

Collin County Commissioners Court Proposed Legislative Issues 83rd Legislature

Legislative Policy Statements:

1. Electronic circulation of Court records including electronic signatures and acknowledgements.
2. Commissioners Court approval prior to the creation or expansion of a special district.
3. Put a higher priority in the State Budget on transportation spending.
4. With the exception of constitutionally required diversions, appropriate 100% of gas taxes to transportation infrastructure improvements and maintenance.
5. Support mental health services and funding for Collin County residents.
6. Amend Chapter 213 of the Transportation Code to give Commissioners Court authority to adopt a fee to offset the impact of utility construction that crosses county roads.
7. A constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from adopting any new unfunded mandates on local government.
8. Amend Section 25.0453 of the Texas Government Code to provide explicit authority to utilize electronic court reporting in a Statutory Probate Court.
9. Require TxDOT to adopt rules creating funding formulas for highway projects utilizing input from planning organizations, transportation officials and local government officials. The formula must include factors such as population, performance measures, safety, vehicle miles travelled, etc.
10. Require jail standards be consistent between the State and County facilities.
11. Encourage the development and adoption of an updated statewide water management plan.
12. Address the felony level Drug Court Program for efficiency and constitutional issues of diverting limited assets away from constitutional duties.
13. Alternative uses for Local Initiative Project (LIP) and Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program

(LIRAP) funds such as engineering or construction of turn lanes, heavy equipment fuel conversions, or other projects that will result in better air quality.

14. Fully fund or reduce vehicle fees for AirCheck Texas Drive a Clean Machine Program.
15. Provide Collin County with the ability to adopt and enforce a noise abatement policy in the same manner as cities.
16. The State should fully fund the pay for visiting judges in the state district courts.
17. Issues related to compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and conflicts with State law. This act provides that 17 year old inmates who are being tried as adults be held in special holding facilities.
18. Reduce the waits at DPS drivers license offices and encourage the creation of a megacenter in Collin County.
19. Require TCDRS to provide a two or multi tiered retirement system.