

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT
WORKSHOP

COUNTY OF COLLIN

SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

On Thursday, September 20, 2007, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. in an informal work session at the City of Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue, Plano, TX, 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 (Not present)	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Jack Hatchell	Commissioner, Precinct 4

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Item No. 1 Judge Self convened the Workshop Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No. 2 Public Comments. Bill Baumbach, Wylie, TX, and Jack Lagos, Plano, TX, addressed the Court on the transportation bond issue. Rick Lottie, McKinney, TX, addressed the Court on the facilities, open space, and transportation bond issues.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Item No. 3 AI-27281 North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, Commissioners Court. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, introduced Dr. Edward Miles, of North Texas Behavioral Health Authority. Dr. Miles stood before the Court and gave a presentation on NorthSTAR Mental Health System, stating they are the public mental health system for the region which includes Collin, Dallas, Hunt, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall counties. Dr. Miles introduced Jack Stefanoski, CEO of North Texas Behavioral Health Authority. The presentation continued, covering topics such as the number of patients vs. the number of beds; funding; and legislation. (Time 7:47:12 p.m.)

Item No. 4 AI-27280 DNT Construction North of U.S. Highway 380, Commissioners Court. Ruben Delgado, Engineering, assisted by Dennis Satre, Halff Engineering, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Court on the Dallas Parkway Extension, US 380 to FM 428. Tom Diamond, NTTA Corridor Manager for Dallas North Tollway, stated that last Wednesday the Board

approved a resolution to move forward with a study from 380 all the way up into Grayson County. Commissioner Hatchell commended Mr. Delgado on an outstanding job. (Time 8:02:31 p.m.)

Item No. 5 **AI-27293**

Financial presentation of County debt ratios by First Southwest, Commissioners Court. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, came forward and stated that due to questions concerning County debt ratios, he and Rodney Rhoades, Budget Director, invited David Medanich, Vice Chairman at First Southwest Company, to come before the Court with an explanation of the County's credit ratings. Mr. Medanich gave a PowerPoint presentation, explaining the County's AAA credit rating as granted by Moody's and Standard and Poor's. Mr. Medanich further explained that only four of the 254 Texas counties have a AAA rating. Commissioner Hoagland questioned whether the County had too much debt. Mr. Medanich explained that the County's debt ratio is less than 1% and with our growth that is a normal amount for a healthy, thriving expansion. (Time: 8:12:43 p.m.)

Item No. 6 **2007 Bond Propositions:**

a. AI-27263

Facilities. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, reminded the Court that public comments have been heard on these issues. Commissioner Hoagland stated that the County has to keep up with educational facilities for juveniles and Courts. Commissioner Hoagland also stressed that Collin County will be behind if these bonds do not pass. Judge Self complimented the Facilities Committee for doing a wonderful job. (Time: 8:15:58 p.m.)

b. AI-27264

Open Space. Commissioner Hoagland stated the money for open space is designated to buy park land or to make improvements to park land. Commissioner Cole added that money is designated to purchase open space, and there will probably be little opportunity to purchase open space in the future. Judge Self disagreed, stating this is a proposal that should not be approved. Commissioner Hatchell added that the purchase of

open space was necessary for quality of life. Further discussion followed. (Time 8:25:59 p.m.)

c. AI-27265

Transportation. Ruben Delgado, Engineering, made a presentation on the three funding sources available to the County for transportation. Mr. Delgado explained the status of various road projects throughout the County. Discussion followed at length with Judge Self stating he did not feel the County had the funds for the proposed projects. Commissioner Hatchell added the RTC would be meeting October 2, 2007, and would allocate funding. Judge Self is concerned about an inequity in the road expenses required per city. Commissioner Hatchell stated that growth will come to smaller cities in the County, and this is necessary to accommodate that future growth. Commissioner Cole added that development on Route 121 benefits people from all over the County who travel to that area to work and shop. Commissioner Hoagland added that if the bond program does not pass, the County will be in deep trouble. Commissioner Cole finished by saying that in not passing the bond program, the County may pay millions of dollars in future inflation. (Time: 9:07:28 p.m.)

Item No. 7 AI-27069

Consideration, discussion and any action regarding additional outside audits, Commissioners Court. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, explained Don Cozad, County Auditor, and Caren Skipworth, Director of IT, would address the Court later concerning this issue. (Time: 9:07:48 p.m.)

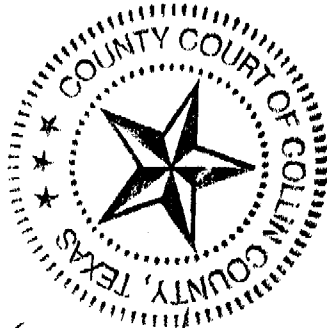
Item No. 8 Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion. There were none.

AI-27242 County Road 590, Stombaugh Litigation. There was no discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court adjourned into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

There being no further business, Judge Self adjourned the session at 9:22 p.m.



ATTEST:

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**Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
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