

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT WORKSHOP

COUNTY OF COLLIN

JANUARY 20, 2009

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009, the Commissioners Court of Collin County Texas, met at 1:30 p.m. in an informal work session in the Commissioners Courtroom, 210 S. McDonald Street, McKinney, Texas, with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

Keith Self	County Judge	Presiding
Matt Shaheen	Commissioner	Precinct 1
Jerry Hoagland	Commissioner	Precinct 2
Joe Jaynes	Commissioner	Precinct 3
Kathy Ward	Commissioner	Precinct 4

- 1 Judge Self convened the Workshop Session to order at 1:30 p.m. and adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

- 2 **Public Comments.** Roy Serpa, Fairview, Texas, came forward, after reading year-end reviews, to compliment the Collin County Justice Courts on their accomplishments and conservative approach to County government. (Time: 1:32:33 p.m.)

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presentation, update or discussion regarding:

- 3 **Conference of Urban Counties, Don Lee:**

Judge Self introduced Don Lee, Executive Director, Texas Conference of Urban Counties and Public Power Pool (P3). Mr. Lee stated it was a pleasure to be before the Court in Collin County. Mr. Lee was present to report on the activities of CUC and Public Power Pool as well as to recognize Commissioner Shaheen as a new appointee to the Policy Committee. The main function of the CUC is to keep legislature informed on the impact of their legislation on county government and to keep counties informed of the impact on county government by the impact of what the legislature is considering. Mr. Lee noted over 6,000 pieces of legislation would be

considered over the next 130 days, with one in five decisions impacting county government in some way. Mr. Lee next discussed Policy Committees. The major issues this session are: tracking down and informing the legislature about unfunded mandates; and the impact of mental health and mental retardation on county jails. Discussion followed between Court members and Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee next addressed the County Efficiency Act, asking all county officials to suggest non-controversial changes from outdated statutes. Judge Self said two bills were being drafted by Representative Madden. Mr. Lee stated transportation is on the front burner this session. Commissioner Ward suggested getting groups to go to Austin for meetings on transportation. Discussion continued between Mr. Lee and the Court. Mr. Lee next spoke about the County Affairs Committee. Numerous bills were introduced by various organizations. Mr. Lee responded to questions from the Court. Judge Self asked Mr. Lee about his relationship during the legislative session with the Texas Association of Counties. Mr. Lee replied it is a good and productive relationship, but there are differences. Commissioner Jaynes had questions about the railway of Texas. Mr. Lee stated that is a debate for a future meeting. (Time: 1:58:46 p.m.)

b. AI- **P3, contract for power supply.**
29574

Don Lee, Executive Director, Conference of Urban Counties and Public Power Pool (P3), again addressed the Court and showed a Power Point presentation entitled "Collin County Annual P3 Expenditures". Mr. Lee noted Collin County has partnered with other local counties to form one of the largest customers in the State of Texas for electricity. Annually this group purchases approximately \$150 million in electricity, and a new contract was just signed with Reliant Energy. An explanation of the Power Point slide followed. Dan James, Facilities, came forward to answer questions of utility consumption once the new administration building is finished, noting the County has reduced overall utility consumption by 25%. Additionally, since electric rates have gone down, 60% of the county's needs have been locked in. (Time: 2:09:19 p.m.)

c. **AI-** **TechShare, Status of cooperative efforts on**
29575 **adult and juvenile justice.**

Mr. Lee remained before the Court, this time to report on TechShare, another joint collaborative project in which Collin County is working with other counties to approach IT challenges and expenses in order to save money. Mr. Lee complimented Caren Skipworth, IT, on her input. Currently the biggest project is the adult justice system project in our court system with Odyssey. Collin County has saved approximately \$3 million by working with 14 other counties on this project. Mr. Lee next spoke about the juvenile program, noting Odyssey will help caseworkers manage their case loads. Commissioner Hoagland had some questions for Ms. Skipworth about this project. Commissioners Hoagland and Shaheen stated they have an upcoming meeting. (Time: 2:21:40 p.m.)

Judge Self recessed Court at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:26 p.m.

4 **AI-** **Collin County Health Care Foundation.**
29500

Candy Blair, Health Care Services, came forward with a Power Point presentation which was originally presented to the Health Care Foundation Board on November 13, 2008. Michelle Patrick, WIC, presented the Power Point. Explanation continued. Ms. Blair returned with an update on PrimaCare FY08. According to Ms. Blair, the President of Presbyterian Hospital of Allen reported that PrimaCare has made a big impact. PrimaCare's contract will be coming back to the Commissioners at a future court with a \$5 per visit reduction. Ms. Blair continued with update on the number and treatment of tuberculosis cases. Commissioner Shaheen had questions about the concentration of TB cases. Commissioner Hoagland asked about the ethnicity of people with TB. Ms. Blair responded the immigrant population accounts for 42% of TB cases. Commissioner Ward felt cases had to be treated even if patients were here illegally to help prevent spread of TB. Ms. Patrick returned with a WIC update, noting the Plano and McKinney offices are the busiest, treating over 4,000 patients per month. To qualify for services a woman has to be at 185% of the poverty level, must be pregnant and/or have a child under the age of five who is at nutritional risk. Assets are carefully screened. WIC operates with 100% state or federal funding; no money comes from the county. \$10.18 is received per client per month. The Power Point continued with WIC

updates and plans, as well as county demographics. A discussion followed between Ms. Blair and the Court. Judge Self came forward to explain figures presented via Power Point which came from the Texas Workforce Investment Council. (Time: 3:08:07 p.m.)

5 **AI-** **Vehicle Replacement Policy in relation to Texas**
 29556 **Emissions Reduction Plan Grant, Public Works.**

Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, approached the Court with a new policy currently on the web where each department can put in a request to the Public Works fleet, after which Public Works will go through a list of criteria and make recommendations to the Budget office and Court. In the future Public Works will be able to provide the Court with a better outlook of what needs to be replaced and what can be held off to be replaced. Judge Self wanted to know how the new policy would affect the fleet. Mr. Kleinheksel did not have an answer at this time. Judge Self asked what the average yearly expenditure was for the fleet. Mr. Kleinheksel replied the County spends approximately \$2 million per year. Commissioner Shaheen had questions about a letter from COG which was in the packet. (Time: 3:21:19 p.m.)

6 **AI-** **Commissioners Court dates and locations,**
 29565 **Commissioners Court.**

Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, said statute required the County to post notice when Commissioners Court meetings are changed. This is imperative since the Court is scheduled to move to their new administration building in April 2009. Discussion followed regarding changing court days from Tuesday to Monday and addressing conflicts on the schedule. Commissioner Shaheen felt Mondays would be preferable. Commissioner Ward asked about the possibility of more evening workshops. Judge Self felt evening workshops would give the citizens an opportunity to see the new facility. Commissioner Shaheen felt the first meeting at the new administration building should be an evening "open house". Mr. Bilyeu stated he would bring this item back to the next court for a vote. (Time: 3:36:03 p.m.)

7 **AI-** **RTR/121 Funding, Commissioners Court.**
 29590

Commissioner Jaynes addressed this topic stating not a lot had

changed since the last meeting. Commissioner Jaynes was awaiting a call from Attorney Rider Scott. Commissioner Ward asked about a joint letter which Mr. Scott had offered to write in a prior court, and Mr. Bilyeu stated that letter was being written. Judge Self said money would be refunded to the County from COG. (Time: 3:37:25 p.m.)

8 **AI-** **Rail North Texas project, Commissioners Court.**
 29589

Commissioner Jaynes stated six counties have passed resolutions and they will be sending those resolutions out. (Time: 3:38:10 p.m.)

9 **AI-** **Professional Services Contract language,**
 29591 **Commissioners Court.**

Commissioner Shaheen made the Court aware of language he was drafting for state law that would give the Court the ability to add more competition to engineering, architectural and surveying services that the county might procure. Presently the Court is restricted with what they can bid out. Commissioner Shaheen is working on this project with Representative Laubenberg's office. Commissioner Shaheen briefed the Court on the history following a question from Commissioner Ward. Judge Self asked Mr. Lee for CUC's input. Mr. Lee again came forward and discussion followed. Mr. Lee noted that this proposal has received strong opposition in the past. Commissioner Ward noted safety is top priority. Judge Self thanked Commissioner Shaheen and Mr. Lee for their work. (Time: 3:15:16 p.m.)

10 **Discussion and any action regarding Potential 81st Legislative**
 items, Commissioners Court.

Tracy Homfeld, Engineering, stated she met last week with Judge Horn from Denton County, Commissioner Jaynes and Judge Self to talk about a multi-county groundwater conservation district with Denton and Collin Counties. They had reservations originally, but have decided to pursue it. Senator Estes will carry the bill in Austin if two counties are in agreement. The counties will have to meet to decide how they want the bill to read. Additionally, the counties would be able to regulate oil and gas wells. Discussion continued between Ms. Homfeld and the Court. Commissioner Ward wanted to know if the Court could attend the Denton County Commissioners' Court meeting. Judge Self wanted to

see this item on the January 27th, 2009, agenda and wanted to invite Denton County to attend the meeting. (Time: 3:47:34 p.m.)

11 **Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion.**

Commissioner Jaynes had a question about county hospital legislation. Monika Arris, Budget, said she would add that item to the next agenda. Commissioner Jaynes also wanted to discuss the possibility of naming the new administration building after the late Commissioner Hatchell. (Time: 3:49:06 p.m.)

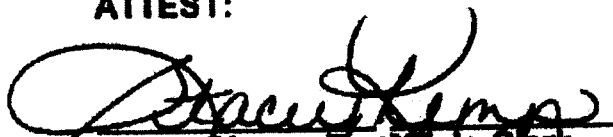
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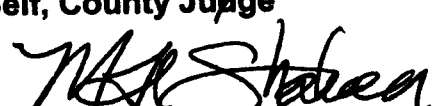
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the Workshop meeting at 3:49 p.m.




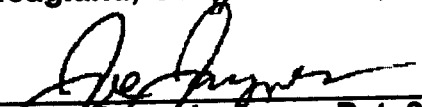
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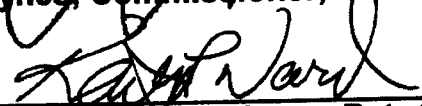

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