

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

COUNTY OF COLLIN

September 9, 2008

On Tuesday, September 9, 2008, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in regular session with the following members present, and participating to wit:

Keith Self
Phyllis Cole
Jerry Hoagland
Joe Jaynes
Kathy Ward

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

Commissioner Ward led the Invocation.

Judge Self led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Cole led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

President Self called the **Collin County Health Care Foundation** meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Item No. 1 Judge Self convened the **Collin County Commissioners Court** meeting at 1:42 p.m.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. **AI-28788** Addendum No. 1 to Services: Psychological Evaluations, Juveniles (RFP No. 08601-08) to make various changes to the Request for Proposal, Juvenile Probation.

2. **AI-28822** Addendum No. 1 to Feasibility Study Collin County Radio System (RFP No. 04502-08) to make various changes to the Request for Proposal, Purchasing.

3. **AI-28783** Utilization of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative contract to purchase software maintenance for ICM ICM/ CVP/ IVR (Contract No. DIR-SDD-236) with Cisco to provide support for software upgrades and trouble shooting assistance (budgeted), Information Technology.

Item No. 2 Public Comments. Cynthia Walker and Daniel Lewis of the District Attorney's Office, Judge Cindy Wheless 417th District Court.

Item No. 3 Presentation of Service Pins to employees with 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service in the month of September, Human Resources.

Item No. 4 Consent agenda to approve: Judge Self asked if any member of the Court or any member of the audience would like to have an item pulled off the consent agenda for individual consideration. Judge Self asked that item f2 be pulled, Commissioner Hoagland asked that items f8, f9, g1 and m2 be pulled. Judge Self moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda, Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 1:54:21 p.m.)

a. Filing of the September 9, 2008, Regular Agenda.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-679-09-09

b. AI-28853 Filing of the September 2, 2008, Special Session Agenda.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-680-09-09

c. AI-28814 Disbursements for the period ending September 3, 2008, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-681-09-09

d. AI-28759 Tax Refunds totaling \$335,720.51, Tax Assessor Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-682-09-09

e. Advertisement(s):

1. AI-28863 Equipment, Lease: Road Construction and Right of Way Maintenance Equipment (IFB No. 08599-08) (budgeted), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-683-09-09

f. Agreement(s):

1. AI-28835 Memorandum of Understanding with the Supreme Court of Texas for Support of Continuity of Court Operations in the event of an emergency and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-684-09-09

2. AI-28818 Local Match Funds Agreement with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for administration by the Texas Department of State Health Services of the NorthSTAR program for mental health services (NTE \$560,000 to be paid in 12 monthly installments) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Budget. Judge Self stated that the County was getting very good responses from NorthSTAR and Value Options as they move forward and try to increase services for the County's Mental Health patients. He

pointed out some verbiage in the package stating the adequacy of the service delivery is determined solely by the Court, and that the County can pull out of the agreement on a monthly basis if necessary. Discussion among Court members followed. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, requested the item be held until the next Court meeting in order to obtain some additional information. (Time: 1:47:52 p.m.)

HELD

3. AI-28861 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Farmersville for the extension of Farmersville Parkway (2007 Bond Project No. 07-020) from SH 78 to US 380 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same (County participation \$1,900,000 – 2008 funding NTE \$225,000), Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-685-09-09

4. AI-28862 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Farmersville for the extension of Floyd St. (2007 Bond Project No. 07-021) from US 380 to Old Josephine Road and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same (County participation \$100,000 - 2008 funding NTE \$25,000), Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-686-09-09

5. AI-28726 Agreement for Professional Services with MetaCarta Inc. to provide technical consulting, training, and maintenance services related to hardware and software (approved by Court Order No. 2008-555-08-12; No Cost to the County) and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Homeland Security.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-687-09-09

6. AI-28786 Agreement for Services, Paramedic Ambulance (Agreement No. 08628-08) between the Southeast Collin County EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Coalition and East Texas Medical Center Emergency Medical Services (County portion is \$46,588.12 for FY2009 to be paid in four (4) quarterly installments) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-688-09-09

7. AI-28784 Interagency Agreement with Dallas County to accept the FY2009 North Texas Auto Task Force grant funds to reimburse Collin County a sum covering 80% of the salary and benefits of one (1) investigator (NTE \$83,989 - Collin County Match \$20,998) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute the agreement, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-689-09-09

8. AI-28747 Professional Services Agreement with Correctional Nutritional Consultants and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Sheriff. Commissioner Hoagland asked what the annual amount of this service would cost. Sheriff Terry Box addressed the court stating the annual amount is budgeted at \$3,000. He continued by saying that these services are no longer provided by Ben E Keith or SYSCO so the Sheriff's Office had to get a bid for approval of the menu. The service will not exceed \$3,000 per year. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve, Commissioner Cole seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 1:47:32 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-690-09-09

9. AI-28840 Renewal of the Maintenance Contracts with Motorola for communications equipment & software and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Sheriff. Commissioner Hoagland commented that he was going to vote against the renewal of these contracts because they are too costly to the County. The Court members asked if there were any other options. Sheriff Box replied that the contracts included all county radios, not just the Sheriff's Office. Caren Skipworth, Information Technology, addressed the Court stating that there are very few options for different vendors because Motorola is at the back end of those vendors and therefore has cornered the market. Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to approve, Judge Self seconded, and the motion passed with a 4-1 vote of the Court. Commissioner Hoagland voted no. (Time: 1:50:44 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-691-09-09

g. Amendment(s):

1. AI-28849 No. 1 for an On-site Sewage Facility (OSSF) with the City of Lucas to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Development Services. Commissioner Hoagland asked what would be the cost of this contract. Rueben Delgado, Engineering addressed the Court in response stating the County will re-coup 100% of the cost and added this is self-supported. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve, Commissioner Jaynes seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 1:51:34 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-692-09-09

2. AI-28782 No. 2 for Law Enforcement Services (2006-948-10-10) with the City of Lucas to extend the agreement for one (1) year

through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-693-09-09

3. AI-28735 No. 5 to Professional Services, Architectural: Collin County Administration Building (RFI 03072-06) with PGAL to add various items to the contract for an increase of \$650 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-694-09-09

h. Change Order(s):

1. AI-28841 No. 1 to Concrete Work: Various Locations (IFB No. 07115-07) with GT Construction, Inc. to reflect a 5 percent price increase (effective October 1, 2008), extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-695-09-09

2. AI-28854 No. 1 for Services: Morgue Transport (IFB No. 06106-07) with Weatherall Family Funeral Service, L.L.C. to reflect a price increase, extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Medical Examiner.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-696-09-09

3. AI-28810 No. 1 to Services, Printing: General Office Forms (IFB No. 03080-07) with Cooper's Copies and Printing to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-697-09-09

4. AI-28808 No. 1 to Services, Printing: General Office Forms (IFB No. 03080-07) with Postnet to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-698-09-09

5. AI-28809 No. 1 to Services, Printing: General Office Forms (IFB No. 03080-07) with Print Tyme to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same

(budgeted), Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-699-09-09

6. AI-28850 No. 2 to Supplies: Specialized Printing for Elections with Applied Litho Resource, Inc. (IFB No. 04068-05) to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Elections.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-700-09-09

7. AI-28851 No. 2 to Supplies: Specialized Printing for Elections (IFB No. 04068-05) with Complex Printing, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Elections.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-701-09-09

8. AI-28807 No. 2 to Road Materials: Aggregate Material for Surface Treatment and Stone Rip-Rap (IFB No. 05088-06) with Martin Marietta Materials to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-702-09-09

9. AI-28812 No. 3 to Services, Printing: General Office Forms (IFB No. 03080-07) with Data Flex Business Products to provide various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-703-09-09

10. AI-28811 No. 3 to Services, Printing: General Office Forms (IFB No. 03080-07) with Print Right to delete various items from the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same (budgeted), Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-704-09-09

11. AI-28761 No. 5 to Commissary Services (RFP No. 04076-04) with Lone Star Commissary to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2009 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-705-09-09

12. AI-28797 No. 6 to Construction, Building: Collin County Administration Building (IFB No. 05097-07) with Ratcliff Constructors, L.P. to provide various changes to the contract for a

decrease of \$22,718 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-706-09-09

i. Ratification of the County Judge's prior approval:

1. AI-28843 Reject all bids received for Services: Tax Statement Preparation and Mailing Service (IFB No. 05554-08), Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-707-09-09

2. AI-28844 Advertise for Services: Tax Statement Preparation and Mailing Service (IFB No. 08632-08) (budgeted), Purchasing. Commissioner Jaynes asked if there would be enough time to have the statements sent out by October 1, 2008. Frank Ybarbo, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Court in response to the question by stating that yes it would be ready to go by October 1, 2008. Commissioner Jaynes requested that the statements include clear verbiage of what taxes are actually being assessed and from whom. Mr. Ybarbo stated he would speak with Tax Assessor/Collector Kenneth Maun to have the verbiage added. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve, Commissioner Jaynes seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 1:52:56 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-708-09-09

3. AI-28882 Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for 9-1-1 Services to extend the termination date until the 2008 Interlocal Agreement can be signed, processed and returned to NCTCOG, Commissioners Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-709-09-09

j. Budget adjustment/amendment(s):

1. AI-28790 \$10,000,000 to move funds to the appropriate line item for the Outer Loop Project, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-710-09-09

k. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. AI-28834 Monthly Financial Statement for July 2008.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-711-09-09

2. Final Audit Results:

a. AI-28837 Sheriff (1st Quarter FY2008).

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-712-09-09

- b. AI-28838 Inmate Trust (2nd Quarter FY2008).
COURT ORDER NO. 2008-713-09-09

i. Filing of the Minutes, County Clerk:

1. AI-28817 August 19, 2008, Workshop Minutes.
COURT ORDER NO. 2008-714-09-09

m. Miscellaneous

1. AI-28873 Resolution in support of the UNT College of Law, Commissioners Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-715-09-09

2. AI-28856 Final Plat for the Estates at Lakeshore, Engineering. Commissioner Hoagland asked Ruben Delgado, Engineering, if this was the same project for which the County narrowed the streets. Mr. Delgado replied yes and provided additional information on the development. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve, Commissioner Jaynes seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 1:53:42 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-716-09-09

3. AI-28869 Utilization of the 6th floor conference room at the Courthouse facility located at 210 S. McDonald and the Bloomdale Courthouse parking lot on September 23, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to host a blood drive event, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-717-09-09

4. AI-28859 Title changes for positions approved in the 2009 Budget to reflect consistency with the compensation plan, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-718-09-09

5. AI-28857 Amended Policies and Facility Usage Agreement for Myers Park & Event Center, Special Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-719-09-09

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Item No. 5 AI-28744 Public Hearing - Consideration, discussion and any action regarding the placement of Regulatory Signs on various County Roads, Public Works. Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, addressed the Court with requests for speed limit signs in areas of new construction with the exception of one school zone and two residential areas. Judge Self asked if there was any public comment

on this item. No one came forward. Commissioner Hoagland commented on concerns that were raised due to the speed limit at Harper Elementary School in Princeton. Mr. Kleinheksel stated that to put up a speed limit sign takes approximately 30 days due to the required process. Mr. Kleinheksel continued by saying that if the concern raised by Commissioner Hoagland was regarding the school in Princeton, he could have a sign up the next day if approved by the Court. Commissioner Jaynes moved to approve, Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 1:56:46 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-720-09-09

Item No. 6 AI-28870 Discussion and any action regarding the creation of a Collin County's Citizen Academy, Commissioners Court. Commissioner Ward made a proposal to Court members regarding creating a Citizen's academy which would include department heads meeting with the County's community leaders to highlight the duties and responsibilities of the various departments. This would give the County's citizens a better idea of how the County operates and what services each department provides and highlight the good these departments are doing for the County. Commissioner Ward suggested the academy meet one Saturday each quarter and that the County Judge or a Commissioner should be present at each meeting. Commissioner Ward also proposed that the academy be formed and start meeting beginning the next calendar year. Judge Self commented that this would be excellent next step in the County's open government initiatives to let the citizens know what the County does. The proposal was discussed by the Court. Commissioner Ward moved to approve with a 10 person planning board, Commissioner Hoagland seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time 3:58:50 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-721-09-09

Item No. 7 AI-28871 Discussion and any action regarding Commissioners Court Governance and Operations, Commissioners Court. Commissioner Hoagland gave comments regarding the responsibilities and authority of the members of Commissioners' Court. Commissioner Hoagland stated that should someone have a need to give a department head a direction, that person should go to the Director of Administrative Services, Bill Bilyeu, as the direct report. Discussion among Court members ensued. Judge Self asked if there was any other discussion. No additional discussion followed. (Time 4:16:23 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 8 AI-28796 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding the Outer Loop section from FM 6 to US 380, Commissioners Court. Bill Bilyeu, Director of Administrative Services, addressed the Court to explain what this item entailed. Ruben Delgado, Engineering, addressed the Court stating an item that recently came to Engineering's attention was a development in the City of Josephine that was encroaching on the County's preferred alignment. Mr. Delgado told the Court that it was urgent that the County correspond with the City of Josephine regarding right-of-way needed to move forward with the Outer Loop project. Discussion followed. Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to start the

field note process and bring the rest of the alignment back to the next Court. Mr. Delgado told the Court they needed to choose an Engineering Firm for the project. Commissioner Hoagland stated the firm chosen was CH2M Hill. Frank Ybarbo, Purchasing, addressed the Court stating this part of the project was not included in the Request For Quote (RFQ). Judge Self asked if the County could expand the RFQ. Mr. Ybarbo replied if the Court thought they were the most qualified, then, yes, they can expand the RFQ to include this section of the project. After a firm was chosen, then the County could start the negotiation process. Commissioner Jaynes moved to approve CH2M Hill, Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. Judge Self asked if any further action was needed. Mr. Delgado stated there was none. (Time: 4:22:48 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-722-09-09

Item No. 9 **AI-28858** Consideration, discussion and any action regarding approval of the legal pay scale, Human Resources. John Roach, District Attorney, addressed the Court regarding an increase for Prosecutors' salaries. Judge Roach gave Court members handouts which included proposed increases and the departmental Organizational Chart. After a short commentary he requested that the Court allow Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, to give her presentation first and then his would follow. The Court agreed and Mr. Roach gave the floor to Ms. Jacobson. (Time: 1:58:50 p.m.)

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, addressed the Court with a Power Point presentation on legal salaries, which she stated was a standard presentation Human Resources provided annually. Ms. Jacobson stated she understood there were concerns about the salaries in the District Attorney's Office and that her department had tried to address those concerns. The presentation included turnover, salary comparison charts with comparable counties, and a survey of defense attorneys' salaries. Discussion with Court members was conducted throughout the presentation. Ms. Jacobson submitted two recommendations on the legal salary increases to the Court for consideration. (Time: 2:33:47 p.m.)

Judge Roach re-approached the Court with brief comments concerning Ms. Jacobson's presentation. Judge Roach indicated there was some information in the presentation that his department disputes. He also told the Court of the high level of training he provides to the Prosecutors in his office. After making his comments to the Court, Judge Roach turned the floor over to Cynthia Walker, District Attorney's Office, to give a presentation for their office. (Time: 2:37:58 p.m.)

Cynthia Walker, District Attorney's Office, addressed the Court requesting approval for an increase in Prosecutors' salaries. Ms. Walker used Ms. Jacobson's presentation to show the differences in her findings compared to those of Human Resources. Discussion with Court members was conducted throughout the presentation. A handout containing legal salaries in Tarrant County was given to Court members. (Time: 2:54:20 p.m.)

At the request of Judge Self, Ms. Jacobson re-approached the Court for further discussion on the increases. Judge Cindy Wheless, 417th District Court, addressed the Court to comment on the need for qualified Prosecutors and the need to pay them a competitive salary. After consideration of the recommendations from Human Resources, Commissioner Ward asked if a \$2,500 bonus would make a new Misdemeanor Prosecutor stay. Daniel Lewis, District Attorney's Office, responded to the question. Mr. Lewis commented that the bonus would not be useful because Misdemeanor Prosecutors typically move up in less than one year. After extensive discussion between all parties and the Court, Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve a 7% increase for legal salaries and give Misdemeanor Prosecutors a \$2,500 bonus if they stayed for one year, Commissioner Jaynes seconded and the motion passed with a 4-1 vote of the Court. Commissioner Cole voted no. (Time: 3:54:46 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-723-09-09

Judge Self recessed Commissioners Court at 3:43 p.m. and reconvened at 3:54 p.m.

Item No. 10 AI-28815 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding Personnel Appointments, Human Resources. Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, stated all personnel appointments were within the standard range. Ms. Jacobson updated the Court on the expansion of the County Temporary Pool. A Temporary Pool has been created specifically for the Sheriff's Office to assist with video visitation at the jail. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve, Commissioner Cole seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 4:23:21 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-724-09-09

Item No. 11 AI-28816 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding Personnel Changes, Human Resources. Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, addressed the Court with personnel changes. Ms. Jacobson stated that all were within the standard range. Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to approve, Commissioner Hoagland seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 4:24:25 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-725-09-09

Item No. 12 **BUDGET:**

a. AI-28803 Consideration and any action for adoption of an order setting and approving the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Monika Arris, Budget, addressed the Court with Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Ms. Arris used Power Point to show the Court a summary of the budget. Items discussed included: Total Authorized Positions, the General Fund and the Road and Bridge fund. The total Operating Budget included the General Fund, the Road & Bridge Fund, Permanent Improvement Fund and the Jury Fund. Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to adopt, Commissioner Ward Seconded and the motion

passed with a 4-1 vote of the Court. Commissioner Hoagland voted no. (Time: 4:32:10 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-726-09-09

b. AI-28800 Consideration and any action for the adoption of an order setting the maintenance and operating tax rate for Fiscal Year 2009. Ms. Arris continued the budget overview by giving the Court the maintenance and operating tax rate. Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to adopt the maintenance and operating tax rate at \$0.18426, Judge Self seconded. Due to a record vote being required, the vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote of the Court. Commissioner Hoagland voted no. (Time: 4:28:42 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-727-09-09

c. AI-28801 Consideration and any action for adoption of an order setting the debt service tax rate for Fiscal Year 2009. Ms. Arris gave the Court the debt service tax rate. Commissioner Ward made a motion to adopt the tax rate at \$0.05824, Commissioner Jaynes seconded. Due to a record vote being required, the vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 4:29:12 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-728-09-09

d. AI-28802 Consideration and any action for adoption of an order setting the combined tax rate for Fiscal Year 2009. Ms. Arris gave the Court the combined tax rate which is the maintenance and operating tax and the debt service tax. Commissioner Jaynes questioned the verbiage used on this issue because it appeared the tax rate was increasing when the Court previously voted for a homeowner tax cut. Ms. Arris stated legally the statement had to be read; she explained that since the value of homes has increased, when you apply the tax rate to the value of the homes, the amount of money the County receives is actually increased. Homeowner's tax bills are going down. Judge Self made a motion to adopt the combined tax rate at \$0.2425, Commissioner Jaynes seconded. Due to a record vote being required, the vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote of the Court. Commissioner Hoagland voted no. Judge Self made a statement to clarify that the numbers of dollars the County will raise will be increased; however, an individual's taxes should go down depending upon the homeowner's appraisal. This is an increase across the County, not for individual taxes. (Time: 4:30:24 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-729-09-09

e. AI-28805 Consideration and any action for adoption of an order setting and approving the Fiscal Year 2009 Elected Officials

Compensation. Ms. Arris presented salaries for Elected Officials. Commissioner Cole commented that increases for Elected Officials is the same as increases for employees. Ms. Arris stated that the employees are at 3.5%, and since they are on Pay for Performance, increases will be based on individual performance. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve, Commissioner Jaynes seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Court. (Time: 4:32:10 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-730-09-09

f. AI-28798 Adoption and an order setting and approving the County Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2009. The county fee schedule was updated by the Elected Officials who collect fees and verified by the Law Library by researching legislation for any changes. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve, Commissioner Cole seconded and the motion passed with a 4-1 vote of the Court. Commissioner Jaynes voted no. (Time: 4:32:47 p.m.)

COURT ORDER NO. 2008-731-09-09

Item No. 13 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding 2007 RTR funding, Commissioners Court. Commissioner Jaynes gave the Court an update on the RTR funding. They will be meeting Thursday and one of the items that will be considered in the meeting with TxDot is about pulling AG Opinions and negotiating with the Legislative Budget Board. They will also be voting on presenting to legislature a package of tax increases for mass transit. Commissioner Jaynes commented he would be happy to get input from the Court, but he was inclined to vote against the increases. Judge Self asked if there were any discussions for Commissioner Jaynes. There were no discussions. (Time: 4:33:41 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 14 Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion. Commissioner Cole requested that Inside Collin County Business be added to discuss the County participating in the publication. Commissioner Ward requested an item be added to discuss and process similar to an executive round table for Collin County CEOs and business owners both large and small to have regular discussions with the Court. (Time: 4:34:50 p.m.)

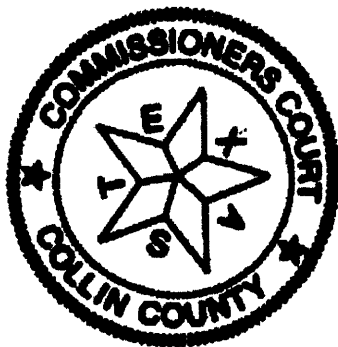
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self immediately recessed into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code at 04:35 P.M.. The Court returned into open session at 5:02 p.m.

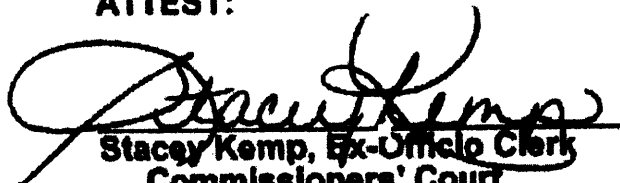
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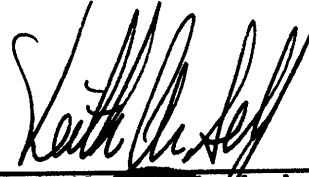
No Action Taken

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.



ATTEST:


Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Collin County, TEXAS



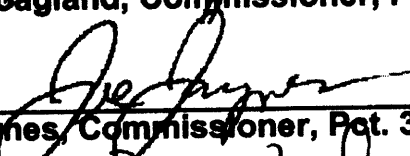
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