# COURT ORDER NO. 2007- 337 -04-24

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS

# COMMISSIONERS COURT WORKSHOP

#### **COUNTY OF COLLIN**

**APRIL 2, 2007** 

On Monday, April 2, 2007, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met at 1:00 p.m. in an informal work session with the following members present, and participating to wit:

Keith Self
Phyllis Cole
Jerry Hoagland
Joe Jaynes
Jack Hatchell
County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 4

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<u>Item No. 1</u> Judge Self called the Workshop Session to order at 1:31 p.m. and adjourned the session at 3:13 p.m.

<u>Item No. 2</u> Public Comments. There were no public comments.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

#### Item No. 3 Al-26395

New Administration Building, Construction & Projects. David Andrews, PGAL, architects for the new administration building, came forward to give a presentation on the current status of the project. Bill Burke, Construction & Projects, was present and answered some questions for the Commissioners, giving clarification on several issues. (Time: 2:49:30 p.m.)

#### Item No. 4 Al-26391

Groundwater Conservation District Formation, Engineering. Tracy Homfeld, Engineering, introduced Dr. Bruce Lesiker, Professor and Extension Agricultural Engineer with Texas A&M University. Dr. Lesiker had handouts and gave a presentation on water resources management and education. Dr. Lesiker talked about water as a supply issue, 50 year projections from 1997, the hydrologic cycle, the major and minor Texas aquifers, and the background and laws concerning water capture. Dr. Lesiker stated that the state's preferred method for groundwater management is the

formation of groundwater conservation districts run by a locally elected board of directors. Judge Self did make a comment that he sees this as the creation of another major governmental taxing entity and that Collin County gets its water from surface sources, mainly Lake Lavon, and does not see how the citizens would vote for the formation of this water district. Commissioner Jaynes agreed but stated that it was going to happen whether the commissioners created it or waited till legislation did. Ms. Homfeld continued by speaking about what the surrounding counties are doing at this time concerning the formation of water districts. Homfeld said it would be in the County's best interest to move ahead with public education and get everyone ready since it is going to come to pass eventually. Discussion followed about the specifics of the water district, taxing options, and how population growth in this area will affect ground versus surface water supply and demand over the next 50 years. (Time: 1:01:25 p.m.)

## Item No. 5 Al-26390

Engineering. Ruben Pass Through Financing, Engineering Director, came before the Delgado, commissioners referring to the March 19 Workshop and the review at that time of the pass through financing status and the request at that time to proceed with the revision of the application to TxDot, Texas Department of Transportation. This was done and in the interim reports have come through that the type of funding that was thought would be used for the projects may have changed or been reconsidered. Jerry Holder, HNTB forward to answer Corporation, came commissioners questions so they would understand all there is to know about how the new pass through Mr. Holder gave a short financing program works. presentation showing the tiered projects list and discussed them; he also noted the tie-in to the CDA concession fees and a potential bond program by the County, Bob Brown, TxDot, came forward to address the possible bond program and how it would work with the anticipated RTC concessions to the region and the overall affect on the number of projects it would address and how it works with the CDA process. It was

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noted and stressed that the bond committee needs to start meeting soon for education and planning. (Time: 2:15:49 p.m.)

### Item No. 6 Al-26388

Pursue DSHS grant for Breast and Cervical Cancer Services in the amount of \$93,031.88, Health Care. Candy Blair and Michelle Patrick came forward to address the court concerning a DSHS grant. The basic purpose of the grant is to provide breast and cervical cancer screening to Collin County women and it is proposing to serve 250 women. Ms. Blair has been working to get providers within the County to serve grant candidates after the initial screening for eligibility in the health offices. Ms. Patrick covered the parameters of those that would be eligible and how the costs would be covered. Ms. Blair then spoke to the various reasons why currently the timing is so good to get involved. (Time: 2:39:39 p.m.)

#### Item No. 7

Legislative items for the upcoming 80th Legislative Session, Commissioners Court. Electronic court reporting was mentioned. Also noted was the bill that would increase the jail oversight ratio from 1/72 to 1/48 and the ensuing cost that it would create. Judge Self noted that the public health subcommittee on indigent care addressed six bills that all increased indigent health care. SB 792 was also noted. (Time: 3:05:10 p.m.)

#### Item No. 8

Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion. None listed.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commissioners did not convene into Executive Session. Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

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Joe Jaynes

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