

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the November 16, 2020 minutes.

On Monday, November 16, 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 Darrell Hale, Precinct 3
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent: Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

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

Judge Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 1:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:25 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Housing Finance Corporation at 2:25 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-49405 Award of Services: Juvenile Sex Offender Counseling (RFP No. 2020-399) to Terri Bauer, LCSW, LSOTP, Juvenile Probation.
2. AI-49450 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
3. AI-49451 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. AI-49435 County overtime for the pay period ended November 1, 2020, Human Resources.
2. AI-49434 Intra-County account transfers transmitted on October 30, 2020, Auditor.
3. **Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s), Auditor:**
 - a. AI-49398 \$47,330 to establish the budget for the FY2021 Sheriff's Crime Victim Advocate Program Grant, Auditor.
 - b. AI-49394 \$44,749 to establish the budget for the FY2021 District Attorney Victim Assistance Coordinator Program grant, Auditor.

2. Public Comments.

Jim Garrison, McKinney, said this body has spent more time discussing the dashboard than they have anything that resembles something meaningful about opening the County back up. Mr. Garrison suggested to put the dashboard back up and let people know the data is not right. The dollars allotted for the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act is not enough to keep businesses open. In order for a business to be eligible for the grants they had to jump through hoops that were difficult. September was the biggest month for attempted suicides and October was also another record month. The demographics for the suicides are teenagers who are no longer able to be social.

Andie Gonzales, said the CDC (Center of Disease Control) has put out a document labeled real time PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) testing diagnostics panel which states there are no quantified virus isolates of the Coronavirus-19 available. Mr. Gonzales said what is being tested is a human strand suspension of cell lines from a gene bank.

Jim Westerheid, McKinney, said the dynamic replication curve for the virus takes into account normalizing testing and positive results. This curve is still stable and has been for months. DSHS (Department of State Health Services) data shows the cases are increasing but deaths are decreasing. Mr. Westerheid said he hopes the Court is not thinking about shutting down the County.

Serena Ashcroft, McKinney, said the Collin County Health Care Department is spending lots of hours on contact tracing, calling schools and students. Parents with children in school are not informed how many of the students sent home are actually testing positive. Students are being sent home from school for two weeks and they are losing valuable education and their mental health is struggling. We need to know how many of the students and teachers testing positive are serious or hospitalized. Suicide rates are up and Collin County had a suicide in Frisco, Plano

and McKinney. There is a serious crisis within our schools and our kid's future is being jeopardized. There is a need for better data published for public school children and staff. (Time: 1:42 p.m.)

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Fletcher pulled item 4c1 for recusal. Hearing no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:43 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

a. AI-49425 Disbursements for the period ending November 10, 2020, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1137-11-16

b. AI-49426 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1138-11-16

c. Advertisement(s):

1. AI-49436 Construction, Collin County Juvenile Detention, Video Retrofit (IFB No. 2021-014), Construction & Projects.

A motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 1:43 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 3 – 0 Passed

Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1139-11-16

d. Award(s):

1. AI-49438 Construction, Collin County Sheriff's Office Computer Room Air Conditioning Replacement

(IFB No. 2020-346) to Denali Construction Services, LP, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1140-11-16

2. AI-49424 Supplies, Medical Personal Protective Equipment (IFB No. 2020-289) to various vendors, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1141-11-16

e. Agreement(s):

1. AI-49375 Collin College Public Safety Training Center Agreement with Collin County Community College District, Constable, Precinct 1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1142-11-16

2. AI-49447 Funding Agreement with the Collin College Foundation to provide tuition assistance to paid and volunteer members of the various fire departments within Collin County, for select courses provided by the Collin College Fire Science Program, effective October 1, 2020 through and including September 30, 2021, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1143-11-16

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

1. AI-49395 \$8,950 to establish the budget for the FY2021 District Attorney's Victim Assistance Coordinator Program grant, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1144-11-16

2. AI-49401 \$9,467 to establish the budget for the FY2021 Sheriff's Office Crime Victim Advocate Program grant, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1145-11-16

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

1. AI-49440 October 19, 2020.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1146-11-16

2. AI-49443 October 26, 2020.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1147-11-16

h. Miscellaneous

1. AI-49403 Acceptance of the FY2021 General Victim Assistance Grant through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1148-11-16

2. AI-49452 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1149-11-16

3. AI-49453 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1150-11-16

GENERAL DISCUSSION

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

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said he wanted to remind the Court the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act will extinguish on December 30, 2020. This would include the COVID-19 paid time off that is reimbursed to the County out of the CARES Act. County employees will have to use paid time off hours after December 30, 2020. The deadline also applies to the County support staff for extending cleaning or screening.

Emily Miskel, 470th District Judge, said the latest Supreme Court order extended the current court procedures for two more months. The courts continue to conduct jury trials and are in communication with the Collin County Health Department to determine if a shutdown is needed due to COVID-19 flare ups. Commissioner Hale asked what the speed is for processing cases with all the new procedures in place. Judge Miskel said over the past two calendar years the District Courts have averaged approximately 120 jury trials a year and as of two months ago the County is 60 jury trials behind the average. If the courts are able to seat four juries a week the County could catch up in two years.

Commissioner Hale said other ways are being explored to get more jury panels seated and asked if they have found solutions. Judge Miskel said they have discussed doing some civil trials remotely if all four jury settings per week are being used on criminal cases. Another option is looking at alternative spaces, some counties have used convention center space and sporting arenas for the voir dire process. Judge Miskel said they have heard from movie theatres and performing art venues in Collin County as an option. However, there is no specific data regarding costs, availability and whether they can accommodate the needs. Judge Hill asked if there was anything needed from staff to push this forward. Judge Miskel said she needs to get details back from the options and present them to the Court.

Commissioner Webb asked if the courts have considered doing voir dire via video. Judge Miskel said it has been considered but it has not been implemented yet. For the criminal cases doing voir dire by video is constitutionally questionable. But, for civil cases it may be something the courts could look into if all in-person jury panels are used for criminal cases. Commissioner Webb said he could see it work for the interviews. Judge Miskel said she is on a committee with the National Center for State Courts and has discussed with them this option as well as the differences in demographics of who would participate electronically versus who comes in person. Technically it is

possible to do this for civil cases and it is legal. It is just a departure from what has been done in the past and there is resistance to it. Commissioner Webb said the CARES Act funding ends December 30, 2020, and if there is going to be expenditures for equipment he would like to get it in the books before the deadline.

Judge Miskel asked how far out to plan for and how many supplies to buy. Commissioner Hale asked if there is a burn rate on supplies. Mr. Bilyeu said currently the burn rate is very low and the County has 12 to 18 months of inventory. Judge Hill said renting other facilities would be a long term proposition and there is no funding set aside for it. Judge Hill said he appreciates Judge Miskel and her team for thinking creatively on ways to keep justice moving.

Commissioner Fletcher said she would like address some of the public comments and asked if the data would be the same whether or not the County was doing data collection. Mr. Bilyeu said the data would be the same. Commissioner Fletcher asked for a final report of the funds used to help families, businesses and food banks that could be posted onto the County Website for the public to see. The Commissioner also requested an update from LifePath on mental health and suicide rates. Commissioner Fletcher asked if specific COVID-19 school data could be provided to citizens. Mr. Bilyeu said the individual school districts collect that data and most have it posted on their website.

Commissioner Hale said the Court designed the small business grant program and its guidelines. The County guidelines were not the same as the cities. The program was broader in order to include home based business and many styles of businesses that the city program didn't allow.

Mr. Bilyeu said the NDC (National Development Council) has been contacting applicants who didn't qualify. There is an internal appeal process that Kerry Shulman, Business Processes, has been handling. Through this week the County has funded approximately \$10 million in small business grants. There are CARES Act funding oversubscriptions. Testing for uninsured citizens has had a big rise in its usage and if it continues to grow the Court will need to allocate additional funding.

The cities of Frisco, McKinney, Allen and Plano operate the Emergency Housing Program. Part of the program are the food cards that the cities purchase based on the pro rata share of the money. Unfortunately, the demands don't follow the pro rata share and some parts of the County have more demands than others. The cities have realized they need to move food cards to meet needs in different areas of the County. In order to move the food cards an amendment to the contract would be required. Mr. Bilyeu requested the Court to give Judge Hill authority to sign an amended contract so the cities can move the food cards where needed. The specific Court Order is 2020-986-10-05. Commissioner Webb made a motion to authorize Judge Hill to amend the contracts. (Time: 2:10 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-1151-11-16

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

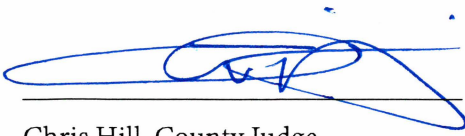
Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said financially the County is still holding onto funds in reserves. It is unknown how the next stimulus package will come through. Collin County is in the same position as every other county with the impending deadline of December 30, 2020. There is a link available with a list of providers who have signed up to give the vaccine. Commissioner Fletcher asked if the vaccines are going to protect against some or all strains of the virus. Mr. Bilyeu said everything the County has received are the same reports the media has made. (Time: 2:14 p.m.)

7. AI-33858 Regional Transportation Council monthly update, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Webb said the average construction cost within DFW (Dallas Fort Worth) over the last 3 months has gone down between 9% and 17%. The RTC (Regional Transportation Council) informed the members there may be money available for shovel ready projects. The exchange of monies was approved by RTC. One issue that came up is a water line in Frisco that would cost \$90 million to move approximately 30 feet in order to obtain the right of way. RTC has agreed to exchange bond money for unrestricted funds and use \$30 million to expand Panther Parkway over State Highway 121 instead of spending the \$90 million. The other item approved was the exchange of \$30 million in bond money in order to extend the McKinney Airport to the north versus the south. Many cities within DFW have entered into agreements with Waze to share information. Sharing data with Waze has become more prevalent. (Time: 2:25 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court did not recesses into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge



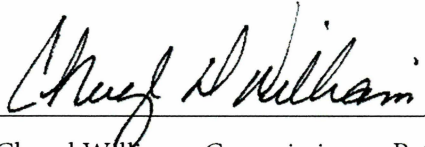
Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



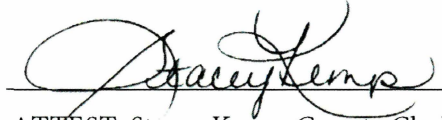
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk