

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the September 9, 2019 minutes.

On Monday, September 9, 2019, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Special Session in the North Hallway, Lower Level, of the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building, 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 Darrell Hale, Precinct 3
- Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Commissioner Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

1. Judge Hill called to order the meeting of the **Collin County Commissioners Court Special Session** at 11:00 a.m.

**2. Public Comments.**

Judge Hill thanked everyone for attending the ceremony honoring two Collin County fallen officers.

Sheriff Jim Skinner read a short biography on the first fallen officer, James L. Read, who was the fifth Collin County Sheriff. Sheriff Read and former County Chief Justice, J. M. McReynolds, attempted to apprehend two men who had robbed, tortured and murdered an elderly man in southeast Collin County. A gunfight ensued and the Sheriff and his posse, being outgunned by the long rifles of the outlaws, fled and eventually took refuge with family members on a farm in Van Zandt County. They were found, arrested, and accused of robbing an elderly lady. On May 18, 1864, Sheriff Read and Judge McReynolds were put on trial in a kangaroo court in Tyler and quickly found guilty on the false charges. They were sentenced to death and immediately taken to a grove of trees and hung. Sheriff Read was 35 years old and is buried in Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney.

Gregg Willis, District Attorney, read a short biography on the second portrait of fallen officer Joe Preston Murphy. Joe Murphy was the youngest child of 14 children that included older brother Audie Murphy who earned the Medal of Honor in World War II. Joe served for 12 years in the U. S. Army, was a deputy with the Collin County Sheriff's Office, and in the spring of 1967 joined the Frisco Police Department where he served as a Patrol Officer. On January 29, 1968, at 1:00 a.m., Officer Murphy was killed in the line of duty when his vehicle struck a grain

truck that was in the middle of the road making a U-turn. He was 32 years old and is buried in Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen.

Colin Kimball, an Air Force Veteran and creator of the portraits, gave a brief description of the symbolic images on each of the portraits. Greg Ward, Chief of the Frisco Police Department, thanked the County for recognizing law enforcement. (Time: 11:20 p.m.)

3. Consent Agenda to approve:

a. AI-47218 Accept the donation of portraits of local law enforcement heroes, Commissioners Court.

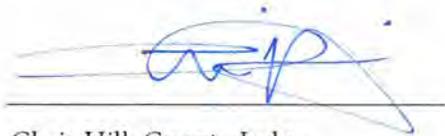
A motion was made to accept the donation of the two portraits of local law enforcement heroes. (Time: 11:21 a.m.)

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

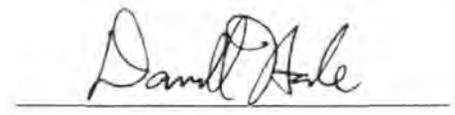
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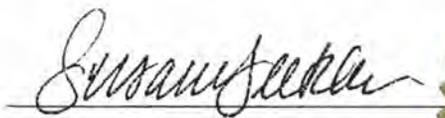
The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.



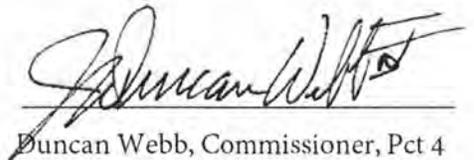
Chris Hill, County Judge



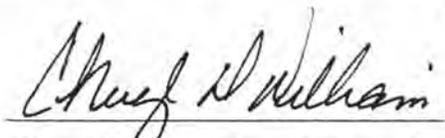
Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



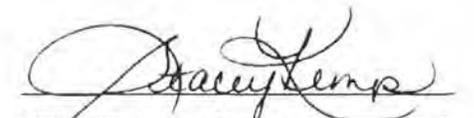
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk