

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT  
WORKSHOP

COUNTY OF COLLIN

APRIL 30, 2007

On Monday, April 30, 2007, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met at 6:00 p.m. at Frisco City Hall, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, Frisco, Texas, in an informal work session with the following members present, and participating to wit, excluding Commissioner Jaynes (who was at a TxDot, Texas Department of Transportation, State Highway 289 Public Meeting in Prosper):

<b>Keith Self</b>	<b>County Judge, Presiding</b>
<b>Phyllis Cole</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct 1</b>
<b>Jerry Hoagland</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct 2</b>
<b>Joe Jaynes</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct 3</b> Not Present
<b>Jack Hatchell</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct 4</b>

**COMMISSIONERS COURT WORKSHOP**

**Item No. 1** Judge Self convened the Workshop Session to order at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The judge gave a word of explanation to open the session, saying these sessions are designed to stand alone; it is not a precursor to Commissioners Court but a venue to consider issues that might need clarification and discussion and that might later be on the agenda for Commissioners Court. Judge Self thanked Frisco Mayor Mike Simpson for hosting this Workshop and Commissioner Cole for making the arrangements for the first of the quarterly evening workshops.

**Item No. 2** Public Comments. Maher Maso, George Purefoy, John Reyes, and Mike Simpson, all of Frisco, TX, and Michael Tyzbir, of Savannah, TX, came forward to speak concerning the State Highway 121 contract and to state their concerns. Sharon Weinberg, also of Frisco, TX, did not speak but filled out a card stating her opposition to CDAs. Lisa Smith, Plano, TX, came forward to read a statement on behalf of State Senator Florence Shapiro concerning State Highway 121. Also, Jon Wilson, Frisco, TX, went forward to ask about public transportation's future within Collin County.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Item No. 3**     **AI-26526**   North Texas Super Bowl XLV Bid, Commissioners

Court. Judge Self explained that in order to entertain the idea of having the Super Bowl within Collin County, the cities have been asked to commit to various things, one of which is a willingness to hold a designated number of hotel rooms. Judge Self asked for the Commissioners thoughts. Commissioner Hoagland said he felt that Collin County should support a Super Bowl bid saying it would be good for the area. Frisco's Mayor Simpson said that Frisco has written a letter to the football commissioner stating Frisco is fully ready to host the Super Bowl and that Frisco, as a venue, is totally up-to-speed for such an event. Commissioner Cole suggested that Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, look into the other cities' letters and draft one for the County to be sent to the football commissioner stating support in favor of hosting a future Super Bowl. (Time: 6:06:52 p.m.)

**Item No. 4**     **AI-26519**   Homeland Security Audit, Commissioners Court. Kelley Stone, Homeland Security, stepped forward to address the Court stating that the Governor's office would be sending an audit team May 3-4, 2007, to insure that grant items were being used for their designated purpose. Mr. Stone said that the various departments involved would have staff present to answer questions, give demonstrations, and to generally be available as needed. Judge Self asked if an internal audit had been done. Mr. Stone replied affirmatively and explained that between Homeland Security, the Auditors Office and the Purchasing Office, an audit is completed. Judge Self asked if any problems were expected with the audit; Mr. Stone said he did not expect any. (Time: 6:10:37 p.m.)

**Item No. 5.**     **AI-26517**   State Highway 121 financing options, Commissioners Court. Numerous citizens came forward to express their concerns and thoughts about State Highway 121 and the contract that was awarded to Cintra, the Spanish toll-way road builder. Several of the speakers had done research on Cintra and the history with other projects and shared this information with the Court. The citizens that spoke were concerned

about the concessions offered in favor of this company, the fact that it is a foreign-owned company, and the possible exorbitant fees and taxes that will be passed along to the drivers of SH 121. History with TxDot, Texas Department of Transportation, and NTTA, North Texas Toll Association, and the gas tax was discussed; also the role Frisco, and other north Texas cities, has played in the situation was reiterated. Judge Self stated it is a good time to bring these concerns forth as the specifics of the contract terms with Cintra are still in negotiations. Lisa Smith, reading a statement from Texas Senator Florence Shapiro, closed the discussion. (Time: 6:20:13 p.m.)

**Item No. 6**    AI-26542

Reporting Relationships between Staff Members and the Commissioners Court, Commissioners Court. Commissioner Hoagland wanted to discuss and reiterate that all communication for the Commissioners from the public needs to go through Bill Bilyeu's office prior to the Court discussions and vote. Judge Self suggested that Commissioner Hoagland draft a proposal for the flow of communication and present it to the Court. (Time: 6:14:48 p.m.)

**Item No. 7**

Legislative items for the 80th Legislative Session, Commissioners Court. Joe Scott, Juvenile Probation, came forward to update the Court on several bills currently pending and the impact they would have, if passed, on the juvenile probation program. The program would be woefully understaffed and under-prepared if these bills became law because it would increase the juveniles in his program by triple within the first six months. The Court suggested drafting a resolution opposing these bills and explaining how it would affect the County program financially. (Time: 7:03:09 p.m.)

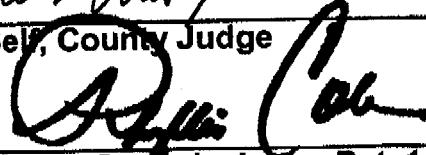
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commissioners did not convene into Executive Session.

Judge Self adjourned the Workshop session at 7:20 p.m. Judge Self stated that the next scheduled community Workshop would be in the month of July in Precinct 2.



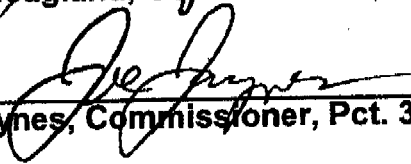
Keith Self, County Judge



Phyllis Cole, Commissioner, Pct. 1



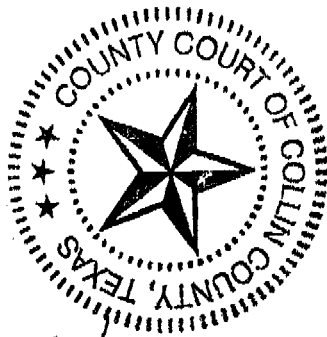
Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner, Pct. 2




Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3

NOT PRESENT

Jack Hatchell, Commissioner, Pct. 4



ATTEST:



Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk  
Commissioners' Court  
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