

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the March 7, 2022 minutes.

On Monday, March 7, 2022, 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 Fletcher led the Invocation.  
Commissioner Williams 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 recessed the meeting at 1:34 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:39 p.m., recessed again at 3:03 p.m., reconvened at 3:11 p.m., and adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:03 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

**FYI NOTIFICATION:**

1. AI-51736 Intra-County accounts transfers transmitted on February 10, 2022, Auditor.
2. AI-51746 Intra-County account transfers transmitted on February 18, 2022, Auditor.
3. AI-51755 Voluntary terminations, Human Resources.
4. AI-51756 Turnover, Human Resources.

5. AI-51750 Change Order No. 1 to Construction, Collin County Juvenile Detention, Video Retrofit (IFB No. 2021-014) with Knight Security Systems, LLC to provide various changes to the contract, Construction & Projects.

6. AI-51745 Reroute CR 124 and CR 161, Public Works.

7. AI-51759 Reroute CR 164, Public Works.

**8. Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**

a. AI-51722 \$26,000 to establish the budget for the FY 2022 US Marshals Service - Violent Offender Task Force Grant, Auditor.

b. AI-51751 \$14,320 to fund a validated method for determining staffing needs for detention, records, dispatch, criminal investigations and patrol due to residential growth projections, utilizing Federal Forfeiture Funds, Sheriff.

c. AI-51753 \$2,662 to fund the marking of 22 patrol vehicles utilizing Federal Forfeiture Funds, Sheriff.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:**

**Public Comments.**

Janet Gagnon, McKinney, said she lives on Sunset Trail in the ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction) of McKinney and wanted to inform the Court of a public hearing by TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) regarding the US-380 bypass from Coit Road to FM 1827. Ms. Gagnon said she is in the vicinity of the proposed bypass near Highway 5 and FM 1827. While she appreciates the Court's opposition to the bypasses, Ms. Gagnon said she specifically bought her house in the ETJ because of single-family residences and small farms. An 8-lane bypass through this area would be catastrophic to her community. She believes it is unnecessary in this area because Spur 399 is already being developed adjacent to the airport which takes the additional traffic off US-380. Ms. Gagnon urged the Court to take on this issue and restate their position to expand US-380 and oppose the bypass for Highway 5 to FM 1827.

Commissioner Hale asked which of the bypass alignments is most impactful to Ms. Gagnon. Ms. Gagnon said all of them are impactful, but alignment D would be slightly less impactful. Ms. Gagnon said she believes the bypass should link directly into Highway 5 because it is already being expanded. Another option would be to push the bypass back to Highway 75.

Loretta Sexty, Allen, turned in a blue card but was not present to speak.

Barbara Isaacs, Fairview, turned in a blue card but was not present to speak.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, said he is excited to see technological improvements to increase efficiency. Mr. Murray said the County needs an adequate workforce in addition to these improvements. He would like to discuss item AI-51736 which is voluntary terminations. In January 2018, there were 14 voluntary terminations listed on the report. Of the 14, 7 left for other job offers or dissatisfaction. In January 2022, 21 employees are listed, and 9 of those left due to other job offers or dissatisfaction. Mr. Murray said the big difference comes from the average time an employee has worked with the County. The average length of time employed in 2018 was 18.7 months. In 2022, the average length of time employed is 52.3 months. Mr. Murray said his concern is new mid-level management and senior-level management will not be qualified due to the County's inability to recruit employees. In January 2018, the County has 1686 employees. In 2022 the County has 1703. However, the Road and Bridge department had 102 employees in 2018 and only has 100 in 2022. (Time: 3:18 p.m.)

1. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Fletcher pulled item 1c1. Hearing no additional 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: 5 – 0 Passed

a. AI-51742 Disbursements for the period ending March 1, 2022, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-228-03-07**

b. AI-51743 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-229-03-07**

**c. Award(s):**

1. **Al-51731** Technology Storage System, Information Technology.

Judge Hill asked for comments on this item. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve this item.  
(Time: 1:32 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-230-03-01**

**d. Agreement(s):**

1. **Al-51696** Dealer Deputy Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and NMVT Motors, LLC d/b/a Nissan of McKinney to perform motor vehicle titling and registration services, Tax Assessor-Collector.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-231-03-01**

2. **Al-51697** Dealer Deputy Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and Lone Star Buick-GMC II, LLC d/b/a McKinney Buick GMC to perform motor vehicle titling and registration services, Tax Assessor-Collector.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-232-03-07**

**e. Budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**

1. **Al-51730** \$59,000 to cover expenditures for Engineering Services, Justice Center Fuel Oil Study with MD Engineering, LLP, Public Works.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-233-03-01**

**f. Receive and File, Auditor:**

1. **Al-51604** Constable, Precinct 1 (4th Quarter FY2021).

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-234-03-07**

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

1. Al-51732 February 7, 2022.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-235-03-07

2. Al-51757 February 14, 2022.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-236-03-07

**h. Miscellaneous:**

1. Al-51748 Final plat and sign plan for The Hills of Lone Star Phase 11 Eastlake, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-231-03-07

2. Al-51749 Accept the roads within Preston Park Estates Phase 3 for county maintenance, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-238-03-07

3. Al-51754 Cellular service plan, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-239-03-07

4. Al-51737 Acceptance of the Ben E. Keith, BEKO Rebate Program rebate check in the amount of \$300 to be deposited in the Going the Extra Mile Employee Incentive Program line item and budget amendment for same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-240-03-07

5. Al-51762 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-241-03-07

6. Al-51763 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-242-03-07

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

a. Al-51747 Public Hearing - Consideration and any action for the issuance of a mass gathering permit for the Garden Show event on March 19-20, 2022 at Myers Park Event Center in accordance to Health and Safety Code Chapter 751, Special Projects.

Judy Moody, Myers Park, said she is pleased to announce the Garden Show wants to come back this year for March 19th and 20th. Judge Hill opened the public hearing at 1:33 p.m. and asked for comments.

Hearing none, Judge Hill closed the public hearing at 1:33 p.m. A motion was made to approve this item.  
(Time: 1:33 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-243-03-07

b. AI-51771 Deer hunting petition, Commissioner, Precinct 3.

Commissioner Hale said a petition has been submitted to the State of Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife for a 60-day deer hunting season with long-range rifles in the Court's district. The Commissioner has concerns about safety and wanted to respect constituents' requests for comments about the petition. He also invited Sheriff Skinner to present data and held informal polls himself. He also invited the petitioner to speak, but the petitioner said he would not be able to attend and would instead send a document outlining his position. However, the petitioner did not send the document.

Christi Emmons, Van Alstyne, said she is a resident, homeowner, and bow hunter in Grayson County. She started hunting with her dad when she was five years old and took hunter's education when she was twelve years old. She also has a lifetime hunting license for Texas. Ms. Emmons said she feels safer hunting in Grayson County knowing gunfire is limited during the time she is out in the woods hunting. When people target shoot, it is in a controlled environment, and they know where their bullets are going. However, when people shoot in the woods, they get excited about the deer and do not think about where their bullet will go if they miss. With small acreages, safety is important. As her children are getting old enough to hunt, their safety is important to her too. In the Texas Hunting Accident Report for 2021, there were zero bow-related incidents. Ms. Emmons said, after two years of practice, her ten-year-old daughter was successful in harvesting her first deer in 2021 on their property with a crossbow. Women and young girls are very successful in these counties with no firearms. Ms. Emmons asked the Court to make this decision based on what residents living in these counties want and not the wants of deep-pocketed individuals who do not live in these counties. If a man feels he needs a rifle to kill the deer in these counties, he may need to question his abilities as a hunter.

Dale Moses, Pottsboro, said he was a game warden for 26 years with 22 of those years patrolling in Grayson County. When he started in Grayson County, archery season was only in October, and the deer herd was small but high quality. Residents would ask him why they could not hunt in November too. Mr. Moses checked with a biologist who said archery wouldn't threaten the deer herd with an additional month. Therefore, he wrote a petition to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, and in 1999 they passed a general season for archery and crossbow. Mr. Moses said there have been previous proposals and petitions for gun hunting in Grayson County, but they were met with heavy opposition. In 2008, another petition

was brought forward and the Commissioners Court at that time passed a motion opposing it as well. For Mr. Moses, the situation is a quality and longevity issue for the deer. For the Court, it is a safety issue. He also said he has a friend whose property has 200 yards of private hunting ground with hunting stands all along a creek. A neighboring property is only 25 yards away from it. Throwing guns into the mix would certainly cause safety issues.

Sheriff Skinner said he thinks it is a terrible idea to approve a 60-day rifle hunting season in Collin County. Sheriff Skinner said he has been a hunter and conservationist all his life. He is aware of the fact that the Sheriff's Office has had 744 complaints about gunfire in the past twelve months. Out of the 744 complaints, 33 of the instances had a home, vehicle, or person struck. Usually, people shoot firearms in a controlled environment with a proper backstop, but when you hunt you don't have the luxury of control. Sheriff Skinner said Collin County has roads, highways, intersections, MUDs (Municipal Utility Districts), SUDs (Special Utility Districts), and PIDs (Property Improvement Districts) where gunfire from a high powered rifle can travel for miles and cross through these areas. He thinks this is a bad idea from a public safety standpoint. Sheriff Skinner said he is not against the use of firearms in hunting. He wrote Carter Smith, Executive Director for Texas Parks and Wildlife, a letter stating his opposition to the petition and thinks the bow hunters do a good job managing the deer herds. Sheriff Skinner said he drives the County roads day and night and can count on one hand the number of times he has seen a deer in the last five years. Sheriff Skinner also said, alternatively, the use of a shotgun instead of a rifle would be better if Carter Smith must approve the hunting season.

Commissioner Fletcher presented a slideshow to the Court. She said she is a hunter, conservationist and supports the ethics of hunting along with private property rights and the Second Amendment. The Commissioner said a standard American football field is 1.32 acres. Eight football fields put together is roughly ten acres. They can be arranged in different ways, including a perfect square, but many of the 10-acre properties in Collin County are long and narrow. The Commissioner said, when you think of how far a bullet can travel, her concerns are safety when neighboring properties can be as close as half a mile apart. Even if a rifle is shot from one end of a long narrow property, a bullet from a high-powered rifle can travel far past the other end. If a deer is shot in the wrong place, it can easily hop a fence into the neighbor's property, and you would never get the deer anyway. More likely, a hunter will follow the deer with the scope not thinking about where the bullet will go if they miss the deer or if the bullet exits the other side of the deer. Commissioner Fletcher said shotguns are different and do not have the range of a rifle. The Commissioner wants to know: how many tracts in Collin County are at least 1900 yards to contain fired rifle rounds; how many large tracts contain public roads adjacent to the boundaries; how education will be conducted for what to do when bullets travel across property lines; if the Sheriff's Office will be responsible for the increased hunter calls, or if the Game Wardens will have additional manpower; and if the state would restrict the number of center fire licenses issued in Collin County to mitigate the number of hunters.

Commissioner Hale thanked Commissioner Fletcher for providing a visual of how close properties can be to each other. He said the poll he conducted seemed to be divided evenly. The Commissioner also said he dislikes going from no gun hunting to a full 60-day general season in one fell swoop and suggested opposing the petition with alternatives like a 14-day season or using shotguns. He said he did not like the way the petition treats Dallas, Rockwall, Grayson, and Collin counties the same because it would be difficult for Dallas County to have a 60-day firearm season.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to take the language from Sheriff Skinner and adopt it as the Court's resolution. Commissioner Hale clarified and made a motion to oppose the petition as written and request the hunting season be reduced to 14 days and the method changed from rifle to shotgun. Commissioner Williams said she would support a resolution in opposition without options offered. She cannot support anything other than bow hunting with properties divided the way they are in Collin County. Judge Hill said he would vote no for this resolution because he believes it stands against the Second Amendment and hunters' rights. He also said hunters are already responsible for themselves and can use rifles for other animals. Commissioner Hale said he does not believe this is a Second Amendment right because the Second Amendment has to do with protection against a tyrannical government. Commissioner Fletcher and Commissioner Williams agreed. A motion was made to oppose the petition. (Time: 3:03 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4 - 1 Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-244--03-01**

### **Executive Session**

The Court recessed into Executive Session at 1:34 p.m. under Chapter 551.071, Legal, and 551.072, Real Estate. The Court reconvened at 2:39 p.m. and moved on to item 2b and Public Comments.

### **Legal (551.071)**

**AI-51726** Workers Compensation Case No. 21159184, Joseph Quillen, Human Resources.

**NO ACTION**

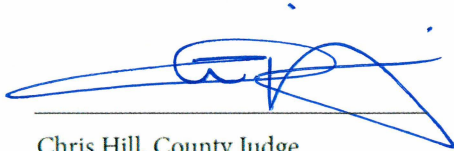
### **Real Estate (551.072)**

**AI-51712** Right of way acquisition for Outer Loop from FM 2478 to US 75, Parcel 47 and Parcel 61, Engineering.

**NO ACTION**



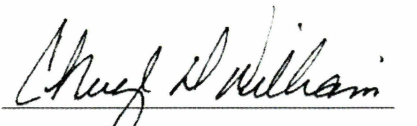
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.



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, County Clerk