

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, November 6, 2017, 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 John Thomas, Precinct 3

Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Judge Self led the Invocation.

Commissioner Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Williams 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 recessed the meeting at 2:09 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 2:14 p.m. and recessed at 3:01 p.m. The meeting was reconvened and immediately recessed into Executive Session at 3:03 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 3:13 p.m. and adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:01 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 3:02 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-43968 Award Psychological Evaluations, Juvenile (RFP No. 2017-287) to Robert Daniel Lackey dba Spartan Psychological Consulting, Juvenile Probation.

2. AI-43975 Contract between the Collin County Juvenile Probation Department acting through the Collin County Juvenile Board and Rockwall County Juvenile Probation Department acting through the Rockwall Juvenile Board for the Collin County Juvenile Probation Department to provide sex offender treatment services at the County Pre-Adjudication Facility for the Rockwall County Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Probation.

3. **AI-43987** Contract between the Collin County Juvenile Probation Department acting through the Collin County Juvenile Board and Rockwall County Juvenile Probation Department acting through the Rockwall Juvenile Board for the Collin County Juvenile Probation Department to provide detention services at the County Pre-Adjudication Facility for the Rockwall County Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Probation.

4. **AI-44033** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

5. **AI-44034** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

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

2. **AI-43988** Addendum No. 1, 2 and 3 to Construction, Collin County Adventure Camp Roof Replacements (IFB No. 2017-320) to make various changes to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.

3. Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):

a. **AI-43976** \$3,000 to purchase K-9 equipment utilizing the Drug Forfeiture Fund, Sheriff.

b. **AI-44000** \$43,510 to establish the budget for the FY 2018 Title IV-E County Legal Services Grant, Auditor.

4. **AI-43984** Donation in the amount of \$2,000 to Stronger Than Espresso utilizing the District Attorney State Forfeiture Fund and budget amendment for same, District Attorney.

5. **AI-43992** Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.

6. **AI-43846** County overtime for the pay period ended October 22, 2017, Human Resources.

2. Public Comments.

Tom Plunkett, Air Force Reserve Veteran and resident of Anna, came forward to ask the Court to consider adding one or two more Veteran Service Officers to this year's budget. The current Veteran Service Officers do a phenomenal job, but there are only two in Collin County to serve a population of 1 million. Denton County, which has a slightly lower population than Collin County, has five officers. Grayson County, which has a population of approximately 125,000, will soon have two officers. Mr. Plunkett currently volunteers with the Veterans Administration assisting 80 Veterans. The common concern he hears is there is not enough Veteran Service Officer time or there is only so much the officers can do in their scope of work. It is important as a county to look at this opportunity to help Veterans and be comparable to other counties.

Mr. Plunkett also urged the Court to recognize and award the individuals who performed life-saving measures last Friday in the courthouse. (Time: 1:34 p.m.)

Chris Hill, former Commissioner Precinct 3, came forward to thank the citizens for giving him the opportunity to serve as their Commissioner. He also thanked the Court, Elected Officials and all the employees for the privilege and honor to serve side by side the last five years. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

Public comments on the naming of the Collin County Courthouse were heard under General Discussion Item 9.

3. Presentation/Recognition:

a. AI-44018 Swearing-In Ceremony for Commissioner, Precinct 3, County Judge.

John Thomas came forward with his wife, Cheryl Thomas. Mr. Thomas was sworn in as the new Commissioner, Precinct 3, by Judge Self. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

b. AI-43979 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented to the County Auditor by Judge Angela Tucker, Auditor.

Judge Scott Becker, 219th District Court, presented Jeff May, Auditor, with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the thirty-eighth consecutive award for the Auditor's office. Mr. May thanked his staff and all the departments that helped achieve this award. (Time: 1:31 p.m.)

4. Consent agenda to approve: Judge Self asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Thomas pulled item 4h5 for discussion. Hearing no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 2:59 p.m.)

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

a. AI-43980 Disbursements for the period ending October 31, 2017, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-883-11-06

b. AI-43981 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-884-11-06

c. AI-43875 Tax refunds totaling \$1,822,475.31, Tax Assessor/Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-885-11-06

d. Advertisement(s):

1. **AI-44029** Insurance, Stop Loss Medical and Pharmacy (RFP No. 2017-365), Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-886-11-06

e. Award(s):

1. **AI-43882** Veterinary Services, Animal Shelter, General and Spay/Neuter (RFP No. 2017-276) and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the Professional Services Agreements, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-887-11-06

2. **AI-43983** Data Domain ES30 Expansion Tray (Contract No. 2017-359) to Unique Digital, Inc. and budget amendment in the amount of \$90,218 for same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-888-11-06

3. **AI-44005** Polygraph Testing (RFP No. 2017-168), Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-889-11-06

f. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-44050** Memorandum of Understanding with LifePath Systems for compliance with the SB 292 grant submission, Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-890-11-06

2. **AI-43990** Interlocal Agreement with the Collin County Water Control and Improvement District No. 03 (Inspiration Community) for Law Enforcement Services effective through and including September 30, 2019, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-891-11-06

3. **AI-43985** Modification to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service Eastern District of Texas (78) for the Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force to adjust the funding from \$13,488 to \$8,488, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-892-11-06

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

1. **AI-43999** Renewal of the FY 2018 Title IV-E County Legal Services Contract (Contract No. 23939924) with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the period October 1, 2017 through and including September 30, 2018 for the partial reimbursement of Collin County's legal services for CPS cases, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-893-11-06

2. AI-44002 Renewal of the FY 2018 Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Contract (Contract No. 23939923) with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the period October 1, 2017 through and including September 30, 2018 for the partial reimbursement of Collin County's foster care maintenance for CPS cases, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-894-11-06

3. AI-43965 Acceptance of the 2017 UASI Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in the amount of \$222,527 through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for the grant period October 1, 2017 through and including September 30, 2018, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-895-11-06

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

1. AI-44003 \$6,400 to establish the budget for the FY 2018 Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Grant, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-896-11-06

2. AI-44013 \$8,388 to reallocate funds for the Spay/Neuter Program, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-897-11-06

3. AI-44023 \$15,750 to establish the cash match budget for the FY 2018 District Attorney's Victim Assistance Coordinator Program Grant, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-898-11-06

4. AI-44022 \$15,750 to establish the cash match budget for the FY 2018 Sheriff's Office Crime Victim Advocate Program Grant, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-899-11-06

5. AI-43995 \$50,538 for the Elastic Search Tool for Law Enforcement and IT Security, Information Technology.

Commissioner Thomas would like to know what is being done to train the staff on the Elastic Search Tool and how the processes are being reengineered. Caren Skipworth, CIO, will put a presentation update on the Court agenda. A motion was made to accept the budget adjustment of \$50,538. (Time: 3:00 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner John Thomas
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-900-11-06

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

1. **AI-43973** October 9, 2017.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-901-11-06

2. **AI-43996** October 16, 2017.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-902-11-06

j. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-44007** Grant application and resolution for the FY 2018 Indigent Defense Formula Grant through the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-903-11-06

2. **AI-44027** Sale of property located in Hillside Bay Estates, Wylie, Texas (Lot 34, Volume 7, Page 11) as recorded in the Collin County Deed Records to Syeda Haque upon the payment of \$7,500, County Judge.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-904-11-06

3. **AI-44028** Sale of property located in Hillside Bay Estates, Wylie, Texas (.117 acres, Lot 39, Volume 2099, Page 515) as recorded in the Collin County Deed Records to Syeda Haque upon the payment of \$6,500, County Judge.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-905-11-06

4. **AI-43977** 2017 Tax Roll, Tax Assessor/Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-906-11-06

5. **AI-44035** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-907-11-06

6. **AI-44036** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-908-11-06

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-43933 Public Hearing – Replat of Lots 4, 5 and 6 of the Pham Estates Subdivision, Engineering.

Tracy Homfeld, Engineering, came forward to request a public hearing for the replat of lots 4, 5 and 6 of Pham Estates Subdivision. Judge Self opened the public hearing at 2:47 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 2:47 p.m. There being no discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:48 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-909-11-06

6. AI-44032 Gift of a World War I memorial from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Administrative Services.

Linda Dillard, TXDAR (Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution), John F. Greer Chapter, came forward to request the approval of the placement of a WWI memorial in the Collin County Memorial Park located west of the courthouse. Members of the Chapter recognized there were no memorials in the Collin County area to honor those who served in WWI. The memorial will not only include the men and women who served in the military but also honor the men, women and children who were here at home serving. The Chapter has raised the funds for the monument itself and it would be a gift to the County and surrounding areas, but is asking the County to provide the pad the monument would rest on. With the Court's approval and completion of the pad, the monument will be ready to set on or before January 20, 2018. The Chapter would like to hold a formal dedication on November 11, 2018 at 11:11 a.m. commemorating the 100th anniversary of the signing of Armistice. A motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:19 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-910-11-06

7. AI-43888 NTTA 2017 Debt Refunding Plan, Administrative Services.

Bill Moore, Vice-Chair of the NTTA (North Texas Tollway Authority) Board of Directors, came forward to introduce the NTTA 2017 Debt Refunding Plan presentation. The topic of the presentation is the NTTA's debt management program. NTTA financed the roads built by selling public bonds for construction and NTTA has actively tried to manage the debt. Because the interest environment has been good, NTTA has been able to refinance much of the debt with five refinancing events for \$3.2 billion prior to the sixth and largest single event for \$2.5-2.7 billion.

This concluded the TELA (Toll Equity Loan Agreements) obligation with TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation). The refinancing also made it possible to lower the debt service payment and the ability to consolidate NTTA systems; the road system in Collin and Dallas Counties and the Special Projects System in Tarrant County. Mr. Moore introduced Horatio Porter, CFO of NTTA, to give the presentation.

Mr. Porter said NTTA was created in 1997 for the sole purpose of building toll roads and to address the transportation needs in North Texas. The state had limited funding so Collin and Dallas Counties led the effort to create NTTA to keep toll dollars here in Texas and to accelerate transportation projects. Mr. Porter reviewed improvement projects taking place in Collin County: DNT (Dallas North Tollway)/PGBT (President George Bush Turnpike) Interchange Improvement Project; DNT Bridges over US380 Project; PGBT Fourth Lane Improvement Project; SRT (Sam Rayburn Tollway) Fourth Lane Improvement Project; and the evaluation of the DNT 4B Southbound Frontage Road.

NTTA's total outstanding debt in 2005 was a little less than \$2 billion. In 2007 NTTA invested over \$3 billion in the SRT project which has been a game changer of a road. The debt profile continued to expand until the 2011 time period where NTTA issued debt for the special projects system in Tarrant County. NTTA's debt profile is approaching \$10 billion for the roads built in the area. In 2016 the annual debt service payment was \$416 million. Fast forward to 2035 and it is estimated to be \$706 million which is a very sizable amount of debt to maintain the roads. In looking at that number, NTTA decided to find ways to yield savings by refinancing the debt.

In 2014 the Strategic Refinancing Plan was presented to the NTTA Board. That plan was intended to capitalize on the low interest rate environment, optimize callable debt structure, maximize net present value savings, and stabilize debt service coverage requirements and review annually. This plan is reviewed annually and amended based on market conditions. As a result of this plan NTTA has refunded \$3.3 billion, generated \$467 million in new present value savings, reduced maximum annual debt service by \$130 million, and has upgraded NTTA's rating by Moody's/S&P. The pre-strategic refunding plan debt service was \$706 million for 2035 and is now down to \$576 million.

Mr. Porter reviewed the debt background for the Special Projects System in Tarrant County. The debt was secured to finance and construct the PGBT: Western Extension and Chisholm Trail Parkway. The project had partnership from TxDOT and USDOT (United States Department of Transportation). TELA was temporary and provided financial support to bondholders if project revenue was not sufficient to cover debt service. The backstop enabled NTTA to receive lower borrowing costs. TxDOT required NTTA to take future action: either refinance the Special Projects System without TELA or pay penalties to TxDOT. This made NTTA look at opportunities and decided to combine systems.

Combining the systems created one strong system which helped achieve significant financial debt service savings and avoid the TxDOT penalty. Internally there is now one budget, one Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, one inspection of assets which has streamlined internal processes. To do this very aggressive marketing and financing plan NTTA met with rating agencies on September 13th, held an interest road show release on September 22nd, met with 40 investment firms in Boston, New Jersey and New York to talk about the potential transaction on October 2nd – 4th. Collectively those firms own \$2.5 billion of NTTA debt which made it very important to meet and explain the transaction. The pricing of the transaction was on October 11th – 12th and closed on November 1st. The transaction was the largest municipal transaction during that week of pricing and the third largest transaction in the country. NTTA received \$19 billion in orders for the \$2.5 billion transaction.

The results of the transaction include over \$384.7 million in net present value savings over the life of the bonds. This represents 14.9% in savings and reduces the maximum annual debt service by \$270 million. This refunding combined with the previous refunding puts the debt service profile at \$695 million and the total debt level is \$9.4 billion.

Judge Self asked Mr. Porter to continue to provide the figures on the bi-county usage – toll tags and dollar amounts.

Commissioner Webb asked if the merger of the two systems impacted the control structure. Mr. Porter said it did not change the control structure as it is all under the holding company of NTTA with the same Board. There has been an advisory board added which is the Contiguous County Advisory Board. They are not voting members, but will provide advice from the counties around the four member county area into which the projects extend. For example, the Chisholm Trail Parkway extends into Johnson County; therefore, the Johnson County representative serves on the advisory board. (Time: 2:33 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

8. AI-43921 Collin County Adventure Camp update, Administrative Services.

Neil Rosenbaum, CCAC (Collin County Adventure Camp), presented an update on the camp. CCAC was established to provide outdoor education to Collin County students. Last year over 12,000 students were served and the CCAC is on par to serve 12,000 this year. CCAC has served 56 schools in Collin County, 22 in Dallas County, two in Denton County and two in Tarrant County. Fannin, Grayson and Hunt Counties have also had schools attend CCAC. The numbers for 2017 program participants year to date are: outdoor education – 11,026 students and 2,264 adults; conference and retreats – 7, 649 children and 2,424 adults; and summer programs – 1,307 day/resident campers.

Mr. Rosenbaum shared a story of a fourteen year old boy who was near end of life and who was a Camp I-Hope camper. Camp I-Hope is part of the Medical City Children's Hospital Cancer Program and has attended CCAC for seven years.

CCAC and Camp I-Hope were able to make the boy's wish of attending CCAC with his friends one last time a reality. The boy had a fabulous experience and unfortunately passed away one month later. Because of the cooperation between the YMCA and the County, CCAC is able to do those things.

Mr. Rosenbaum said the CCAC recently spoke with the Texas Motor Speedway Children's Charities and have received a \$125,000 grant to build an Alpine Tower and requested the permission of the Court to construct it. The Alpine Tower is 50-feet tall and will have shade incorporated into it for children dealing with medical issues. It is a stand-alone activity that will allow up to eight participants to be involved at a time. There are different routes up the structure which vary in difficulty. There will also be a lift assist route so that children with limited abilities will be able to reach the top. The area around the tower will be wheelchair accessible and have benches with shade. The location and visibility of the tower will make it the centerpiece of the CCAC programs.

Along with permission to construct the Alpine Tower, the CCAC also requested permission to construct a putt putt course. CCAC has funds available from the YMCA to construct a concrete course located in the same area as the Alpine Tower. The upkeep and liability insurance for both structures will be through the CCAC operations just like the other activities of the camp. Commissioner Fletcher asked how the safety inspections are done. Mr. Rosenbaum said the CCAC works with the Association of Challenge Course Technology to provide inspections on an annual and biannual process. There are two companies in Texas used for the inspections; Adventure Experiences and Rope Works. The CCAC staff are also trained to do daily inspections before an activity is opened for the day.

There was a question on the need to accept the grant funds for the Alpine Tower along with granting permission to build, but Mr. Rosenbaum clarified the funds are going to the YMCA to construct the tower. The only thing needed from the Court is the permission to build the two structures on Collin County land. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the construction of the Alpine Tower and putt putt course on Collin County land. (Time: 2:46 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-911-11-06

9. AI-43993 Naming of the Collin County Courthouse, County Judge.

Colin Kimball, McKinney, came forward to ask Collin County to rename the courthouse in honor of 1st Lt. Russell Albert Steindam who served in the US Army in Vietnam and who received the Medal of Honor which is the Nation's highest honor. Russell graduated in the top of his class from Plano High School in 1964 and then as a distinguished military graduate from the University of Texas in 1968.

He also graduated from the US Army Rangers School which is one of the most difficult training programs in the US Military. While serving in Vietnam, Russell took on the task of leading the ambush platoon. On February 2, 1970, his 15-man platoon was ambushed and Russell gave his own life so that the men he led into battle could live. During Vietnam 260 Medals of Honor were awarded with 63% of those issued posthumously. In the history of the nation, Texas is home to only 76 men who have received the Medal of Honor, two of which are from Collin County – Audie Murphy and Russell A. Steindam. Mr. Kimball believes it would be a fitting tribute to the life of Russell A. Steindam to name the courthouse in his honor so his legacy can be preserved and his life promoted as an example of a life of achievement, dedication to duty, patriotism and honor for our youth and future leaders.

Ronnie D. Foster, Anna, said in 2004, 35 years after he came home from Vietnam, he decided to write a book on the boys from Collin County who did not come home from the war. In his research he found that 21 did not come home. He was surprised to learn about 1st Lt. Russell A. Steindam of Plano who at the age of 24 gave his life when he dove on an enemy grenade to save the lives of his men and who had been awarded the Medal of Honor. Only two men in the history of the County have been awarded the Medal of Honor: the legendary Audie Murphy who everyone knows and Russell A. Steindam who no one knows. Mr. Foster questioned why he and everyone in Collin County didn't know about Russell. Russell left behind a wife pregnant with a son he would never know. For so many years the subject of Vietnam was swept under the rug by politicians, the entertainment industry and a politically correct media who didn't look at the soldiers of Vietnam the way they did at the soldiers of WWII. Farmersville and Greenville have large Audie Murphy events and have even renamed US380 to keep his memory alive. In Plano there is a park named after Russell, but it's a vacant lot with a small playground with no signage as to why the park was named. On behalf of the 21 boys who didn't make it home Mr. Foster respectfully requested to finally honor all of the heroes and Veterans of the Vietnam War by naming the courthouse in honor of Russell A. Steindam.

Sheriff Jim Skinner, who is an Armed Forces Veteran, came forward to support General Discussion Item 9 in naming the Collin County Courthouse in honor of 1st Lt. Russell A. Steindam. The Sheriff said he spent the weekend researching the criteria of a person having a courthouse named after them. He learned it is a person who lives a selfless life and makes the selfless sacrifice for his fellow man. When we examine the life of Russell A. Steindam this is certainly what we see.

Jim Meisman, McKinney, is the Commander of the American Legion Bill Bryan Post 110. He said his post and others around the County know of Russell Steindam only through the efforts of Mr. Kimball and people like him. Before moving to Texas Mr. Meisman didn't know who Russell was, but did know about Audie Murphy. Russell earned and was awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest award of our military. On behalf of the Bill Bryan Post 110, he asked the Court to approve naming the courthouse in honor of Russell A. Steindam.

David McCall, Plano, came forward to express his support of naming the courthouse in honor of Russell A. Steindam. Mr. McCall went to school with Russell and said he was a military man who gave his life for his country in the most heroic way.

Charles Skinner, Dallas, thanked the Court on behalf of Russell Steindam's friends and family for the privilege of speaking regarding the naming of the Collin County Courthouse. Russell graduated with honors from Plano High School, joined the ROTC while attending the University of Texas and upon graduating in 1968 he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army. He was eventually sent to Vietnam as a 1st Lieutenant and was killed in action on February 1, 1970. His actions saved the lives of the men with him and he was awarded the Medal of Honor. Mr. Skinner, who is married to Russell's sister Jane, met Russell in elementary school. Even at that young age, you could tell Russell loved the military. Losing Russell was a shock and still is because everyone expected him to come home. The details of his death were unknown until the family arrived in Washington D.C. for the Medal of Honor ceremony. Sometimes buildings are named for living persons, but he believes this is a mistake as some go on to disgrace themselves later on. We want our buildings named for honorable persons. Only those who have left us can qualify. Russell left a legacy of honor we can be proud of and naming the courthouse after him sends a message to men, woman and children that this place stands for the kind of ideals Russell believed in and we all strive for.

Jane Skinner, sister of Russell Steindam and resident of Dallas, shared a story about her brother. He was a good example of a good citizen. While in the US Army Russell trained himself and others to meet America's enemies with effective and controlled measures. He was loyal to his leaders and tried to achieve the goals they set before him. He was disciplined to do the best he could and encouraged others to do the same. Russell carried out the responsibilities and duties of freedom and stepped into harm's way to defend the liberties and opportunities that he saw here in Collin County, Texas and the United States. He respected those under his command and when called upon he died to save them. His courage, honor and resourcefulness are exactly what we in Collin County would want to uphold as an example of a good citizen.

Lt. Col. Shawn Keefe, USMC Retired, Melissa, said we have a community of numerous heroes, but none to the point and level of Russell. There is no greater gift or sacrifice than when a warrior gives his life for his fellow warriors. Russell gave of himself to save his men. We have a great community here that deserves recognition. The courthouse is a place of honor like what Russell did. Mr. Keefe recommended naming the courthouse in Russell's honor keeping an everlasting tribute to his name as an example for the future men and woman who will be good citizens to the community and also to our country.

Steven Spainhouer, McKinney, served in the armored branch in the 7th Calvary, 1st Calvary Division, 2nd Brigade, said he did some of the same training Russell Steindam did. For an armored tanker to be out of his tank is like a human being out of its skin. It took courage for Russell to be on the ground. That is where he found himself that day to protect the goals of his unit and to protect his men.

He went above and beyond what he was trained to do. Mr. Spainhouer said it would be a great honor to name the courthouse in Russell Steindam's honor and asked the Court to consider approving the item.

Larry Greene, McKinney, a retired US Army Colonel, came forward to speak about re-naming the courthouse on behalf of Corbett Howard who was unable to stay for the meeting. Mr. Kimball and Mr. Foster have beautifully shared the truth about the service of Russell Steindam. There are 75 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor from Texas, and Collin County is privileged to have two honorees – Audie Murphy and Russell Steindam. We all know Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier from WWII, who was a highly publicized hero. He was among those who served in the Great War that were cheered, thanked and given parades for their service. But most men from Lt. Steindam's era did not receive the same parades and accolades. It has only been in the last few years that America has begun to recognize the sacrifices of those heroes who served in Vietnam. Mr. Greene requested the Court consider renaming the Collin County Courthouse the Russell A. Steindam Courthouse.

Richard Wiser, Allen, came forward on behalf of the Plano High School class of 1964 endorsing the naming of the courthouse after Russell Steindam. Russell was a man of character and honor. Mr. Wiser also served in Vietnam and wholeheartedly recommended the renaming in honor of the Vietnam Veterans.

Ron Underwood, Prosper, a retired US Airforce Veteran who served a tour in Vietnam and in Thailand, said when he heard of Russell Steindam he questioned why he was more special than the other 74 Texans who were awarded the Medal of Honor. Then he found out that only two were from Collin County. Narrowing it down further, he was the only one from Collin County to receive the award posthumously. Mr. Underwood said he was a man in a hole in the jungle when a grenade landed next to him. Russell willfully and willingly threw his own body on top of that grenade. Mr. Underwood said there may be issues with economics in the renaming of the courthouse, but he asked the Court to consider how much a person's life is worth. There are fifteen other people who are possibly still living thanks to this one individual who willingly gave his own life.

The following are citizens who came to Court to support the naming of the courthouse in honor of Russell A. Steindam but elected not to speak: Gail Graham, Montgomery; Gordon Groves, Plano; and Betsy Railsback, Dallas. (Time: 2:04 p.m.)

Judge Self said based on the last gentleman's comment, rather than try to decide what form this will take perhaps we should let staff come back with recommendations and ideas. How we go about doing this may be a longer decision should the Court decide to vote. The Judge then asked for comments from the Court.

Commissioner Fletcher referred to what Mr. Skinner said about thanking the Court for the opportunity to speak and said as we approach Veteran's Day it is important to remember that it was our founding fathers and those who fought for our freedom to ensure and secure the freedom to speak. She was thankful for those who came to express their thoughts.

Commissioner Webb initially questioned whether this was the appropriate venue because there are war heroes who sometimes aren't the best people, but the more he investigated Russell Steindam he came to realize and understand this is a high principled person who was beyond a war hero. Through a classmate he seemed to have high morals, high character and was a really nice guy. When tying that to giving his life for his country and his men the Commissioner felt strongly this is someone who he would be proud to name a piece of Collin County for. How this is implemented is a different question, but he is supportive of the idea.

Commissioner Williams said she has been comfortable with it from the beginning. Commissioner Fletcher agreed.

Commissioner Thomas said as a Veteran of the Vietnam era there was a lack of respect and lack of gratefulness for the Veterans who served in that war. This is a way of making things right and healing wounds. He believes this recognition would be appropriate for the County.

With no further discussion a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:08 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-912-11-06

10. AI-44046 Settlement Agreement for Cause No. 219-01855-2015, Arch Resorts, LLC v. The City of McKinney, Texas, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said there were two lawsuits combined into one. The County was pulled into the lawsuit. Judge Scott Becker, 219th District Court, made a ruling and the City of McKinney has agreed not to appeal it and accept the ruling as is. The County piece was attorney fees and there is an agreement for reimbursement from the City. A motion was made to approve the amended settlement agreement. (Time: 2:49 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-913-11-06

11. Board/Committee Appointments, Commissioners Court:

a. AI-44001 Appointment to the Conference of Urban Counties (CUC) Policy Committee, Administrative Services.

A motion was made to appoint Commissioner Fletcher to the Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee. (Time: 2:49 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2017-914-11-06

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

Judge Self gave an update on the NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) Executive Board meeting. The Judge began with the RTR (Regional Toll Revenue) Supplementary Report. The RTR fund started out with a billion dollars. What we consider to be RTR funds are the funds NCTA (North Texas Tollway Authority) gave the region for the right to build the SRT (Sam Rayburn Tollway) in the amount of \$2.5 billion. There was a clause in there that some excess tolls would be included in this but would go to NCTCOG. NCTA chose to pay all of that upfront using net present value money which came out to another billion dollars. All of this is tied to the SRT, meaning these are tolls that are primarily paid by Collin County citizens. There is a balance of \$300 million in the RTR fund which is controlled by the RTC (Regional Transportation Council).

The next item was a resolution authorizing a consultant contract for a water system design at the proposed Dallas Water Gardens which is basically a clean water project. This is for \$365,000 of toll revenue. The Judge said he was the only one who voted against the resolution because it has nothing to do with transportation. This is what happens when government takes money. They consider it fungible. The Judge had issues with the RTC using toll money our citizens are paying on SRT to build Dallas County a clean water system. He believes clean water systems are noble, but toll revenue should not be used to build clean water systems in Dallas County.

Judge Self asked Commissioner Thomas and Caren Skipworth, CIO, to look at page 47 of the Executive Board agenda in connection with the Counties P25 radio system.

The next item was the population briefing for the region. It was a comparison of the 1994 projection of the 2010 population. The 2010 population forecast for the region was 5.4 million. The actual census data was 6.5 million for a difference of 20.6%. The NCTCOG is admitting they were conservative on the forecast. The Collin County forecast was off by 38% because of our fast growth.

The region is continuing to grow fast; therefore, we will have to be cautious about building roads for a population we think we may have in 20 years plus. The Judge then looked at the employment figures and they are growing even faster.

Commissioner Fletcher thanked the Judge for voting against the resolution for the clean water system. (Time: 2:56 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Commissioner Fletcher would like to look at establishing an advisory board for Veteran Services. Commissioner Thomas would like to discuss the overtime issue with the Sheriff's Office. (Time: 2:58 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self recessed the Commissioners' Court into Executive Session at 3:03 p.m. in accordance with Paragraph 551.072, Real Estate to discuss the authorization to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire right-of-way for the Collin County Outer Loop between State Highway 289 (Preston Road) and the Dallas North Tollway.

Judge Self reconvened the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Real Estate (551.072)

AI-43986 Authorization to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire right-of-way for the Collin County Outer Loop between State Highway 289 (Preston Road) and the Dallas North Tollway, Special Projects.

A motion was made for authorization to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire right-of-way for the Collin County Outer Loop between State Highway 289 (Preston Road) and the Dallas North Tollway, Parcels 4 and Parcels 8E. (Time: 3:14 p.m.)

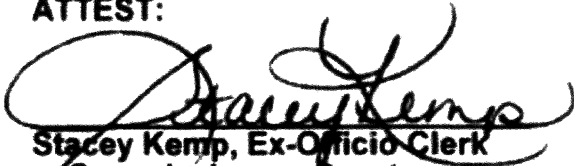
Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

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There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.



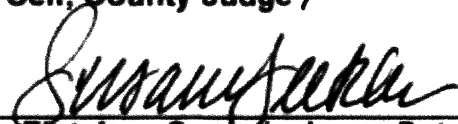
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Keith Self, County Judge



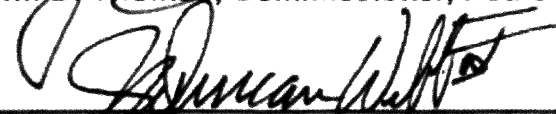
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Not Present

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2



John D. Thomas, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4