

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT
WORKSHOP/AMENDED

COUNTY OF COLLIN

FEBRUARY 19, 2008

On Tuesday, February 19, 2008, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met at 1:30 p.m. at the 6th Floor Court Room 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	Not Present	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Joe Jaynes	Not Present	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Jack Hatchell		Commissioner, Precinct 4

Item No. 1 Judge Self convened the Workshop Session to order at 1:55 p.m.

Item No. 2 Public Comments. There were none.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Item No. 3 AI-27789 Grant Policy, Budget. Rodney Rhoades, Budget Director, came before the Court to go over the proposed grant policy. Mr. Rhoades stressed that this has been a collaborative effort between budget and several other departments over the last eight months. The goal was to develop a coordinated cohesive grant policy throughout the County. Highlights of the new proposed grant policy include: a stricter timeline in the grant application process which would get the applications to Commissioners Court quicker; coordinating applications with appropriate departments; and keeping Commissioners Court up-to-date with quarterly reports. By putting more of a cohesive process in place, the hope is to provide better information for all involved parties, a clearer understanding of the County's short- and long-term liability, and as grants come forward working more closely with the involved departments to be more timely in the execution. Mr. Rhoades had a grant summary for the Court, compiled with help from the Auditor's office, which Commissioner Jaynes had requested earlier. Commissioner Cole noted that according to the information in front of the Court, the

County's \$71,000 investment was receiving \$10,000,000 in grant funds. Mr. Rhoades did note there would be a few exceptions to the proposed policy, noting specifically the Healthcare department under Candy Blair and the Sheriff's department. Ms. Blair explained that is due to the short turn-around time, which is usually a brief two weeks. Major Chuck Ruckel, Sheriff's office, went on record stating the Sheriff's department usually has less than 90 days to respond to grant offers. Bill Bilyeu, Administration, noted that an 'emergency timeline' for these exceptions would be put on the next Court agenda for adoption. Judge Self commented that 'the tail should not wag the dog', that a standard timeline does need to be followed as best as possible. Mr. Rhoades stressed, however, that an emergency timeline would allow the County to better take advantage of some viable, worthy grant opportunities and with the Court's permission would add it to the next Court agenda for adoption. (Time: 3:37:52 p.m.)

Item No. 4 **AI-27905** Architect Interviews for Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program Building Design, Construction & Projects. Judge Self explained that each architectural firm in attendance was asked to wait in the hallway; legally they could all be present, but each firm was willing to adhere to the Court's request and came into the court room individually to make their presentation. Judge Self continued, addressing Bill Bilyeu, Administration, asking about the integrity of the County's contracting process, questioning impartiality since three of the four companies with an RFI before the Court for the JJAEP was on record has having contributed monetarily to the organization that advocated for the bonds. Judge Self stated that the situation is even more pronounced when it comes to the issues of Road & Bridge. Judge Self wanted to know how the citizens of Collin County could be assured that the selection process was fair and impartial. Mr. Bilyeu assured Judge Self that the integrity is ensured by review by the County staff and the Court itself. Commissioner Hatchell added that usually each company was assessed and projects assigned as to the best fit of company to project. Judge Self continued to pursue the question of financial donations by companies vying for a project,

does it buy them a project or simply a 'ticket to the table.' Mr. Bilyeu answered by saying the process is in place by statute and also by County policy and were attached to the review packets which did not contain any reference to contribution information. Commissioners Cole and Hatchell emphasized that they were not influenced in any way and could remain impartial in their ability to evaluate and make a contract award decision. Judge Self's concern was for the citizens of Collin County, wanting them to feel confident that impartial decisions and awards are being made among these projects. (Time: 1:55:41 p.m.)

VAI Architects came before the Court; Will Vedow, lead architect, made the presentation introducing HKS, a leader in justice design and a leader in educational design who would join with VAI to design the JJAEP Building. Mr. Vedow stated the reasons his company would be the right choice and those included having local offices for hands-on availability; experience in building state-of-the-art, signature projects; ability to build in expandability features; providing a design allowing for synergy between the students, the judicial system, the parents, the volunteers and the community that would enhance the overall program; and last, but not least, they have a heart for the kids and are enthusiastic and ready to start this project for Collin County. Mr. Vedow fielded questions from the Court and from Bill Burke, Building Project Manager for Collin County. (Time: 2:05:12 p.m.)

Spurgin & Associates presented second. Kent Spurgin stood before the Court, stating he was the President of this local McKinney firm. Mr. Spurgin talked about projects he has been involved with throughout Collin County to better acquaint the Court with his work. Mr. Spurgin noted besides his ability and experience, considering him for this project would give the County a very valuable asset in his personal daily on-site attention. Mr. Spurgin fielded the Court's questions and those of Mr. Burke. (Time: 2:36:12 p.m.)

Mayse & Associates presented third. Mike Mayse, President, introduced his associate, Stewart Hempel, Director of Public Projects at the firm. The two men jointly made the presentation to the Court. Mr. Mayse shared the basic background of the firm, several of their projects, and stressed that clients return to them again and again. Mr. Mayse also made the statement that they are a service organization and very attentive to the customer getting exactly what they want. Mr. Hempel stressed that interns with the firm are kept on a project from start to finish as well as the principals and are part of the one year check-out procedure on the finished project check, which allows for continuity and training. (Time: 3:01:20 p.m.)

Each of the firms answered Bill Burke's question of a timeline basically the same, saying the design phase would take about 9-12 months and the actual build-out would take roughly one year.

Bill Bilyeu, after the presentations, asked the Court to have their scoring sheets back to him by the next day. This would allow adding the selection to the next Court agenda.

Item No. 5 Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion. No future items were noted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

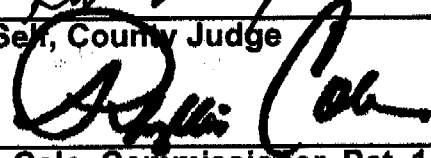
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The Court did not dismiss into Executive Session.

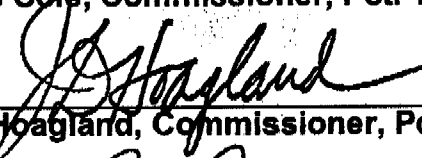
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting
at 3:48 p.m.



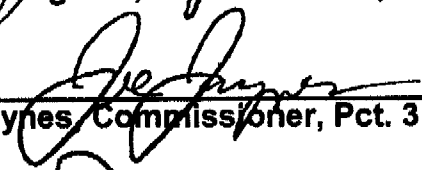
Keith Self, County Judge



Phyllis Cole, Commissioner, Pct. 1



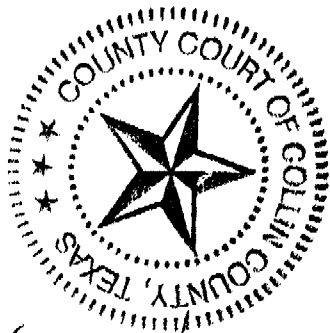
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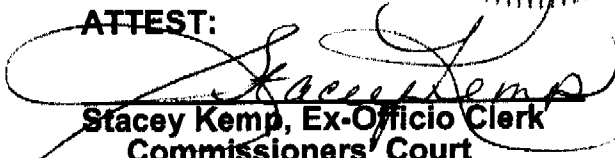
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