity to advise the four-counties on these matters; and

**WHEREAS**, State Representative Rafael Anchia filed House Bill 1577 during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature calling for the NTTA to be subject to the Sunset Advisory Commission and undergo a "Sunset Review"; and

**WHEREAS**, Collin County opposes a "Sunset Review" conducted by the Sunset Advisory Commission, but rather supports a similar review conducted by an independent agency chosen by the four participating counties' Commissioners Court;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Collin County Commissioners Court calls on NTTA to undergo and finance a performance review by an independent outside entity chosen by the Commissioners Courts of Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant Counties, which would include, but is not limited to, a review of procurement guidelines and processes, the use of legacy contractors, administrative fees and alternatives, funding alternatives in time of cash-flow shortages, historically underutilized business enterprise involvement, transparency, organizational structure and a review of NTTA's financial analysis and liquidity.

**Adopted this 11th day of April, 2011.**

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**Keith Self, County Judge**

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**Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1**

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**Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2**

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**Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3**

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**Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4**

**ATTEST:**

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**Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk  
Commissioners' Court  
Collin County, T E X A S**