

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT
WORKSHOP

COUNTY OF COLLIN

AUGUST 6, 2007

On Monday, August 6, 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		County Judge, Presiding
Phyllis Cole		Commissioner, Precinct 1
Jerry Hoagland		Commissioner, Precinct 2
Joe Jaynes		Commissioner, Precinct 3
Jack Hatchell	Not Present	Commissioner, Precinct 4

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Item No. 1 Judge Self convened the Workshop Session to order at 1:04 p.m. and adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The Judge gave a word of explanation to open the session, explaining the Workshop is designed to stand alone. It is not a precursor to Commissioners Court but a venue for discussion and clarification on various issues that might later become a Commissioners Court agenda item.

Item No. 2 Public Comments. David Dorman, Melissa, Texas, was present to speak concerning Items 7 & 9. Bill Mills, Fairview, Texas, was present to speak concerning Items 7 & 9. Sheryl Mills, Fairview, Texas, was present to speak concerning Item 8. Mike Simpson, Frisco, Texas, was present to speak concerning Item 9. And G. Robbie Robinson, Plano, Texas, was present to speak concerning Item 9.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Item No. 3 AI-26867 RMA's or CTRA's by TxDOT, Administrative Services. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, addressed the Court concerning the creation of a CTRA, County Toll Road Authority, and what that entails as a way to fund the outer loop in Collin County. A CTRA can be created within the county and specific to a project. With the recently passed legislation, NTTA, North Texas Toll Road Authority, has first option on any toll project that occurs within their service area. Ron Johnston, TxDOT-Collin County, Texas Department of Transportation, was present and added that an important point of building the outer loop as a toll road would be to do the whole thing as toll not just portions because some portions might generate lower/higher revenues. Mr. Johnston did verify that the NTTA under SB 792 does have the first option, if they do not exercise that right, then TxDOT gets involved, and if Collin County creates an RMA they can get involved. Commissioner Hoagland inquired as to the power an RMA gives that the County does not already possess. Mr. Johnston responded and there was further discussion of the Court. (Time: 1:05:36 p.m.)

Item No. 4 AI-26852 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Victim Relief Ministries for counseling services to victims and responders in the event of an emergency/disaster event (no cost to the County), Homeland Security. Jason Lane, Homeland Security, came before the Court, explaining that Victim Relief Ministries is a non-profit group whose services would be a perfect fit in the case of an emergency/disaster in Collin County. (Time: 1:13:20 p.m.)

Item No. 5 AI-26853 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SPCA of Texas to provide services, resources and assistance related to small and large animals and sheltering operations in the event of an emergency/disaster event, Homeland Security. Jason Lane, Homeland Security, continuing, explained to the Court how the SPCA, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals, would work with the County in case of an emergency/disaster in Collin County, stepping in with mobile facilities and a mini-animal shelter. The Commissioners asked about also using private facilities. Mr. Lane agreed that could be a possibility but stressed that some kind of agreement would need to be in place prior to an emergency/disaster event for help from private facilities. (Time: 1:14:28 p.m.)

Item No. 6 AI-26959 Proposed Facilities Proposition for November 2007, Administrative Services. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, noted that the next four items had been added to the agenda so the Court could further discuss or ask questions concerning these topics. Judge Self asked questions of the committee co-chairs, Bill Moore and Bill Mills. Mr. Moore and Mr. Mills answered the court's questions, giving clarifications, and stressing that the proposed facilities proposition costs are tied to the timeline and would go up if there are delays in the suggested execution dates. (Time: 1:18:36 p.m.)

Item No. 7 AI-26968 Discussion and any action regarding the Family Justice Center Proposition for November 2007, Administrative Services. David Dorman came forward to speak in favor of the facility, saying it is part of governments' core role to intercede on the behalf of victims; Mr. Dorman asked that the citizens make the decision at the polls. Bill Mills, a facilities committee member, opposed to the facility as not being part of the recommended package, stating it is wrong to favor one group over another; Mr. Mills also asked Commissioner Cole to recuse herself on this issue. Commissioner Cole expressed her thoughts and support for this facility and addressed the arguments against it. Concerns about building this facility with tax dollars was raised and Rob Collins, Vinson & Elkins, came forward to discuss the legal ramifications. Commissioner Hoagland stated that he would not support a Family Justice Center at this time and his reasons, saying he will support the Committee's recommendations. Commissioner Jaynes agreed that questions have been raised that need answers. (Time: 1:21:32 p.m.)

Item No. 8 AI-26961 Discussion and any action regarding the Open Space Proposition for November 2007, Administrative Services. Sheryl Mills came forward and stated that, in her view, specific items and costs need to be associated with the

Open Spaces proposition rather than asking voters to decide on ambiguous unknowns. The Court discussed the need for specifics; Commissioner Jaynes noted that the state will not support open spaces with grants unless the county is in support. (Time: 1:49:20 p.m.)

Item No. 9 AI-26960 Discussion and any action regarding the Transportation Proposition for November 2007, Administrative Services. Three speakers came forward to be heard. Mike Simpson, Mayor of Frisco, was complimentary of the presentations on July 23, 2007; but he noted that the cities are inter-mingled and should be given a fair share in the project decision making. Mr. Simpson requested that the projects be listed and the citizens be allowed to vote on them. G. Robbie Robinson, stressed that building for capacity and maintaining it is necessary and said the County needs to support a regional plan. Bill Mills, a registered professional engineer in Texas, stated that the areas of congestion need to be addressed, and if not, it is a significant oversight. David Dorman, Mayor of Melissa, spoke to the support of city and county working together to build the network of roadways to keep the County traffic moving. Judge Self spoke to the concept of a county 'backbone of roads' that needs to be built and maintained for superior traffic flow. Judge Self says the County doesn't have a plan to deal with congestion; he also says he is not sure the County can afford this bond election. Commissioner Jaynes responded saying a way will be found and both congestion and the 'backbone' will be addressed. Commissioner Hoagland spoke against a delay saying Collin County needs the roads now and that Collin needs to enlist the help of elected state officials to alert them to the critical situation we are facing. (Time: 1:52:44 p.m.)

Item No. 10 AI-26958 Texas Indigent Defense Task Force report on the application review process, Administrative Services. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, addressed the Court saying UTD, University of Texas/Dallas, on behalf of Texas did an unbiased review of our processes. The study stated that for every \$1 spent, Collin County is saving \$10; the system in place is working which requires payment upfront rather than allowing partial payments throughout the sentencing process. (Time: 2:19:11 p.m.)

Item No. 11 AI-26586 2007 RTC Comprehensive Development Agreement Funding Initiative, Commissioners Court. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, addressed the Court stating this was simply on the agenda if further discussion was desired. The Court discussed the CDA distribution, the County's participation amount, and the transportation summit coming up in October 2007. (Time: 2:33:03 p.m.)

Item No. 12 Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion. Judge Raleeh's desire for an additional clerk.

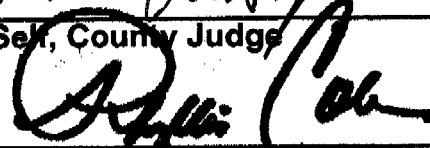
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court did not recess into Executive Session.

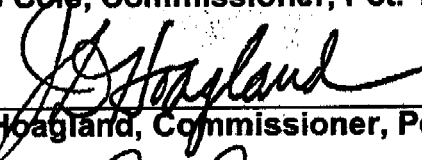
There being no further business, Judge Self adjourned the session at 2:35 p.m.



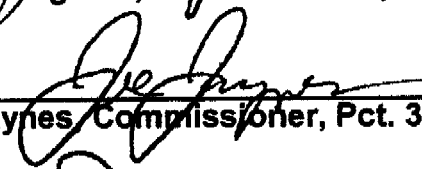
Keith Self, County Judge



Phyllis Cole, Commissioner, Pct. 1



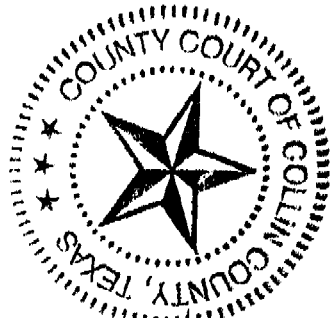
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ATTEST:



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