

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

COUNTY OF COLLIN

FEBRUARY 16, 2009

On Monday, February 16, 2009, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom, 210 S. McDonald Street, City of McKinney, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

Keith Self
Matt Shaheen
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 Shaheen led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

COMMISSIONERS COURT SPECIAL SESSION

ITEM NO. 1 Judge Self convened the Collin County Commissioners Court Special Session meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 2 Public Comments. Public Comments were heard under Item No. 6: Consideration, discussion and any action regarding Commissioners redistricting, Commissioners Court.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presentation, update or discussion regarding:

ITEM NO. 3 Discussion and any action regarding Potential 81st Legislative Items, Commissioners Court.

Commissioner Shaheen led this discussion and updated the Court on House Bill 1105 which was filed by Representatives Paxton and Laubenberg. Judge Self added "the Texas Public Purchasing Association weighed in this afternoon". Additionally, he complimented Commissioner Shaheen's work. Commissioner Jaynes asked RTC for proactive legislation. Commissioner

Ward stated she has attended transportation meetings with Commissioner Jaynes. (Time: 8:14:12 p.m.)

ITEM NO. 4 AI-29672 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding the policy and procedures for the creation of Special Districts, Commissioners Court. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, stated this item was placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Jaynes. This topic will be on the next Court agenda; however, the question for this evening is whether or not the Court would rather follow-up or have a discussion on districts outside city limits. Senator Estes needs legislative counsel to draft the bill after approval by the Court. Commissioner Hoagland stated he was against this type of development. Discussion followed. (Time: 8:11:58 p.m.)

ITEM NO. 5 AI-29673 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding Constable and Justice of the Peace redistricting, Commissioners Court. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, came before the Court with a Power Point presentation highlighting the redistricting of the Justices of the Peace and Constables' offices. Mr. Bilyeu discussed the factors required to make both offices work and addressed questions from Court members. John Payton, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3-2, came forward with a history of the redistricting which was done in 2001. Judge Payton stated the five Justices of the Peace did not feel they had sufficient data to come before the Court and say what they needed today. Discussion followed between Judge Payton and the Court as to boundary lines for redistricting. Judge Payton requested that he be able to return before the Court with additional data from NTTA. (Time: 7:27:04 p.m.)

Judge Self recessed Commissioners' Court at 7:28 p.m. and convened the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority.

The Collin County Toll Road Authority meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. and Commissioners' Court was reconvened.

ITEM NO. 6 AI-29674 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding Commissioners redistricting, Commissioners Court. Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, came forward to address the subject of redistricting on the Commissioners Court level, as well as redistricting for Justices of the Peace and Constables. Mr. Bilyeu presented a list of Frequently Asked Questions via a Power Point Presentation. The State Constitution mandates that populations be equal per district. As of December 2008, Collin County's population reached 800,000; therefore, each Commissioner's district should represent 200,000 citizens. For Justices of the Peace and Constables, the State Constitution says "for the convenience of the people", and that is defined by the Court. Further, per the Constitution, there has to be a minimum of four J.P. districts. Collin County meets that standard. Mr. Bilyeu added census numbers would not

be complete for approximately two more years. Discussion followed. According to Mr. Bilyeu, Sharon Rowe, Elections Administrator, is looking at breaking up the larger precincts as designated by State law. Commissioner Jaynes had concerns about the number of years some voters would have to wait to vote again for their elected officials if they were redistricted.

Bill Baumbach, Wylie, Texas, came before the Court to urge the Commissioners to redistrict their voting precincts first and to make "the process as wide open as you can".

Dan Dodd, Chairman, Democratic Party, McKinney, Texas, suggested forming a bipartisan committee to assist with the redistricting process. Mr. Dodd also volunteered to serve on such a committee.

Barb Walters, Plano, Texas, questioned why voting precincts were not being redistricted first.

Deborah Angell Smith, Allen, Texas, spoke next. Ms. Smith also requested that voting districts be redistricted first, followed by Justices of the Peace, Commissioners' and Constables' districts.

Victor Manuel, McKinney, Texas, wanted to make sure each citizen had their voice heard equally. Judge Self stated not only was that possible, it was mandatory.

Mr. Bilyeu remained before the Court to answer follow-up questions. Bret Fenster, GIS Analyst, presented a Power Point on redistricting scenarios and answered questions from the Court. Commissioner Hoagland felt scenarios were "an exercise in futility" until more information was available. Commissioner Ward agreed with Mr. Dodd that the Court needed input from the public. Judge Self wanted to meet with Ms. Rowe before moving forward. (Time: 6:45 p.m.)

ITEM NO. 7 **AI-29675** Consideration, discussion and any action regarding Board/Committee Appointments, Commissioners Court. Judge Self nominated Mark Palmer to the Park Foundation Advisory Board and John Becker to the Planning Board.

Motion By: Judge Keith Self
Second By: Commissioner Prct 3 Joe Jaynes

Aye: Judge Keith Self
Commissioner Prct 1 Matt Shaheen
Commissioner Prct 2 Jerry Hoagland
Commissioner Prct 3 Joe Jaynes
Commissioner Prct 4 Kathy Ward

8. Possible future agenda items by Commissioners Court without discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no reason to recess into Executive Session, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



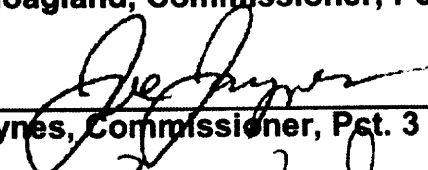
Keith Self, County Judge

Not Present

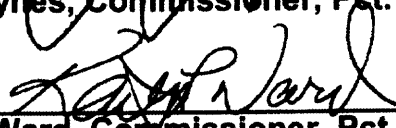
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Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner, Pct. 2



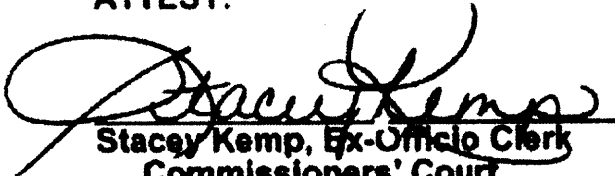
Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Kathy Ward, Commissioner, Pct. 4



ATTEST:



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