

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

COUNTY OF COLLIN

MAY 20, 2008

On Tuesday, May 20, 2008, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Special Session at Murphy City Hall, 206 N. Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas, with the following members present, and participating to wit:

Keith Self
Phyllis Cole
Jerry Hoagland
Joe Jaynes
Jack Hatchell

County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Commissioner Jaynes led the Invocation.

Commissioner Hatchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Self led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

FYI NOTIFICATION

Item No. 1 Judge Self convened the **Collin County Commissioners Court Special Session** meeting at 6:04 p.m. Judge Self thanked the City of Murphy for hosting the Commissioners Court meeting. (Time: 6:06:36 p.m.)

Item No. 2 Public Comments. Judge Self asked if there were any public comments. There were none. (Time: 6:06:39 p.m.)

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Item No. 3 **AI-28185** Update regarding the Collin County Adventure Camp, Administrative Services. Kevin Spaeth, Executive Director, Collin County Adventure Camp, stated the mission of Collin County Adventure Camp is to provide life-enhancing outdoor educational and recreational experiences for Collin County children and their families. Mr. Spaeth presented a Power Point outlining programs, such as Girl Scouts, YMCA programs, Easter egg hunts; growth in the past year, 8,456 guests visited the camp for activities such as outdoor education, weddings, banquets and camping; and future expectations, such as corporate events. Commissioner Hoagland asked whether the camp broke even financially. Mr. Spaeth replied no, it did not. Commissioner Jaynes asked how the Court could

help. Mr. Spaeth asked the Court to spread the word about the camp. Commissioner Hatchell complimented Mr. Spaeth on a fine job, and recognized Commissioner Hoagland for his vision of an Adventure Camp and for his service to Collin County in getting such a camp started. Mr. Spaeth invited everyone to come out and visit the camp. (Time: 6:20:31 p.m.)

Item No. 4 AI-28338 Update from the North Texas History Center. Victoria Day, Board President, North Texas History Center and Farm Museum, came before the Court and introduced Bryan Lean, Acting Director, Curator of Exhibits and Collections, North Texas History Center. Mr. Lean stated tourism is the second largest industry in Texas. Mr. Lean noted history in Collin County dated back 170 years. Mr. Lean presented a Power Point outlining a plan for the History Center that revolved around professionalism, public trust and transparency, which means using funds wisely and operating in a spirit of openness. Mr. Lean continued with his presentation, stating in the nine weeks he has been in his position, an enormous amount of work has been done. Mr. Lean discussed partnering with local businesses and joint fundraising which will eventually enable the History Center to be self-sufficient. Mr. Lean stated the History Center hosted 6,700 children in the past year. The History Center requested help and continued support from the Commissioners Court. Future plans included outreach to the classrooms – bringing programs to the schools as well as having students visit the History Center. Mr. Lean stated one of his future goals is to create a World War II era living history museum on the Baxter Dairy Farm. Ms. Day stated in the near future the History Center's Board of Directors will ask for \$100,000 to continue their operating grant, which is the same amount they receive from Collin County. Mr. Lean stated he had 170 years of constituents to take care of and share with the community. Commissioner Jaynes thanked Mr. Lean and Ms. Day for the work they have done, adding that preserving history and culture is a core function of government. (Time: 6:47:30 p.m.)

Item No. 5 AI-28311 Homeland Security to define the purpose of Code Red and discuss new technology that provides timely alerts from the National Weather Service of severe weather warnings for the unincorporated areas of Collin County. Kelley Stone, Homeland Security, stated Code Red was purchased in 2006 with State Homeland Security Grant Funding. Mr. Stone added that Homeland Security is very concerned about notifying rural areas about approaching weather; however, Code Red can be used for more than that, such as notifying people of fire and waterline breaks. Code Red has a new product called Weather Warn, which initiates warning calls automatically from the National Weather Service to areas in the projected path of inclement weather with no interaction needed by staff. Weather Warn has a flat yearly fee and residents can opt in to the program, as opposed to Code Red which is an opt out program. (Time: 7:01:09 p.m.)

Item No. 6 AI-28310 Homeland Security Department to brief the court on capabilities and resources available for the operations and maintenance of the video conferencing network that would facilitate Collin County's Tandberg System.

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Kelley Stone, Homeland Security, stated Tandberg is a very efficient video conferencing system for homeland security. Mr. Stone stated Tandberg is used by school districts, including Region Ten, which includes a large number of school districts in the eastern part of the metroplex. Tandberg will be used in Collin County's District Courts, and possibly for video arraignments. Mr. Stone added school sites are locations for distribution of the strategic national stockpile in the event of a catastrophic disaster or pandemic so it is important to have a partnership with Region Ten. Mr. Stone concluded by saying the cost for the video conferencing system is \$2,000 per year per unit. Robert Barnes, Region Ten, came before the Court and said Region Ten is funded through the Share the Wealth Program and they are looking to partner with governmental agencies to supplement revenue. Commissioner Hoagland stated this could save a lot of traveling expense. Judge Self complimented Mr. Stone for good comments. (Time: 7:04:22 p.m.)

Item No. 7 AI-28211 Update by the NTTA on the Dallas North Tollway Extension, Phase 4A, NTTA. Rick Herrington, Deputy Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation, introduced Tom Diamond, P.E., Corridor Manager, HNTB. Mr. Diamond came before the Court with an update on Phase 4A. Mr. Diamond presented a Power Point and explained each slide, which included topics such as other corridor projects, historical context, public involvement tools, stakeholder work group members, study process, starting point /typical sections, schematic design and DNT Phase 4A schedule. Discussion followed. Mr. Diamond stated a public hearing would be announced in late June or July, and then the NTTA Board would be approached to approve the environmental document and schematic in late August, early September. Commissioner Hoagland asked if Grayson County is connecting with Collin County. Mr. Diamond stated they would be coordinating with Grayson County officials. Commissioner Jaynes asked about right-of-ways. Ruben Delgado, Engineering, came forward and stated the status of the right-of-way has not changed. Right-of-way has not been finalized for the west service road. Commissioner Jaynes suggested having a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 28, once the service road is open. (Time: 7:21:09 p.m.)

Item No. 8 AI-28339 Discussion and any action regarding the preferred alignment of the DNT 4B, Commissioners Court. Judge Self stated tonight's meeting is a Special Session, not a Workshop, because of Items 8 and 9. The Court may take action on these items. Judge Self offered background: the Court has heard two presentations from an independent contractor trying to find a different alignment for 4B, which is north of 428 to the county line. Presently, Collin County has a 2005 resolution supporting the alignment along the county line. Judge Self showed the Court and audience a Power Point which broke down into four sections the economic development along the different sections of the DNT. Explanation followed. Commissioner Hoagland stated he always contended that as much of this roadway as possible needed to remain in Collin County for economic benefits to the citizens of Collin County. Commissioner Hoagland moved to rescind the 2005 resolution. Commissioner Jaynes seconded with a

caveat that Collin County become the coordinating agency in evaluating this potential right-of-way. Judge Self felt Commissioner Jaynes' point was well taken. Commissioner Hatchell stated negotiations are ongoing with property owners regarding right-of-way. Commissioner Cole stated the original alignment was determined by economic and water features. Ruben Delgado, Engineering, stated there are two major creeks in the area. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Hoagland moved to rescind the original court order, Commissioner Jaynes seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 7:33:14 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-359-05-20

Item No. 9 AI-28334 Discussion and any action regarding the creation of a County Toll Road Authority (CTRA), Commissioners Court. Judge Self referenced page 57 of the documentation, noting it is TxDOT laying out a Regional Mobility Authority, which is what a County Toll Road Authority is. Judge Self stated tonight's discussion is for planning purposes should it be necessary for the County to start handling roads such as the Outer Loop. Judge Self asked the Court for their opinions on a County Toll Road Authority. If the Court moves forward with this, approval has to be granted by the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Hatchell stated it was a good idea, but he felt it should be restructured as originally written. Commissioner Hoagland agreed with Commissioner Hatchell, and stated the Court needed to move ahead. Judge Self asked if there was a motion to move ahead. Commissioner Hoagland made such a motion, Commissioner Hatchell seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 7:39:23 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-360-05-20

Item No. 10 Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion. Commissioner Hoagland requested an item be put on a future Court agenda for reappointment of current NTTA Board members. (Time: 7:41:14 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self immediately recessed into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code at 7:41 p.m. The Court returned into open session at 8:08 p.m. Judge Self stated there was no action to be taken.

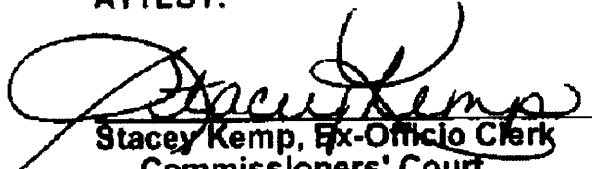
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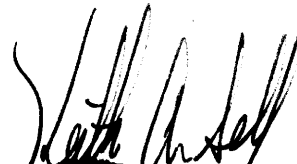
AI-28226 Consultation with legal counsel on County Auditor's AG Opinion request of April 3, 2008 concerning IT and Financial auditing.

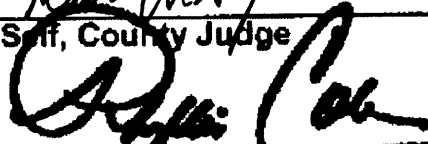
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.



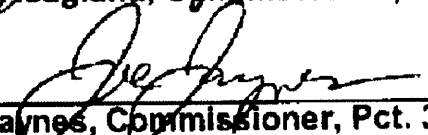
ATTEST:


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Commissioners' Court
Collin County, T E X A S


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