

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, September 12, 2016, the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Regular 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

Judge Self led the Invocation.

Commissioner Webb 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 1:30 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:31 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 3:31 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

**DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:**

1. AI-42072 Amendment No. 1 and 2 for Services, CSCD, Evaluations and Counseling for Drug Offenders (RFP No. 2014-282) with Addiction Treatment Resources Inc. to extend the contract through and including August 31, 2017, Adult Probation.

**2. Contract Renewal(s):**

a. AI-42065 Services: Juvenile Sex Offender Counseling (RFP No. 2015-230) with Terri L. Bauer, LCSW, LSOTP to extend the contract through and including September 30, 2016, Juvenile Probation.

b. **AI-42053** Services: Urinalysis Testing for Juvenile Probation (RFP No. 2013-335) with Treatment Assessment Screening Center, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2017, Juvenile Probation.

3. **AI-42132** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

## **FYI NOTIFICATION**

1. **AI-34688** Outstanding Agenda Items, Commissioners Court.

### **2. Addenda:**

a. **AI-42077** No. 1 and No. 2 to Detention Center Slider Door Replacement (IFB No. 2016-267) to make various changes to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.

b. **AI-42113** No. 1 and No. 2 to Road Materials: Emulsified Asphalt (IFB No. 2016-296) to make various changes to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.

3. **AI-42086** Change Order No. 1 to Construction, Restoration of Remediation Areas, 900 E. Park (IFB No. 2015-349) with SDB Contracting Services, Inc. for renewal of the contractor's Owner/Contractor Insurance Policy, Construction & Projects.

4. **AI-42123** Budget amendment in the amount of \$500 utilizing the District Attorney State Forfeiture Fund for the Collin County Veterans Court, District Attorney.

5. **AI-42116** Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.

6. **AI-42026** License Plate Recycling, Tax Assessor/Collector.

Commissioner Webb said these revenues should go back into the General Fund, and he would like to see it go into the GEM (Going the Extra Mile) program which will run out of money in a few years. Jeff May, Auditor, received an attorney opinion from Greg Hudson, Legal Counsel, stating this money belongs to the General Fund and Commissioners' Court should decide how to use it. Since this is an FYI item there was no motion made. (Time: 2:05 p.m.)

### **2. Public Comments.**

### 3. Presentation/Recognition:

a. **AI-42058** Recognition of Collin County for receiving the "Best Application Serving the Public" honors as part of the Best of Texas awards ceremony at the Texas Digital Government Summit, Information Technology.

Caren Skipworth, CIO, presented the IT Department and County and District Clerks' offices with the Best of Texas 2016 award honoring them for their mobile-friendly one-stop judicial online search application. This public service has averaged 1.6 million hits per month. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

**4. Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self pulled item 4e3 and deleted 4h2 and then asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled items FY6, 4d2, 4f4 and 4k2. Commissioner Hill also wanted to discuss 4k2, and Commissioner Fletcher pulled item 4a1. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 2:01 p.m.)

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

a. **AI-42042** Disbursements for the period ending September 6, 2016, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-638-09-12**

1. **AI-42119** Paxton/Blackard Disbursements.

Commissioner Fletcher pulled this item to explain why she continues to be opposed to it. The Commissioner feels the district judge did not follow the fee schedule and would have liked to have an opinion from a higher court. For someone to unilaterally bind the County and its taxpayers to \$2 million is wrong. Until the Commissioner is compelled by a higher court and knows these are appropriate charges, she will remain opposed to paying any of these bills for special prosecutors.

Commissioner Hill is in favor of paying these invoices but will continue to vote no on paying the special prosecutors. Commissioner Hill said these invoices are to pay for an attorney retained to represent other attorneys who were acting in the position of an elected official. There is an obligation to represent elected officials who are charged in an official capacity and the special prosecutors who have taken their place. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:08 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams  
Vote: 4 – 1 Passed  
Nay: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-639-09-12**

b. **AI-42023** Tax refunds totaling \$540,086.77, Tax Assessor/Collector.  
**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-640-09-12**

**c. Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-42060** Services, Professional Audit (RFP No. 2016-161), Auditor.  
**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-641-09-12**

2. **AI-42087** Public Works Weston Barn Metal Roof Replacement (IFB No. 2016-322), Construction & Projects.  
**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-642-09-12**

3. **AI-42105** Image Network Attached Storage Solution (RFP No. 2016-332) and budget amendment in the amount of \$380,987 for same, Information Technology.  
**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-643-09-12**

4. **AI-42118** Online Auctioneering Services (RFP No. 2016-302), Purchasing.  
**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-644-09-12**

**d. Award(s):**

1. **AI-42103** Storage and Microfilm Creation (RFP No. 2016-153), County Clerk.  
**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-645-09-12**

2. **AI-42052** Professional Services, Appraisal Services (RFP No. 2016-241) and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the Appraisal Services Agreements, Special Projects.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item to ask why the lowest bid was not being considered. Jeff Durham, Special Projects, said the qualifications and experience of this vendor were not relative as far as the appraisals of ROW (Right of Way) for major road projects such as the Outer Loop. Their vendor has experience with easements for utilities but not ROW acquisitions. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:20 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher  
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-646-09-12**

**e. Agreement(s):**

1. **AI-42057** Texas Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) Maintenance Grant Contract with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) in the amount of \$27,715.32 for the period beginning September 1, 2016 through and including August 31, 2017, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-647-09-12**

2. **AI-42104** State Case Registry and Local Customer Service Cooperative Agreement with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) of the State of Texas to create or update Registry-Only Case(s) on the OAG Case Management System with child support court order and family violence information for the term beginning September 1, 2016 through and including August 31, 2018, District Clerk.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-648-09-12**

3. **AI-41956** Engineering Services Agreement with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. for the design of Frontier Parkway Paving and Drainage Improvements and budget amendment in the amount of \$1,958,290 for same, Engineering.

Judge Self pulled this and asked Clarence Daugherty, Engineering, where these construction costs are coming from. Mr. Daugherty said the funding sources include COG (Council of Governments), RTR (Regional Toll Revenues) and city and county funds. The cost has gone up, and there have been discussions with the cities to see if they can provide some additional funding. Judge Self asked if the County should have a payback schedule from the cities. Mr. Daugherty said, if the cities don't want to pay for things that are considered city issues, we will not have the engineering firm deal with those issues. If the cities want something, we can enter into an agreement with the city prior to having the engineering firm include it.

There was a brief discussion regarding maintenance responsibility for the grade separation portion of this project. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:27 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Keith Self  
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher  
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-649-09-12**

4. **AI-42080** Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Wylie to support the County's requirements for the stationing, emergency response and maintenance for the Mobile Incident Command Post (MICP), Homeland Security.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-650-09-12**

5. **AI-42049** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Plano for Disaster Recovery Support to the County, Information Technology.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-651-09-12**

6. **AI-42117** Consent to Assignment and Assumption for Equipment, Lease: Road Construction and Right-of-Way Maintenance Equipment (IFB No. 2014-121) to change the name from Hertz Equipment Rental to Herc Rentals, Inc. and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-652-09-12**

**f. Amendment(s):**

1. **AI-42039** No. 1 to Insurance, General and Excess Liability (RFP No. 2015-220) with Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2017 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-653-09-12**

2. **AI-42099** No. 1 to Professional Services, Psychological Assessment (Contract No. 2015-227) with Dr. Kristi Compton Ph.D P.C. to extend the contract through and including September 30, 2017 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-654-09-12**

3. **AI-42122** No. 3 to Insurance, Excess Workers' Compensation (RFP No. 2013-333) with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2017 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-655-09-12**

4. **AI-42120** No. 3 to Insurance, Property Boiler and Machinery (RFP No. 2014-276) with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2017 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item and said renewing it will reduce the premium by \$38,000, or 19%. However, the deductible is no longer per event. It will now be per building. If a hailstorm came through the area and hit all eight County buildings, instead of a \$50,000 per event deductible, it would be a \$50,000 per building deductible for a total of \$400,000.

The Commissioner would like to purchase another policy at an approximate cost of \$55,000 to cover the potential \$400,000 deductible should a hail storm hit the County buildings. There is no time to rebid this item, but the Commissioner would like to have this new supplemental policy added into the FY2017 budget. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:35 p.m.)

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

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-656-09-12**

5. **AI-42121** No. 4 to the Interlocal Agreement for Teen Court Services (Contract No. 2014-132) with the Town of Little Elm to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2017 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Administrative Services.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-657-09-12**

6. **AI-42107** No. 9 to the Interlocal Agreement for On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) with the City of Lucas (Contract No. 10027-08) to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2017 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-658-09-12**

**g. Contract Renewal(s):**

1. **AI-42070** Supplies: Veterinary and Animal (IFB No. 2013-337) with C. Specialties, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2017, Development Services.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-659-09-12**

2. **AI-42013** Dairy Products: Milk (IFB No. 2014-138) with Southern Foods LLC, DBA Oak Farms Dairy to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2017, Sheriff.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-660-09-12**

**h. Budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**

1. **AI-42075** \$2,000 to reallocate funds to cover a negative category balance in Training and Travel to reimburse Inmate Transfer staff for mileage, Sheriff.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-661-09-12**

2. **AI-42059** \$350,000 to establish a Legal Expense account to cover legal costs associated with the acquisition of right-of-way for the Collin County Outer Loop from the Collin/Denton Line to State Highway 289, Special Projects.

**HELD**

**i. Receive and File, Auditor:**

1. **AI-42114** Monthly Financial Reports for July 2016.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-662-09-12**

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

1. **AI-42036** August 8, 2016.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-663-09-12**

2. **AI-42081** August 15, 2016.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-664-09-12**

3. **AI-42101** August 22, 2016.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-665-09-12**

**k. Miscellaneous**

1. **AI-42110** Acknowledgment of the issuance of the Trinity Higher Educational Facilities Corporation Tax-Exempt Promissory Note, Series 2016 (McKinney Christian Academy Project), County Judge.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-666-09-12**

2. **AI-42131** Resolution for the State of Texas to secure its electric grid from Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP), County Judge.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item asking why it was on the consent agenda and commented that the list of sponsors for this is mostly made up of those that sell utility products. The Commissioner questioned who should be paying to “harden” or protect the critical electric power grid components from an EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse) threat. Should it be the government and the taxpayers associated therewith or the utility providers who will in turn pass the cost on to their customers by building it into their rates. Judge Self said this is a great point because the utility companies do not want to pay for this.

Commissioner Webb changed the last sentence in the first paragraph of the Resolution to “a nationwide blackout with devastating consequences.” The last paragraph had changes made by Commissioners Webb, Hill and Judge Self. It should read, “RESOLVED, Be it resolved that we call on the Governor of Texas, Lt. Gov. of Texas, Speaker of the House, and all Members of the Legislature, realizing Texas is in a unique situation to take care of their own, to require utility providers to take the necessary actions to harden the Texas electric power grid against EMP and protect Texans, our safety, and the next generation.”



With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item with the changes made. (Time: 2:47 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher  
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-667-09-12**

3. **AI-42030** 2017 Holiday Schedule, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-668-09-12**

4. **AI-42056** Acceptance of the donation of equipment from EMC, Information Technology.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-669-09-12**

5. **AI-42071** Declare West Publishing Corporation as the sole source provider of printed materials for legal research for the Law Library and Courts and replace the list previously approved by Court Order No. 85-613-9-23 per Local Government Code 262.024(a)(7)(A), Purchasing.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-670-09-12**

6. **AI-42133** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-671-09-12**

7. **AI-42134** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-672-09-12**

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

5. **AI-42163** Going the Extra Mile (GEM) employee recognition policy, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, explained the funding for the GEM (Going the Extra Mile) employee recognition policy. The allocation of GEM awards to departments is for a three-year budget cycle beginning October 1, 2016. Any unused awards at the end of the three-year period will not be carried forward. The program would run out of revenues in FY2029 unless there was an increase in revenues.

Commissioner Webb suggested using p-cards to pay the County's utilities and phone bills which total over \$1 million per year. With a 1% rebate, that would raise a lot of money for the program. Mr. Bilyeu will check into this.

Commissioner Hill likes the idea of awarding people who go above and beyond on the job and would prefer to do an annual program as opposed to a three-year program. The Commissioner recommended the same allocation of awards per department for every year instead of every three years with no rollover. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item with Commissioner Hill's changes. (Time: 2:53 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill  
Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-673-09-12**

6. **AI-42158** Update regarding JP Collections by Gay, McCall, Isaacks & Roberts, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

7. **AI-41901** Cancellation of the contract for Collection of Delinquent Fines for Justice Court 3-1 (RFP No. 2014-248) with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3-1.

Judge Paul Raleeh, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, explained all the ways that have been used to collect fines and fees for the various JP offices. There is approximately \$10 million outstanding in the five Justice Courts. None of the programs had a bigger impact than any other except there was an edge to using a third party collection firm that knew how to do the collections and had the resources.

Judge Raleeh asked the Court to cancel the contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, Motts, LLP and to pursue the use of an existing contract with Gay, McCall, Isaacks & Roberts, P.C. Gay, McCall, Isaacks & Roberts will be partnering with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP who is another powerhouse in court collections.

David McCall of Gay McCall came forward with Edward Lopez of Linebarger Goggan to explain the advantages of their partnership. There would be a multi-lingual call center, billboards and TV and radio ads. Commissioner Webb asked who will be accountable. Mr. McCall said he would be accountable and Linebarger Goggan would be a subcontractor. The Commissioner expressed his frustration with the Linebarger Goggan firm with regard to property dealings.

There was a brief discussion regarding when all five Justice Courts would begin participating. Currently the two Plano Justice Courts and McKinney's Justice Court will participate. With no further discussion, a motion was made to send the 30-day notice of cancellation of the contract to Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP and to continue the contract with Gay, McCall, Isaacks & Roberts who will subcontract with Linebarger Goggan. (Time: 3:12 p.m.)

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

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-674-09-12**

8. **AI-42067** Grant R – Diversion Alternative Plan funding in the amount of \$43,920 through the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Juvenile Probation.

Judge Self spoke with Greg Hudson, Legal Counsel, who said the Juvenile Board is an independent organization and a special district within Collin County. The Juvenile Board has total authority to do this, therefore, the Judge recommended not acting on it. (Time: 3:14 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

9. **AI-42084** Consider participation in the Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement (LIRAP) Program, Special Projects.

Jeff Durham, Special Projects, said last year Collin County traded \$1.5 million of its LIRAP (Low Income Repair Assistance Program) and LIP (Local Initiative Project) money for CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) funds. To date the County has spent almost \$1 million of those funds. If the County continues to participate in the LIRAP program, the Court would need to request FY2017 funds now. Commissioner Webb supports participating in the program and swapping for CMAQ funds for one more year. Of the \$3 million available, the Commissioner suggested swapping \$2.1 million for CMAQ funds. With no further discussion, a motion was made to participate for FY2017 and swap \$2.1 million for CMAQ funds. (Time: 3:18 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams  
Vote: 4 – 1 Passed  
Nay: Judge Keith Self

**COURT ORDER NO. 2016-675-09-12**

## 10. FY 2017 Budget

### a. AI-42090 Public Hearing – FY 2017 Proposed Tax Rate, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, came forward with a PowerPoint presentation for the second public hearing on the proposed tax rate. Ms. Arris 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 rate that splits the tax rate into two separate portions – a maximum operating rate and a debt service rate. The rollback rate allows the County to raise the same amount in operations as in the prior year plus an additional eight percent. This year's total rollback rate is \$0.225051. The proposed operating tax rate is \$0.153195 plus the debt service rate comes to a total proposed tax rate of \$0.208395. This is a drop from the current tax rate which is \$0.22500 per \$100 valuation. There have been no tax rate increases in Collin County for twenty-three years. The five percent Homestead Exemption has been in effect for seven years. The average home value in Collin County increased from \$285,262 in 2015 to \$317,599.

The proposed budget will be filed and posted on the County's website this evening. The Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Hatchell Administration Building, Commissioners' Courtroom. Following the public hearing will be the adoption of the FY2017 budget, tax rate, elected officials' salaries and fee schedule. There was a lengthy conversation regarding the average Collin County tax bill and how the appraisals will affect it.

Commissioner Fletcher asked the Court to consider making sure there is enough money for ROW (Right of Way) acquisitions and other transportation needs. Commissioner Webb is very supportive of this.

Commissioner Williams said last year the new positions for the Tax Office were put into contingency until the Scofflaw program was put into place. The program has not been implemented so the Commissioner would like to do the same with the recommended positions for this year. Laura Boatright, Chief Deputy in the Tax Office, said Kenneth Maun, Tax Assessor-Collector, wants to be fully staffed before he starts the Scofflaw process. There will need to be a database created. Judge Self asked if the Tax Assessor-Collector realizes he is leaving money on the table and Ms. Boatright said she believes he does know this. Commissioner Hill asked if the six new positions for FY2017 that were put in contingency would give Mr. Maun the manpower he needs to put the Scofflaw program in place. Ms. Boatright said she could not speak for Mr. Maun but would make sure it was discussed thoroughly.

Monika Arris, Budget, said the six new positions were not for Scofflaw. Commissioner Williams said she would not authorize any additional positions into the Tax Assessors Office, except into contingency, until there is movement on the Scofflaw program. With no further discussion, a motion was made to put the positions for the Tax Office into contingency. (Time: 1:56 p.m.)

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

Hearing no public comments, Judge Self closed the FY2017 Proposed Tax Rate Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**11. AI-38983** North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board monthly update, County Judge.

Judge Self updated the Court on the August NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) Executive Board meeting. The first item of interest was a resolution for a contract for Housing Navigator Services. DADS (Department of Aging and Disability Services) has funded NCTCOG's aging program since 2010 for housing navigator services which include: developing an inventory of affordable housing; advocating for the expansion of affordable housing; and commenting on housing policy. Judge Self voted no on this item saying he believes the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) is one of the most dangerous federal programs in existence today.

The next item of interest was a grant application to the DOE (Department of Energy.) This initiative will provide funding for projects that would accelerate the use of commercially available electric drive and alternative fuel vehicles and supporting infrastructure technologies. A goal of this initiative is to support petroleum reduction efforts through the DOE Clean Cities program. Supporting this will hurt the Texas oil industry, and Judge Self voted no on this item also.

The last item of interest was a resolution approving the DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Participation Goal Update for FY2017 to FY2019. Judge Self has no issue with having goals but does not think the goals need to be reported to the federal government. The Judge voted no on this. (Time: 3:21 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

Commissioner Webb updated the Court on the September RTC (Regional Transportation Council) Board Meeting. There were only three action items on the agenda. One of those was the Hemphill/Lamar Connector Project and Partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation and Tarrant County. This project goes back to 1988 and half of it is completed. The other part, which is the Hemphill piece, will cost \$50 million. The City of Fort Worth has put in \$26 million of the \$50 million and will get federal funds for the balance. This item was approved.

The rest were information items and the most interesting was a map modeling of the entire DFW region through 2040 showing which roadways people would use. Also, the RTC received the clearance letter from the federal government so that all of the projects that are on the transportation plan can move forward. The Commissioner said this is significant and everything can now move forward with construction.

Another item was the USACE (U. S. Army Corps of Engineers) update. In October 2008, NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) and the USACE initiated a pilot program that enabled a dedicated USACE staff position to review Section 404 and 408 permits associated with regionally significant transportation projects. Prior to this, it took between 12 and 24 months to get clearance on anything that involved the USACE. By funding this USACE staff position, these clearances are received in a week.

Commissioner Webb updated the Court on the High-Occupancy Vehicle/Managed Lane report. Also, there are still no Collin County projects on the Regional 10-Year Plan, and the Commissioner is hoping to get an amendment in the next six months to put a project on the plan.

Commissioner Hill asked if there have been any recent discussions on our HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes once construction is completed. Commissioner Webb said that has already been approved. The HOV lanes will be converted back to emergency lanes, and during peak times will be opened as an additional lane. This will come online when the Plano Parkway/Bush interchange is complete. (Time: 3:30 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

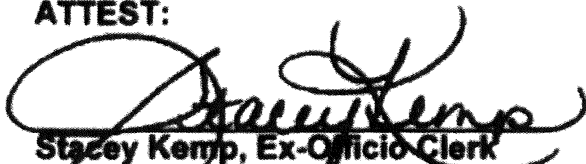
**13. Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion.**

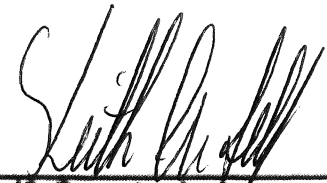
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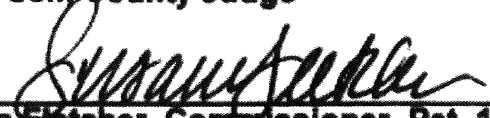
The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.



**ATTEST:**

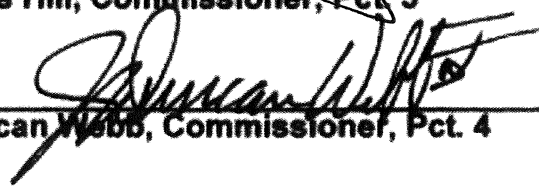
  
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