

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2020-1102-11-02
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the October 12, 2020 minutes.

On Monday, October 12, 2020, 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 Darrell Hale, Precinct 3

Absent: Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Judge Hill led the Invocation.
Commissioner Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Hale 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. and adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:48 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 2:48 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. **AI-49216** Amendment No. 1 to Services, Counseling, CSCD: Sex Offender Counseling (RFP No. 2019-157) with F. Liles Arnold, Anna J. Shursen, Creative Counseling, Inc., and Fletcher Counseling, Inc. to extend the contracts for one (1) year through and including August 31, 2021, Adult Probation.

2. **AI-49218** Amendment No. 1 to CSCD, GPS Offender Monitoring (RFP No. 2019-169) with Buddi US, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including August 31, 2021, Adult Probation.

3. AI-49217 Amendment No. 2 to CSCD, Offender Specimen Collection and Drug Testing Services (RFP No. 2018-179) with Recovery Healthcare Corporation to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including August 31, 2021, Adult Probation.

4. AI-49215 Amendment No. 3 to CSCD: Evaluations and Counseling for Drug Offenders (SCORE) (RFP No. 2017-243) with Addiction Treatment Resources, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including August 31, 2021, Adult Probation.

5. AI-49253 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

6. AI-49254 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. AI-49225 Intra-County account transfers transmitted on September 24, 2020, and September 25, 2020, Auditor.

2. AI-49182 Amendment No. 2 to Surveillance Camera Systems (RFP No. 2019-131) with Knight Security Systems, LLC for owner requested addition of one (1) camera at Minimum Security, Construction & Projects.

3. AI-49201 Change Order No. 2 to Construction, Collin County Justice Center, Kitchen MAU Replacement (IFB No. 2020-164) with Air Conditioning Innovative Solutions, Inc. dba ACIS to make various changes to the contract, Construction & Projects.

4. Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s), Auditor:

a. AI-49235 \$1,210 for the purchase of weapon accessories utilizing Federal Forfeiture Funds, Sheriff.

2. Public Comments.

Jim Garrison, McKinney, addressed the Court regarding the Court's May 29, 2020 vote to approve Option 3. Mr. Garrison said the mandates are doing far more harm than the virus, and he would like the Court to revisit this and vote "no" in order to bring the power back to Collin County. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 1:34 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

a. AI-49226 Disbursements for the period ending October 6, 2020, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-990-10-12

b. AI-49227 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-991-10-12

c. Tax Refund(s):

1. AI-49228 Tax refunds totaling \$3,275,518.97, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-992-10-12

d. Advertisement(s):

1. AI-49234 Construction, Facade Improvements, 900 E. Park Blvd, Plano (IFB No. 2021-009), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-993-10-12

e. Award(s):

1. AI-49213 Cisco Equipment & Installation (RFP No. 2020-237), Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-994-10-12

2. AI-49199 Vehicle, PI SUV for Health Care (Contract No. 2021-002) to Silsbee Ford, Inc., through Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 20-8F000, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-995-10-12

3. AI-49246 Recruiter for Detention Officer Position (RFP No. 2020-247), Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-996-10-12

f. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-49219** Tax Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and the City of Anna for the Hurricane Creek Public Improvement District (PID) Improvement Area No. 1, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-997-10-12

2. **AI-49224** Tax Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and the City of Anna for the Hurricane Creek Public Improvement District (PID) Major Improvement Area, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-998-10-12

3. **AI-49243** Memorandum of Understanding - Closed Point of Dispensing Site Agreement between Collin County, acting through the Collin County Health Care Services/Collin County Emergency Management, and a Local Government Agency to serve as a closed point of dispensing operations site, Health Care.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-999-10-12

4. **AI-49230** Interlocal Jail Services Agreement (Agreement No. 2021-011) with Collin County Community College District effective October 1, 2020 through and including September 30, 2021, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1000-10-12

g. Contract Renewal(s):

1. **AI-49214** Veterinary Services - General and Spay/Neuter (RFP No. 2017-276) with All Heart Veterinary Center to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2021, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1001-10-12

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

1. **AI-49233** \$136,000 to establish the budget for the HAVA Elections Security grant, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1002-10-12

2. **AI-49231** \$5,170 to reallocate funds for the Spay/Neuter Program, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1003-10-12

i. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. **AI-49240** Constable, Precinct 4 (1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Quarter FY2018).

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1004-10-12

2. AI-49238 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 (1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Quarter FY2018).
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1005-10-12

3. AI-49236 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 (1st & 2nd Quarter FY2019).
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1006-10-12

4. AI-49237 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 (3rd & 4th Quarter FY2019).
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1007-10-12

5. AI-49241 Monthly financial reports for August 2020.
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1008-10-12

j. Miscellaneous

1. AI-49239 Final plat and signage plan for Colina Creek Estates Phase 5, Engineering.
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1009-10-12

2. AI-49263 Temporarily reclassify Legal Clerk II to Legal Clerk 1, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3-1.
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1010-10-12

3. AI-49286 Appointment of Election Judges and Alternate Judges for the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections, Elections.
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1011-10-12

4. AI-49255 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1012-10-12

5. AI-49256 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.
COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1013-10-12

General Discussion

5. AI-48410 COVID-19 Update, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said temperature reading devices were installed in some of the large employee areas like the Sheriff's Office, Public Works and Facilities. This was done using CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds. Currently, there are no large pending purchases, but there is still work being done on some ongoing projects.

Commissioner Hale asked to discuss a resolution he has been working on. Since Governor Abbott has not called a special session, it has not allowed for any kind of legislative oversight, and his orders have stripped away the mayors' and county judges' ability to issue executive orders that pertain to the local entities. There are cities and counties that will never be out from under these mandates that are coming from the Governor's Office. Until the Governor decides to either call a special session or to relinquish control to allow city councils and commissioners courts to provide oversight to their local executive authorities, we do not have a representative form of democracy. The Commissioner is urging the Governor to rescind or allow expiration of all orders pertaining to business opening percentages and mask mandates and return it to local control.

Judge Hill asked Mr. Bilyeu if it was correct that Collin County is the only county in the metroplex that has turned over the reporting services to DSHS (Department of State Health Services). Mr. Bilyeu said that was correct. Dallas, Tarrant and Denton have kept those services in house. The Judge asked, after December 31, 2020, will those counties be spending millions of dollars in their county budgets doing contact tracing, or will they move to a pattern more similar to what is done already for influenza. Mr. Bilyeu said the discussions are they will have to fund it internally, and they will have to keep the operation going because HHSC (Health and Human Services Commission) and the federal government are requiring tracking even without their money involved. Something will have to fund it, but at this point there is no ability for those health authorities to stop the tracking. Judge Hill asked how the State would enforce that requirement. Mr. Bilyeu said, typically on the healthcare side, they would enforce it through their grant process and programs. If you haven't met the metrics they require, then you would be ineligible for future grants that are related to epidemiology. There could be recourse into other grants that are not necessarily COVID related. Judge Hill said the State has not handled contact tracing the way they said they would. Instead they are using formulas to determine how many people have recovered by looking at the date they were first diagnosed as positive.

Commissioner Fletcher said Collin County has 866 active cases. When it was turned over to the State, there were 340 active cases with approximately 40 employees from other departments doing this work. While those 40 employees had to return to their departments, they could not have handled 866 cases because they were barely keeping up with the 340 cases. We would have had to double the number of people working on this and have a way to house and pay them after December 31st. Money that the County used for businesses grants would have had to go to contract tracers.

Commissioner Hale asked Mr. Bilyeu what the State would do if they couldn't come up with more money. Will they change it to be more like an influenza-type tracking or will they find a source of money for the other counties? Mr. Bilyeu does not know about the other counties, but for Collin County and other counties on Texas Health

Trace, this is a permanent software package. We have been led to believe they will continue for the foreseeable future. Judge Hill said he would like the County to take back the contact tracing and handle it in the most responsible way. Commissioner Fletcher would like to know what the budget impact would be and to hear from the Healthcare Director. Commissioner Hale said he spoke with Candy Blair, Healthcare, a few weeks ago. Ms. Blair estimated, based on the current caseload, the County would need 167 investigators. Even if that is double what we actually need, it is still a significant cost. Judge Hill does not believe we need that many people. Our CARES Act funds have nothing to do with the State of Texas. They come to us directly from the federal government, and there are no state regulations related to those funds. We must meet federal requirements but not state requirements.

Commissioner Williams said the public is very focused on the numbers. She would like to see the hits to the dashboard go down because it would show less panic and stress. Testing is going down, and people are not getting as sick. Commissioner Hale said fixation on percentages and case numbers does not have as much value as it did early on when they were trying to discover trends.

Commissioner Hale made a motion to take down the dashboard. Judge Hill said those people who pay attention to the dashboard know the problems we are having. Commissioner Williams would like to provide a link to the State's website. Commissioner Fletcher asked to make an amendment to the motion. She would like to have an opportunity for the public to come in and make comments to the Court. Taking the dashboard down could cause some panic, and the public may feel there is something the Court is trying to hide. The Commissioner thinks there needs to be a better way instead of the dashboard just disappearing. She is not opposed to taking it down if the numbers are unreliable, but it should be done in steps. She would also like Commissioner Webb to be a part of the discussion and have the opportunity to represent his constituents. Commissioner Williams suggested putting a notice on the dashboard stating, "Since the accuracy of the numbers has not improved, it is our intent to remove the dashboard and provide a link to the State's dashboard 30 days from now."

Judge Hill made a motion to keep the dashboard up and bring case investigations back in house. The Judge's motion was not seconded. Judge Hill then seconded Commissioner Hale's motion with the caveat that if he could convince the Court to accept his motion, then the dashboard would go back up. Commissioner Fletcher said there is a lot of impact and unintended consequences that could happen if the Court rushes to a decision today. She would like to hear from the public, the Health Department and Budget Office before making a decision. Commissioner Hale said there could be discussions between now and the date the dashboard will go down. Judge Hill added that neither of the motions that were made would have a fiscal impact.

Commissioner Hale's amended motion included an additional disclaimer on the dashboard stating, "Due to continued inaccuracies, Collin County will remove the dashboard and redirect to the State's site October 30th." Commissioner Fletcher would prefer to leave the dashboard up with the red box disclaimer. Commissioner Williams said the Court cannot explain how the State is deriving their numbers. Because the numbers are on the County's dashboard, people expect us to be able to explain the numbers and why they don't add up. The State of Texas needs to be answering those questions rather than the County. The dashboard has been left up for a

significant amount of time in hopes that the State would be more diligent in their efforts, but they have not done so. A lengthy discussion followed. Commissioner Hale’s motion was amended to include adding the link to the State’s website. (Time: 2:46 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Judge Chris Hill

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

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6. AI-48414 Utilization of CARES funding, Commissioners Court.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said each week, after the Court finishes its business, an additional sheet will be loaded which will show the detail of who the applicants were that received funding for that week. There is a large tranche coming next week. Also, outside agencies have provided a high-level overview of how the cities and LifePath are spending their money.

NO ACTION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Not Present

Chris Hill, County Judge

Darrell Hale

Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3

Susan Fletcher

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



Duncan Webb

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4

Cheryl Williams

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2

Stacey Kemp

ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk