

COURT ORDER NO. 2019-103-02-04

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2019**

On Monday, January 14, 2019, 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 Chris Hill
Commissioner Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1
Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent: Commissioner Darrell Hale, Precinct 3

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

1. Judge Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners' Court at 1:30 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 2:01 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-46003 Elected Official Appointments, Human Resources.
2. AI-46004 Elected Official Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. AI-34688 Outstanding Agenda Items, Commissioners Court.
2. AI-45975 Mileage rate adjustment from 54.5 cents per mile to 58 cents per mile effective January 1, 2019 set by the IRS, Auditor.

2. Public Comments.

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. Consent agenda to approve: Judge Hill pulled check number 659 from item 4b at the request of the County Auditor and asked for comments on the remainder of the consent agenda. Hearing no comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:32 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

a. **AI-45992** Disbursements for the period ending January 8, 2019, Auditor.
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-043-01-14

b. **AI-45993** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-044-01-14

c. **AI-45983** Tax refunds totaling \$845,317.56, Tax Assessor/Collector.
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-045-01-14

d. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-45972** Letter of Intent to pilot Online Dispute Resolution tools for the Collin County courts with the Texas Office of Court Administration, The Pew Charitable Trusts and the National Center of State Courts, Information Technology.
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-046-01-14

2. **AI-45974** Interlocal Jail Services Agreement with the Collin County Community College District effective October 1, 2018 through and including September 30, 2019, Sheriff.
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-047-01-14

e. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-46005** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-048-01-14

2. **AI-46006** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-049-01-14

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-45934 Bond presentation and approval to authorize the sale of \$108,655,000 in Road bonds, \$45,800,000 in Facility bonds and \$2,000,000 in Parks & Open Space bonds for a Total Bond Sale of \$156,455,000, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, came forward to request authorization to move forward with the bond sale process. This needs to be done in order for the bonds to be sold in February for a total of \$165.455 million. A motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

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6. AI-46017 Resolution concerning overtime compensation for Collin County employees, County Judge.

Judge Hill said the current policy concerning overtime compensation for County employees was adopted in 1985. It gives the County Judge authorization to approve the payment of overtime for County employees in advance of Commissioners' Court. Judge Hill asked the Court if they would like to recertify the policy as is or amend it.

Commissioner Williams would like to maintain the policy from the perspective of being able to get employees paid in a timely fashion. She also wants the reporting of those payments to the Commissioners to continue. Commissioners Fletcher and Webb agreed. A motion was made and seconded to continue the policy originally created in Court Order No. 85-423-7-1.

Because the policy is 34 years old, Judge Hill asked if the motion was a resolution in support of the 1985 resolution or if it was re-adopting the resolution with the current date. Commissioner Williams said it is to re-adopt with the current date. She has no problem with the wording of the current resolution unless there are any changes regarding the FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act). The motion was amended to approve the resolution with the same language as the 1985 resolution assuming there are no corrections needed to be made by Human Resources. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

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7. Board/Committee Appointments, Commissioners Court:

- a. **AI-46013** Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC).
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-052-01-14

- b. **AI-46014** McKinney TIRZ No. 2 (Airport).
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-053-01-14

- c. **AI-46015** North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board.
COURT ORDER NO. 2019-054-01-14

A motion was made to appoint Judge Hill to the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council, Commissioner Hale to McKinney TIRZ No. 2 Board, and Judge Hill to the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Seconded by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

8. AI-44358 Conference of Urban Counties Update, Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Commissioner Fletcher said the CUC (Conference of Urban Counties) meeting was an informational meeting over the legislative agenda. Minutes were approved once there was a quorum. Because there are so many new members, no changes will be made to documents/policy positions until the committee is fully appointed.

The Commissioner reviewed agenda items mentioned/discussed at the meeting: the School Finance Committee - a major agenda item of the Governor; SB191 – maintaining trauma funding; SB87 – stop the charging of fees if the money collected can't be spent; Texas Clean Air Working Group; bills on elections – vetting online for online registration, paper trails, physical ballots, election equipment, polling places in nursing homes, and school holidays if polling locations are in schools; SB174 – the sheriff's ability to ask for a prisoner's health insurance; HB583 – requiring the historical commission's approval for the moving or taking down of monuments; HB274 – setting aside \$15 million for a disaster fund; and SB202 – no later than the 45th day for reappraisals following a disaster.

HB430, which is Representative Matt Shaheen's bill, was also discussed. It would require more language on election ballots regarding how much the item to be voted on would cost. Because the information is already on an information sheet, some members felt this would be campaigning on the ballot. Judge Hill asked if the CUC is taking a position against this bill. Commissioner Fletcher said when it comes time for voting, she believes they will. No positions have been taken yet on any bill. She said there were a number of objections to having the language actually on the ballot and separate from the information sheet. A comment was made that it would add much additional language to the ballot. There was a brief discussion by the Court on the interpretation of the comments. HB430 was added to the Court's legislative agenda.

Judge Hill asked if SB174 refers to the insurance of detainees. Commissioner Fletcher believes if a sheriff has a person in custody who has health insurance, the county would be able to file with the person's insurance instead of it being a responsibility of the county. Commissioner Williams said, currently, if a person is on Medicaid those benefits are ended while in custody. This can make it difficult for the person to get back into the Medicaid system once released from jail.

Judge Hill asked what SB87 is connected to in terms of fees. Commissioner Fletcher said it is connected to the driver responsibility program. There is a portion of that on maintaining trauma funding and other portions which are supposed to be set aside. Apparently, there has been a problem with disbursing those funds. The funds have been used to balance the state budget.

Commissioner Williams said the Court needs to be regularly communicating with legislators on ad litem payments and encourage one of them to file a bill. The filing deadline for bills is March 8, 2019. (Time: 1:52 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Commissioner Webb updated the Court on the January 10, 2019, meeting of the RTC (Regional Transportation Council). The RTC approved emergency funding for transit regarding last mile funding in Denton and Tarrant Counties. RTR (Regional Toll Revenue) funds were authorized to use for this; Denton County received \$160,000 and Tarrant County received \$250,000 per year for two years.

It is anticipated that \$2.5 billion per year will go into the state highway fund as a result of Proposition 1 which is in line with projections. It not anticipated for any funding to go into the fund from Proposition 7.

The RTC adopted the state's target settings for roadway safety and transit asset management. It was required by federal law for all MPOs (Metropolitan Planning Organization) to set goals. There are no repercussions of not meeting the goals.

The RTC adopted policy initiatives which are non-transportation. One initiative was to continue the high-speed rail engineering and planning. The private sector was only going to fund the high-speed rail from Dallas to Houston, but now the private sector is wanting to take on the Dallas to Fort Worth piece as well. The other initiatives include the future of tolled facilities, technology advances with driverless vehicles, infrastructure for traffic signal communication, and advance planning on transportation infrastructure for the next Amazon type employers coming to the region. (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

10. AI-45660 86th Legislative Agenda for 2019, Commissioners Court.

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court
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