

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

On Monday, September 14, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Regular Session in the Fairview Town Hall Council Chambers, 372 Town Place, Town of Fairview, Texas, with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

- Judge Keith Self
- Commissioner Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1
- Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2
- Commissioner Chris Hill, Precinct 3
- Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Webb led the Invocation.
Judge Self led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

1. Judge Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners' Court at 6:00 p.m. and recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:17 p.m. and immediately recessed into Executive Session. The meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 7:15 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 7:17 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Housing Finance Corporation at 7:17 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

- 1. **AI-40476** Elected Official Appointment(s), Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

- 1. **AI-34688** Outstanding Agenda Items, Commissioners Court.
- 2. **AI-40352** Addendum No. 2 to Juvenile Detention Door Repairs (IFB No. 2015-234) to change the bid due date and the question and answer deadline, Purchasing.

3. **AI-40436** Change Order No. 1 to Vehicles, Police Motorcycles (IFB No. 2015-101) with Harley-Davidson of Dallas to paint tour pack boxes to match factory paint, Public Works.

4. **AI-40371** Legislative session amendments to the statutes which govern the fees collected by the District Clerk's office are mandated to start prior to the approval of the FY 2016 Fee Schedule, District Clerk.

5. **AI-40448** Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.

6. **AI-40390** No bids received for Services: Mowing and Trimming (IFB No. 2015-229), Public Works.

2. Public Comments.

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing no comments, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 6:02 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote 5 – 0 Passed

a. **AI-40370** Disbursements for the period ending September 8, 2015, Auditor.
COURT ORDER NO. 2015-584-09-14

b. **AI-40408** Tax refunds totaling \$927,371.91, Tax Assessor Collector.
COURT ORDER NO. 2015-585-09-14

c. Advertisement(s):

1. **AI-40442** Professional Services, Engineering, General Civil Engineering Consulting (RFQ No. 2015-266), Engineering.
COURT ORDER NO. 2015-586-09-14

2. **AI-40391** Mowing and String/Tree Trimming (IFB No. 2015-268), Public Works.
COURT ORDER NO. 2015-587-09-14

3. **AI-40438** Services: Onsite Grinding, Mulching and Removal of Debris (IFB No. 2015-287), Public Works.
COURT ORDER NO. 2015-588-09-14

d. Award(s):

1. **AI-40395** Juvenile Detention Door Repairs (IFB No. 2015-234) to Argyle Security, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-589-09-14

2. **AI-40225** Database Server and Storage Solution (RFP No. 2015-139), Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-590-09-14

3. **AI-40379** Services: Morgue Transport (IFB No. 2015-170) to UT Southwestern Medical Center, Medical Examiner.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-591-09-14

4. **AI-40376** Maintenance, Roads: Crack Sealing Services (IFB No. 2015-161) to Curtco Inc., Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-592-09-14

5. **AI-40375** Tire Rubber Modified Emulsion and Application Services (IFB No. 2015-191) to Rose Contracting, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-593-09-14

e. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-40444** Confidentiality Agreement (NDA) with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-594-09-14

2. **AI-40411** Software License and Professional Services Agreement and Amendment to Existing Software Maintenance Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for consulting services and software licensing for the Odyssey Optical Character Recognition Level 3 project and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-595-09-14

3. **AI-40449** Interlocal Purchase Agreement with Travis County to participate in a cooperative purchasing program and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-596-09-14

4. **Interlocal Agreement(s) for Environmental Services commencing October 1, 2015 through and including September 30, 2016, Development Services:**

a. **AI-40452** City of Anna.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-597-09-14

b. AI-40454 City of Blue Ridge.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-598-09-14

c. AI-40455 City of Lowry Crossing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-599-09-14

d. AI-40456 City of Melissa.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-600-09-14

e. AI-40458 City of Princeton.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-601-09-14

f. AI-40462 City of Wylie.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-602-09-14

f. Amendment(s):

1. AI-40368 Amendment to the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement to extend the contract for an additional two (2) months through and including November 30, 2015 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the Enterprise Enrollment Amendment, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-603-09-14

2. AI-40414 No. 1 to Fire Alarm/Fire Sprinkler Inspections, Testing, Maintenance and Repairs (RFP No. 2015-052) with Convergent Technologies, LLC to extend the contract one (1) year through and including September 30, 2016 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-604-09-14

3. AI-40346 No. 2 to Surveillance IP Based Camera System (RFP No. 2013-296) with Knight Security Systems to add seven (7) cameras to JJAEP in Phase 2 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-605-09-14

4. Amendment(s) to the Jail Services Agreement to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2016, Sheriff:

a. AI-40416 No. 9 with the City of Anna.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-606-09-14

b. AI-40428 No. 10 with the City of Josephine.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-607-09-14

c. AI-40429 No. 10 with the City of Lucas.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-608-09-14

d. **AI-40432** No. 10 with the City of Murphy. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-609-09-14**

e. **AI-40434** No. 10 with the City of Princeton. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-610-09-14**

f. **AI-40424** No. 11 with the City of Celina. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-611-09-14**

g. **AI-40425** No. 11 with the Town of Fairview. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-612-09-14**

h. **AI-40426** No. 11 with the City of Farmersville. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-613-09-14**

i. **AI-40427** No. 11 with the City of Lavon. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-614-09-14**

j. **AI-40430** No. 11 with the City of McKinney. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-615-09-14**

k. **AI-40431** No. 11 with the City of Melissa. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-616-09-14**

l. **AI-40433** No. 11 with the City of Parker. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-617-09-14**

m. **AI-40435** No. 11 with the Town of Prosper. **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-618-09-14**

g. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-40341** No. 2 to Road Materials, Aggregate Materials (IFB No. 2014-057) with Martin Marietta Materials to delete item 2014-057-01-01, Type B, Grade 3 Aggregate Per Ton and extend all remaining items on the contract one (1) year through and including September 30, 2016 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-619-09-14

2. **AI-40340** No. 3 to Signs: Road, Parking and Custom (IFB No. 2013-043) with Custom Products to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2016 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-620-09-14

3. **AI-40373** No. 4 to Signs: Road, Parking and Custom (IFB No. 2013-043) with Vulcan Inc. dba Vulcan Signs to add Vertical Road Markers (Bid Item No. 2013-043-05-01) to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-621-09-14

h. Ratification of the County Judge's prior approval:

1. **AI-40394** Acceptance of the FY2016 TIDC Multi-Year Discretionary Grant through the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to continue the Collin County Mental Health Managed Counsel Program, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-622-09-14

i. Budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):

1. **AI-40439** \$400 to transfer funds from Interpreter Services to Education/Conference to cover a negative balance, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3-1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-623-09-14

2. **AI-40355** \$400 from the Substitute Court Reporter Fund to cover the cost of a court reporter for one (1) more day than anticipated, Probate Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-624-09-14

3. **AI-40336** \$3,000 to reallocate funds from the Detention Uniform account to the Inmate Transfer Travel Reimbursement account to have adequate funds to reimburse Inmate Transfer staff for mileage when personal vehicles are used to travel to and from hospital relief assignments, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-625-09-14

4. **AI-40397** \$11,046 for Fabrication and Installation of a Custom Enclosure for the Myers Park and Event Center Pole Barn, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-626-09-14

5. **AI-40412** \$14,000 for the replacement of partitions in Detention Center Cluster 5B, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-627-09-14

6. **AI-40406** \$17,078 to reallocate funds for the Spay/Neuter Program, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-628-09-14

7. **AI-40386** \$104,600 to return funds from the City of Anna, North Slayter Creek Land Acquisition Project (Bond Project No. 07PG25) to the 2007 Parks and Open Space Project Funding Assistance Program, Special Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-629-09-14

j. Filing of the Minute(s), County Clerk:

1. **AI-40349** August 10, 2015.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-630-09-14

2. **AI-40382** August 17, 2015.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-631-09-14

3. **AI-40461** August 24, 2015.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-632-09-14

k. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-40445** 50/3 application for The Rock Wood Fired Kitchen, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-633-09-14

2. **AI-40404** Professional Design Services proposal from DryTec Moisture Protection Technology Consultants for Minimum Security Roof in accordance with the terms of RFQ No. 2013-181 for Professional Services, Roof Consultant in the amount of \$33,000, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-634-09-14

3. **AI-40451** Re-designation of FM 543 to Weston Road, County Road 209 to Bourland Bend and County Road 210 to Cowan Road extending from the Weston City limit with associated address updates to preserve the consistency of 9-1-1 addressing with the City of Weston, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-635-09-14

4. **AI-40466** 2016 Holiday Schedule, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-636-09-14

5. **AI-40339** Decrease the per vehicle rate from \$16.57 to \$14.01 for the Collin County Clean-Up Program for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2016, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-637-09-14

6. **AI-40437** Reject the bid received for Services, Onsite Grinding, Mulching and Removal of Debris (IFB No. 2015-109), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-638-09-14

7. **AI-40393** Donate surplus desks and chairs to the Veterans Support Office in Plano per LGC V.T.C.A. 263.152 (4)-(A), (B), Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-639-09-14

8. **AI-40477** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-640-09-14

9. AI-40480 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-641-09-14

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-40450 Priority Project List, Engineering.

Clarence Daugherty, County Engineer, presented a spreadsheet showing a list of projects that could utilize the \$29 million in 2007 road bonds. Mr. Daugherty conferred with TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) and was able to refine the list based on TxDOT's recent decisions on funding projects. The criterion for considering the priority of projects is the "capacity deficit." Mr. Daugherty started with the projects that were identified in the 2014 Update of the Collin County Mobility Plan that would be congested by or near the year 2020. The list was determined by comparing the volume of traffic projected by the 2020 travel demand model to the capacity of the current roadway and determining which roadways would have a level of service "F" (gridlock) if not improved.

There was a brief conversation regarding SH5/McDonald to Industrial Road and whether the proposed bypass would draw much traffic off of this roadway. Mr. Daugherty explained TxDOT has started the environmental assessment from Spur 399 through McKinney to SH121, but that is an 18-month project. TxDOT has agreed to propose this section for Prop 1 funding for 2018.

Other priority projects include: 1) adding four lanes to Park Boulevard from FM2514 to SH78; 2) increasing from four to six lanes on US380 from Airport to Bridgefarmer; 3) a corridor study for FM546/CR400; 4) ROW (Right of Way) funding for SH121 from the Outer Loop to the northeast corner of the county; 5) adding a two-lane southbound frontage road to DNT (Dallas North Tollway) from FM428 to US380; and 6) adding four lanes on FM1378 from Lucas Branch Road to FM3286. This is a critical intersection that needs to be set up so it will conform to the Thoroughfare Plan, and Mr. Daugherty is recommending some funding for ROW and continuing discussions with the City of Lucas. A rough estimate of the entire amount needed for this ROW is \$1.3 million. Commissioner Hill met with some of the Lucas council members and they felt their portion was steep. Mr. Daugherty said he has not given them a number yet but did tell the City Manager that their part would be the value of the land that the city ends up with. There will be land on each side and the city has expressed interest in that land.

Mr. Daugherty recommended using \$15.6 million of the \$29 million on the projects mentioned above and leaving \$13 million for other projects. The plan is to move these priority projects as fast as possible so they are ready when opportunities come up for funding from other sources or through the budgetary process.

Commissioner Fletcher received a letter from the RTC (Regional Transportation Council) regarding the S curve on Frontier Parkway. While this project would remain on the list, the Commissioner recommended discussions regarding the plans for this project be held for a future court in order to update Mr. Daugherty. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the list. (Time: 6:29 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-642-09-14

6. AI-40441 Budget amendment in the amount of \$45,788,000 to allocate the 2015 bond funds to road and open space bond projects, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, explained this item was to allocate the bond funds sold this summer to open space bond projects and the road bond projects mentioned above on the priority list. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 6:30 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-643-09-14

7. FY 2016 Budget

a. AI-40359 Public Hearing – Proposed FY 2016 Tax Rate, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, came forward with a Power Point presentation to re-cap the FY2016 budget before the opening of the Public Hearing. The effective tax rate is a hypothetical property tax rate that would give the County the same amount of revenue it had in the previous fiscal year on properties taxed in both years. Last year's adjusted property taxes divided by the current year's adjusted property value equals the effective tax rate. The effective tax rate will vary depending on increases or decreases in appraised values of the same properties since the previous fiscal year. If the appraised value goes up, then the effective tax rate goes down and if the appraised value goes down, then the effective tax rate goes up. Exceeding the effective tax rate triggers hearing requirements as well as other various truth-in-taxation requirements.

The rollback rate calculation splits the tax rate into two separate components – an M&O (Maintenance and Operations) rate and a debt service rate in order to avoid injuring a taxing unit's ability to pay its debt. The rollback rate allows the County to raise the same amount of operations as in the prior year and also provides for an 8% cushion. This year's total rollback rate is \$0.232655. The proposed tax rate consists of the required debt tax rate which covers the interest and principal on bonds secured by property tax revenue and a proposed M&O tax rate. This year's proposed tax rate is \$0.225. If the tax rate proposed by Commissioners' Court exceeds the effective tax rate or rollback rate, whichever is lower, the County must publish public hearing notices, post a website notice and hold two public hearings.

When comparing the adopted FY2015 tax rates to the proposed FY2016 tax rates, the M&O rate goes down from \$0.177268 to \$0.1698. There is a slight change in the debt service rate which is down from \$0.057732 in FY2015 to \$0.0552 for FY2016. The overall tax rate also dropped from \$0.2350 in FY2015 to \$0.225 for FY2016.

Collin County has not raised the tax rate since 1993. If Collin County adopts a \$0.2250 tax rate, this will be the 23rd year with no tax rate increase. In FY2016 the 5% homestead exemption will have been in place for seven years. The 2015 certified adjusted taxable value is \$95.9 billion which equates to a 10.9% increase from the 2014 tax year. The average home in Collin County for tax year 2015 is valued at \$285,262 according to statistics compiled by the Central Appraisal District of Collin County. With the tax rate at \$0.2250 per \$100 valuation and a 5% homestead exemption, the average homeowner will pay \$609.81 in county taxes for the 2015 tax year. This is an increase of 6% or \$34.35 from last year.

If Collin County adopts a tax rate of \$0.2250, the following statement must be posted on the home page of the County's website: "The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.34% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$-7.47."

The FY2016 proposed budget was filed and published online this morning, September 14, 2015. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be in the Jack Hatchell Administration Building, Commissioners' Courtroom, on Monday, September 21, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. Following that will be the adoption of the FY2016 elected officials' salaries, the tax rate, the budget and fee schedule.

Judge Self opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m. and asked for public comments.

Ken Fulk, Allen, came forward to speak about library funding though recent budget adjustments had alleviated his concerns. Mr. Fulk explained some of the county funding received by the Allen Library was used to purchase books, audio books, pay for seasonal staffing and software upgrades which have improved and enhanced the library. Mr. Fulk said 20% of the cardholders at the Allen Library come from outside the city and approximately 238,000 non-residents are cardholders and utilize the libraries and its services. Judge Self asked about this estimate stating that 44,000 residents live in the unincorporated areas of Collin County. (Time: 6:40 p.m.)

Hearing no further comments, Judge Self said the vote would take place on Monday, September 21, 2015, in the Commissioners' Courtroom and then closed the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m. (Time: 6:41 p.m.)

b. AI-40520 FY 2016 Add/Delete List, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, came forward and explained there was one item remaining on the add/delete list that did not make it into the proposed budget and that was the third party consultant for function, scope and direction for compensation. Commissioner Williams said she continues to support this and thinks there is value in it. This has been an issue every year since the Commissioner has been on the Court. This does not need to focus on specific job's salaries but rather on how the County benchmarks to the private sector. The Commissioner is looking for options or methodologies on how to handle wage compression issues and how to avoid it. Commissioners Fletcher and Webb were comfortable with this as a contingency item. Commissioner Williams said the Court needs to be very involved in any RFP (Request for Price). A motion was made and seconded to put the item in contingency.

Judge Self said there is only one employee who has been with the County for 15 years and is not at the maximum on the pay range or on the compa ratio list and this is because of poor performance. At the beginning of the range, some of the new hires are making almost as much as other employees because raises have been so small. There are 20 employees in the non-exempt category that are not on the range and 20 more non-exempt employees in law enforcement area. There are 2.7% of non-exempt employees and 5.3% non-exempt in law enforcement who are not on the range and the reason is we have given 8% increases over the last three years. There are 40 people in those two categories. The Judge said the County is almost back to automatic pay raises. The first year of compa ratio was for difficult to fill positions. The second year included anyone above average, and the third year included everyone except those with a low performance in the past three years. The average time to fill positions is shorter in 2015 than in 2014, and 80% of new hires have a pay increase from the job they are coming from. This does not include the benefits package which is quite generous.

Commissioner Williams does not want automatic pay raises, and one of the positive things to come from this will be making PFP (Pay for Performance) more meaningful. Commissioner Fletcher said it does not make sense to move an entire range and instead they should look at just those employees that are out of line. Also merit pay needs to be looked at separately. Commissioner Hill said this item was held back last week in order to get more information from Human Resources and asked if that information was available. Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, said what they received from the consultants was what the range would be and the costs associated with it. The ranges were from \$55,000 to \$150,000. With no further discussion, the motion was to put \$150,000 into contingency for an HR consultant. (Time: 6:51 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

Judge Self held this because he may have another addition to the add/delete list.

8. Board/Committee Appointments:

a. AI-40401 Civil Service Commission, Sheriff.

Sheriff Terry Box asked to reappoint James McCarley to another term as Chair of the Sheriff's Office Civil Service Commissioner. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the appointment. (Time: 6:51 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-644-09-14

b. AI-40510 NETEX Board, Commissioners Court.

Judge Self deleted this item and it will be put on a future agenda after the budget process. (Time: 6:52 p.m.)

PULLED

c. **AI-40511** North Texas Workforce Commission, Commissioners Court.

Judge Self said both Roger Harris and Robert Hill have asked to be reappointed to the North Texas Workforce Commission. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the appointments. (Time: 6:52 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-645-09-14

9. **AI-33858** RTC monthly update, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Webb updated the Court on the last meeting stating there were three items on the RTC (Regional Transportation Council) agenda that affected Collin County. The first item related to LIRAP/LIP (Low-Income Repair and Replacement Assistance Program/Local Initiative Projects). Since the 84th Texas Legislature restored full funding to the programs, Collin County has a one-year commitment to exchange \$1.5 million of LIRAP/LIP funds for CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program) funds. This item needed RTC approval and passed unanimously.

The next item was regarding the creation of a revolver fund of \$10 million in order to advance monies for regional programs and projects and then get reimbursed by the federal government. There was a partnership whereby Dallas County agreed to exchange over \$6.1 million by trading in some of their projects and ultimately allowing the RTC to end up with \$6 million of the \$10 million in the revolver fund. The RTC is seeking partners for the other \$4 million. When this deal was made, Dallas County traded \$6 million in Prop 1 funds and picked up an additional \$2.9 million in RTR (Regional Toll Revenues) in the exchange. This is an opportunity for Collin County to make a deal similar to this by trading in \$4 million in unobligated RTR funds and getting back \$6 million in funds.

The last item of interest was an update on the Southern Gateway, IH635E and US75. There were comments by Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) on the top three projects listed above which are unfunded at this point. The RTC is struggling with the fact that no one wants anymore toll roads. Initially these top three projects were to have a managed lane. Mr. Morris asked how to redefine the projects and come up with what the projects will look like if the toll component is removed. The Commissioner said there needs to be a consensus on the projects. The US75 project between IH635 and SH121 involves the Cities of Dallas, Richardson, Plano and Allen, and Collin County should take a leadership role to get everyone together to agree on what it should look like.

Commissioner Fletcher asked if there have been any more discussions about the TIRZ (Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone) type of funding with sales tax which the Court had discussed in the past. Judge Self said he went to Austin and briefed the Long-Term Planning Subcommittee of the House Transportation Committee last week and they seemed very receptive. It will have to be state sales tax and not city sales tax so the State will have to agree to have skin in the game and the State will have to develop the TIRZ because it is the State's tax. The Judge said they are still working on the concept.

Judge Self said Mr. Morris didn't want projects to be leap frogged but immediately US75 was leap frogged by a project that was not even on the March 2015 priority list. The Judge recommended in an email to our legislative delegation that they join the I635E Legislative Delegation which is attempting to convince the RTC that we don't want tolls in this area. Both Proposition 1 and Proposition 7 cannot be used on toll roads. If one lane is tolled on US75, does that make it a toll road? The Judge has not been able to get an answer to that question. The RTC cannot unilaterally declare a toll road. At the Irving Transportation Water Summit a few of Collin County's planning members were present and quoted Michael Morris regarding Prop 1 and Prop 7 funding as saying, "No new funding is going north of Dallas."

Judge Self would like the Court to consider putting \$150,000 for a transportation consultant onto the add/delete list. Commissioner Fletcher asked what is required to show a consensus. The Judge said the Court and state legislators already agree, so it would require getting all the cities together. A brief discussion ensued on how to push this forward. Commissioner Williams said this issue will delay some of the interchanges which need to be done and will be disruptive and damaging to economic development. Commissioner Hill would like Collin County to take the lead in moving this forward. (Time: 7:15 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Hill thanked the Town of Fairview, the Town Manager and the citizens who came to Court. (Time: 7:15 p.m.)

10. Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self recessed Commissioners' Court into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551.074 of the Government Code, Personnel, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Personnel (551.074)

To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

AI-40493 FY2016 salary increases for County Administrator, Elections Administrator and County Extension Agents, Human Resources.

Judge Self reconvened Commissioners' Court 7:30 p.m. A motion was made to give a 3% increase to the County Administrator, Elections Administrator and County Extension Agents which is comparable to the rest of the county. (Time: 7:30 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

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There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting of Commissioners' Court at 7:30 p.m.



Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court
Collin County, T E X A S