

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2021-865-09-13
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the August 16, 2021 minutes.

On Monday, August 16, 2021, 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
 Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Webb led the Invocation.
 Commissioner Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Commissioner Williams 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 recessed the meeting at 2:16 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 2:16 p.m. and immediately recessed into Executive Session. The Judge reconvened the meeting at 2:54 p.m. and adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:16 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-50716 Budget amendment in the amount of \$21,000 for the purchase of new uniforms for detention staff, Juvenile Probation.
2. AI-50730 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-50710 P-Card disbursements, Auditor.

2. AI-50720 Addendum No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 to Debris Monitoring Services (RFP No. 2021-234) to make various changes to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.

1. Public Comments.

Elizabeth Michel, McKinney, said she does not understand why the Court refuses to wear masks and why they intentionally chose to possibly infect people. Wearing a mask is not a political issue. It is a moral issue. Ms. Michel said her children are at school today and are completely confused as to why some teachers chose to protect them while others don't. In 2022, citizens of Collin County have an opportunity to change the makeup of this Court and elect three new people.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, said personal responsibility is important, and, in order for people to be responsible for themselves, they must have information. Mr. Murray requested the Court begin to gather data showing hospitalization rates, the number of vaccines distributed, and the number of ICU (Intensive Care Unit) beds available. Mr. Murray said he understands DSHS (Department of State Health Services) provides the data, but some people are not tech savvy. Tarrant, Denton and Dallas Counties provide data for their citizens. This is something that Collin County quit doing. Mr. Murray also requested data on how many vaccines are actually being administered by the mobile vaccine clinics on a weekly basis.

Alex Cornwallis, Prosper, congratulated the Collin County IT Department for doing so much with a small budget. The Prosper ISD leadership is depriving citizens of an online virtual option for the kinder to 12th grade education. Prosper ISD is one of the wealthier and more well-funded ISDs. Yet the leadership has chosen not to consider an online virtual option. Nearly all the surrounding ISDs have an online education option for their students. Nowadays, we conduct business both in person and online. As a matter of fact, businesses are not considered mature if they don't have an online option. Online education is not an expensive venture, and it can quickly and cost effectively be set up. Mr. Cornwallis said he is a senior cloud architect and is familiar with the ease of setting up an online option. Mr. Cornwallis asked the Court to send a letter to the Prosper ISD in support of virtual education.

Jim Westerheid, McKinney, thanked the Court for not having a mask mandate. As an engineer with significant experience in mechanical filtration, Mr. Westerheid said he knows the masks don't work. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) has no experimental information showing masks mitigate infection. Research done by the Assistant Superintendent of OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) showed that, even when sealed, 50% of particles passed through surgical masks. Mr. Westerheid said it pains him greatly to see people believe putting something on their face can protect them from an insidious viral aerosol.

Barbara Isaacs, Fairview, asked the Court to put on a Court agenda the topic of the 2020 election. Ms. Isaacs said she would like to see a full forensic audit done in Collin County. As a poll watcher in Collin

County, she witnessed several disturbing things. Many people believe the voting machines were not connected to the internet, but they were. There is a lot of evidence proving all fifty states were hacked by China. This affected the presidential election outcome and all the down ticket seats. Ms. Isaacs also said she doesn't think people getting the COVID-19 vaccines are being fully informed. People must know what is occurring with the side effects. Several patients have reported many side effects, and there have been several deaths within three to four days after receiving the injection. Ms. Isaac discussed data related to the vaccine.

Mark Brugge, Fairview, said last year the Court made it apparent that CDC changed the way COVID-19 cases were classified. Data is important and it's of concern that citizens may not know the accurate data as it pertains to people who have been vaccinated and are in the hospital. A small island by the UK (United Kingdom) is nearly 100% vaccinated and yet they've had a 25% increase in hospitalizations. The former CDC director stated "I have not been able to review any data that supports the need for wearing a mask." He later stated "masks are better than vaccines that do not work." Mr. Brugge asked the Court to mandate a forensic image of all voting software and voting machines before any updates are done.

Cynthia Brugge, Fairview, said she is a former councilwoman and understands how the Court members' jobs work. Ms. Brugge said she gets inspiration every time she has to do continuing education for her mortgage and real estate licenses. As a realtor, doing whatever is best for the client is reiterated continually. It is all about the borrower and disclosure to ensure the clients are getting what is promised. Ms. Brugge suggested the Court include their oath when the pledges and invocation are recited. Ms. Brugge read the oath to the Court. (Time: 1:54 p.m.)

2. Presentation/Recognition:

3. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing no comments, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 2:07 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. **AI-50697** Disbursements for the period ending August 10, 2021, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-774-08-16

b. **AI-50698** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-775-08-16

c. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-50703** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dallas concerning the construction of Frankford Road from SH 289 (Preston Road) to Coit Road, 2018 Bond Project No. RI18012, and budget amendment in the amount of \$986,082 for same, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-776-08-16

d. Amendment(s):

1. **AI-50722** No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services (Agreement No. 2020-366) with the City of Celina to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2022, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-777-08-16

e. Contract Renewal(s):

1. **AI-50718** Services: Pest Control (IFB No. 2017-217) with Graham Pest Control, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2022, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-778-08-16

f. Miscellaneous:

1. **AI-50699** Capital improvement projects utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds, Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-779-08-16

2. **AI-50711** Removal of a cash drawer from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$100, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-780-08-16

3. **AI-50712** Utility Easement and Covenant of Access to Farmers Electric for Justice of the Peace and Constable Precinct 2 building in Lavon, Texas, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-781-08-16

4. **AI-50719** Acceptance of the FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$17,121, and Exhibit "A" Interlocal Agreement with the City of Plano, City of McKinney, City of Frisco, and the Sheriff's Office for disbursement of the grant award, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-782-08-16

5. AI-50731 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-783-08-16

6. AI-50732 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-784-08-16

General Discussion

4. AI-50787 FY 2022 Budget.

Judge Hill had one proposed change to the budget. Four new positions were approved for the FY2022 Budget, but they were only funded for 9-months. The additional cost to fund the four positions for the extra three months would be \$90,000. Prorating 15 of the currently open Detention Officer positions to 11-month funding would generate enough savings to fund the four approved positions the entire 12 months. Monika Arris, Budget, has confirmed these calculations, and Sheriff Skinner has confirmed the plan will work with his office. A motion was made to approve prorating 15 open Detention Officer positions to 11-month funding and to use the savings of \$90,000 to cover the entire 12-month funding for the four new positions. (Time: 1:56 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

Ms. Arris said, as of August 9, 2021, the FY2022 Recommended Budget is \$221.8 million plus an additional \$14.5 million in one-time expenditures. There is a revenue increase of 3.7% as well as an expenditure increase of 3.7%. The Road & Bridge fund does not receive any tax dollars, and for FY2022 the recommended budget is \$24 million. The revenues are estimated at \$23.1 million. The FY2022 recommended budget for the Permanent Improvement Fund is \$2.3 million. The Debt Service Fund for FY2022 is \$84.7 million, and this is the required debt payment. A slide was presented with a snapshot of all the various tax rates for the operating funds. The total tax rate change over the prior year is a possible decrease of 2.6%.

The Health Care Foundation indirectly receives taxes and gets a transfer over from the General Fund as they are no longer able to support themselves. The FY2022 recommended budget for Health Care is \$5.4 million. The Other Funds are special revenue funds that receive fees and fines that have very designated purposes and cannot be used for General Funds. This fund has a recommended budget of \$63.7 million for FY2022. The total combined budget for the FY2022 Recommended Budget amounts to \$411.3 million.

The NNR (No New Revenue) Tax Rate decreased 2.6% from the previous year. Ms. Arris briefly reviewed the tax rates compared to the previous year. The current County tax rate is 0.172531, and the County has not raised taxes since 1993. The adjusted taxable value for tax year 2021 is \$165.5 billion and it equates to a 6.9% increase over the 2020 tax year. The average home for tax year 2021 is estimated to be \$396,584 which is an increase of 6.3% over the 2020 estimate. The average homeowner in Collin County will pay \$633.28 in County taxes for 2021. Ms. Arris explained the percentages of taxes that go to each entity.

The Five-Year Plans for the Operating Funds were presented to the Court. The General Fund plan chart uses a growth rate of 2% for next year and 3% thereafter. The Road & Bridge plan chart shows the revenues are sufficient to cover this fund, and taxes have not been allocated to this fund since 2017. The goal for the Permanent Improvement Fund is to gradually increase its budget in order to continually maintain the County properties.

Ms. Arris said a record vote for the proposed FY2022 Tax Rate will be needed today. A motion was made and a record vote was taken to adopt the proposed NNR Tax Rate of \$0.168087. (Time: 2:11 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

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Ms. Arris briefly reviewed the next steps for the Budget Workshop. On Friday, September 3, 2021, the FY 2022 Proposed Budget will be filed at the County Clerk's Office and posted online. On Monday, September 13, 2021, the Court will hold the Tax Rate public hearing, the Budget public hearing, and adopt the Tax Rate, the Elected Officials salaries, and the FY2022 Budget.

Judge Hill asked how many more opportunities the public has to speak on the budget and tax rate. Ms. Arris said the public can speak at the August 23rd and September 13th Court meetings. (Time: 2:11 p.m.)

5. **AI-50383** Regional Transportation Council monthly update, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Webb said the RTC (Regional Transportation Council) is looking at Regional Automated Transportation System Guidelines for the people mover systems. A consultant is helping design criteria in order to standardize a system within the metroplex. The concept of the people mover system is to have a system with a track for vehicles. The budget will be approximately \$800,000, and the timeline is from 12 to 18 months. Some locations being considered are the old Valley View Mall, Las Colinas, Legacy, the Star, Parkland, Baylor, and a few locations in Tarrant County. (Time: 2:15 p.m.)

NO ACTION

Judge Hill recessed the meeting at 2:16 p.m. and called to order the Health Care Foundation meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Hill reconvened the meeting at 2:16 p.m. and immediately recessed into Executive Session under Chapter 551.071, Legal, to discuss Texas Opioid Litigation.

Judge Hill reconvened the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Legal (551.071)

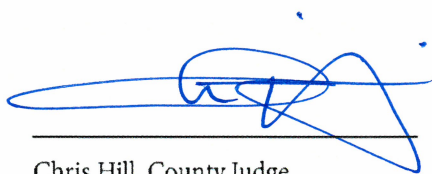
AI-50709 Texas Opioid Litigation, MDL No. 2018-62587, Administrative Services.

Bob Davis, County Attorney, said the information provided by the Attorney General’s Office was very informative and instructive. Mr. Davis recommended the Court approve a resolution adopting all necessary documents for joinder in the Johnson & Johnson Distributor Opioid Settlement and to authorize Judge Hill to sign all appropriate paperwork. (Time: 2:55 p.m.)

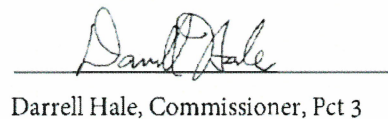
Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

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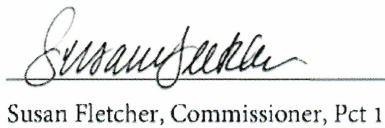
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.



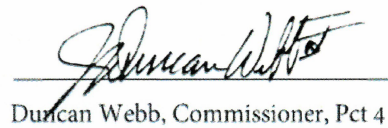
Chris Hill, County Judge



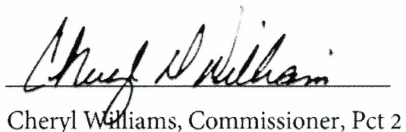
Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



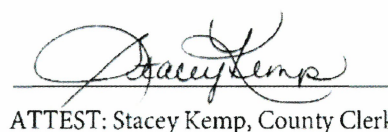
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Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk