

COURT ORDER NO. 2007- 1037 -11-13

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION

COUNTY OF COLLIN

OCTOBER 15, 2007

On Monday, October 15, 2007, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Special 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

Commissioner Jaynes led the Invocation.

Judge Self led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Self led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Item No. 1 Judge Self convened the **Collin County Commissioners Court Special Session** meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Item No. 2 Public Comments. The following made comments.

Philip Robins, Heath, Texas, spoke first regarding the pros and cons of homeowner's maintaining their own septic systems and chlorine issues. Mr. Robins stated that there should be a professional maintenance association to handle issues and implement generalized standards. As HB2482 is currently worded, there is no maintenance, reports or regulations and the environment would be impacted substantially.

David Watkins, Plano, Texas, also spoke against HB2482 due to the impact on the environment. Mr. Watkins stated that homeowner's may not do inspections on systems as necessary because of lack of knowledge. There is a need to maintain regulations and rules. There could be some modification requiring training of the individuals.

Nita Acton, owner of Acton Septic Inc., Denton, Texas, is also opposed to HB2482. Ms. Acton provided a hand-out of pathogens in residential waste water. Ms. Acton stated there must be some type of training for homeowner's and they should be held accountable for the reports they submit. Commissioner Hoagland stated that Collin County Commissioner's have not decided upon anything and pointed out

that HB2482 was passed by the State Legislature and the Court has no control over it although he agrees with Ms. Acton.

Roy Serpa, Fairview, Texas, was the last to speak and he had several concerns. The first is regarding Indigent Care. Mr. Serpa questions how much Collin County spent last fiscal year and how much has been budgeted for 2008; and if there is any check for fraudulent claims. Secondly, he questions Longevity Pay for employees. Who receives it and what percentage of their salary? What is the purpose? Judge Self explained that the item was not on the Agenda and could be heard but no comments would be offered.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Item No. 3 **AI-27424** Presentation, discussion and any action regarding HB 2482 and the implications of relaxed requirements for homeowner maintenance of On-Site Sewage Facilities, Development Services. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, stated that the HB 2482 which was adopted on September 1, 2007, wiped out State regulations and Counties now have the ability to adopt their own policies. It is his belief that Collin County can adopt more stringent regulations and it will be approved. Misty Brown, Development Services, provided statistics on the number of checks, rechecks, health threats and environmental data. Ms. Brown answered questions of the Court. (Time 1:48:17 p.m.)

Item No. 4 **AI-27430** Presentation, discussion and any action regarding HB 621, Administrative Services. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, requested Kenneth Maun, Tax Assessor, to provide the court an explanation regarding the tax application for warehousing and equipment, and the effect upon Collin County. Mr. Maun then answered questions of the Court. The Court opted for Public Hearings on the issue. (Time 2:03:45 p.m.)

Item No. 5 **AI-27374** Additional IT equipment to implement the RT Lawrence Remittance Processing System for the Tax Office, Information Technology. Kenneth Maun, Tax Assessor, provided the Court an explanation of equipment and software and requested additional County funding. Commissioner Cole motioned to approve. Judge Self requested the Court Order to be amended to change the amount to \$36,995.02. Commissioner Hoagland seconded, and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote of the Court. (Time 2:17:07 p.m.)

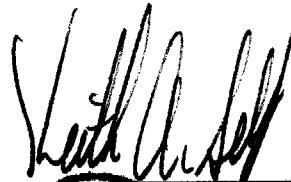
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Commissioner Hoagland requested the October 23, 2007, Commissioners' Court meeting be postponed until 1:30 p.m. and the request was granted.

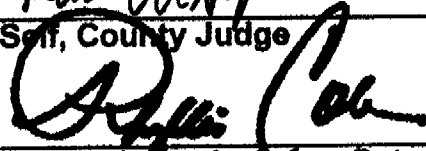
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self recessed into Executive Session at 2:19 p.m. and reconvened at 3:08 p.m.

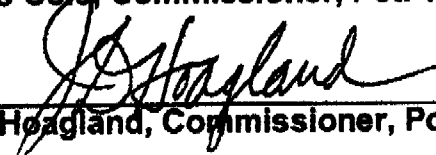
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned Executive Session at 3:08 p.m.



Keith Self, County Judge



Phyllis Cole, Commissioner, Pct. 1



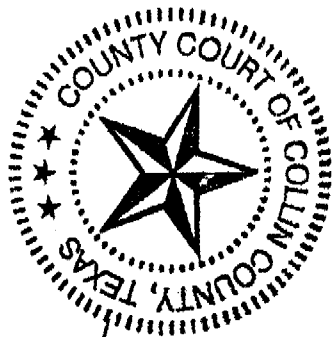
Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner, Pct. 2

NOT PRESENT


Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Jack Hatchell, Commissioner, Pct. 4



ATTEST:



Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Collin County, T E X A S