

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

On Monday, September 6, 2016, the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Special Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Jack Hatchell Collin County Administration Building, 4th Floor, 2300 Bloomdale Road, City of McKinney, 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 Hill led the Invocation.
Commissioner Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Judge Self led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

1. Judge Self called to order the Special Session Meeting of the **Collin County Commissioners' Court** at 1:30 p.m. and recessed the meeting at 1:39 p.m. The meeting was reconvened and immediately recessed into Executive Session at 1:40 p.m.

President Self called to order the Special Session Meeting of the **Collin County Health Care Foundation** at 1:39 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. **AI-42008** P-Card Disbursements, Auditor.

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: 1:39 p.m.)

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

a. **AI-42031** Disbursements for the period ending August 30, 2016, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-637-09-06

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-42089 Public Hearing – FY 2017 Proposed Tax Rate, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, came forward with a presentation to re-cap the FY2017 budget before the opening of the Public Hearing. She first reviewed the truth-in-taxation calculations. 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 for properties that existed in both tax years. This year's total effective tax rate is \$0.208395. The effects of the tax rate are determined by the increases or decreases in the appraised value each year for properties that existed in both tax years. If appraised values go up, the effective tax rate goes down and vice versa.

The rollback rate is a calculation which splits the tax rate into two separate components – maximum operating rate and debt tax rate. The rollback rate allows the County to raise the same amount in operations as in the prior year plus an additional 8%. This year's total rollback rate is \$0.225051. Exceeding this rate would require a roll-off election. The County is proposing an operating tax rate of \$0.153195 plus the debt tax rate of \$0.0552 which gives the proposed total tax rate of \$0.208395 for 2017.

The current tax rate is \$0.225 per \$100 valuation and the proposed tax rate is \$0.208395 per \$100 valuation. This is a reduction of \$0.016605 from the current tax rate. If this tax rate is adopted it would be the twenty-fourth year without a tax rate increase. To date the tax rate has been reduced six times since 1993. FY2017 will be the eighth year for the 5% Homestead Exemption. The 2016 certified adjusted taxable value is \$107.7 billion which equates to an 11.9% increase from the 2015 tax year. The average home value in Collin County for tax year 2016 is \$317,599 according to statistics compiled by the Central Appraisal District of Collin County. With the proposed tax rate of \$0.208395, and a 5% homestead exemption, the average homeowner will pay \$628.77 in county taxes for the 2016 tax year. This is an increase of 3.1%, or \$18.96, from last year.

The second tax rate public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016, in the Jack Hatchell Administration Building, Commissioners' Courtroom. The proposed budget will be filed on Monday, September 12, 2016, and will be posted on the County's website. On Monday, September 19, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. a public hearing will be held on the FY2017 proposed budget in the Jack Hatchell Administration Building, Commissioners' Courtroom. The adoption of the FY2017 budget, FY2017 elected officials' salaries, FY2017 tax rate and FY2017 fee schedule will occur at that time.

Judge Self opened the public hearing for the FY2017 Proposed Tax Rate at 1:36 p.m. and asked for comments. Hearing no comments, the Judge closed the public hearing at 1:37 p.m. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. AI-42109 Proposed FY 2017 Budget, County Judge.

Commissioner Williams would like the positions for the Tax Assessor's Office held in contingency until the Tax Assessor begins participation in the Scofflaw program. Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said the Tax Assessor will be invited to discuss this at the next Commissioners' Court meeting. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Mr. Bilyeu would like to discuss splitting the Human Resources Benefits Manager into two staff positions in order to reorganize the office. Additional staff is needed in the benefits area. A current employee would be moved over into a lead position to supervise this area. This would be an additional ongoing cost of \$45,000-\$50,000 and require the one-time cost of a cubicle and computer setup. Mr. Bilyeu will bring the Court additional information on this at the next Commissioners' Court meeting. (Time: 1:38 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self recessed the Commissioners' Court Special Session into Executive Session in accordance with Paragraph 551.071, Legal to consult with an attorney regarding the Ohio v. US, Case No. 2:15-cv-321 and the Arch Resorts, LLC v. City of McKinney, Texas, Cause No. 05-15-01108-CV. (Time: 1:40 p.m.)

Legal (551.071)

AI-42066 Consult with an attorney regarding Ohio v. US, Case No. 2:15-cv-321, Administrative Services.

NO ACTION TAKEN

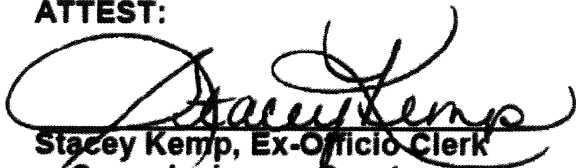
AI-42078 Consult with an attorney regarding Arch Resorts, LLC v. City of McKinney, Texas, Cause No. 05-15-01108-CV, Administrative Services.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Judge Self reconvened Commissioners' Court Special Session at 2:45 p.m. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.



ATTEST:


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

Not Present

Keith Self, County Judge

Not Present

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4