

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

COUNTY OF COLLIN

MARCH 29, 2010

On Monday, March 29, 2010, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom, Jack Hatchell Collin County Administration Building, 4th Floor, 2300 Bloomdale Road, City of McKinney, Texas, with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

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

Commissioner Jaynes led the Invocation.
Commissioner Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Judge Self led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Judge Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 9:30 a.m.

Judge Self recessed the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 9:48 a.m. and convened the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation.

President Self adjourned the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 9:48 a.m. and convened the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 9:49 a.m.

President Self adjourned the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 9:49 a.m. and reconvened the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-31636 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
2. AI-31603 Budget amendment of \$2,650 to purchase various supplies utilizing the Drug Forfeiture funds, District Attorney.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. **AI-31611** Addendum No. 1 to Equipment: 50 Ton Hydraulic Gooseneck Trailer to add specifications and photographs of the trade-in trailer to the Information for Bid, Purchasing.

2. Public Comments. There were no public comment cards presented to the Court.

3. Presentation/Recognition:

a. Retirement plaque to Velda Williams by Judge Payton, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3-2.

Judge John Payton, JP Precinct 3-2, came forward to recognize Velda Williams as she retires following 24 years of service to Collin County. Ms. Williams worked in Judge Payton's office for the last 19 years in various positions, lastly as Court Administrator. In addition to a plaque, the Commissioners presented Ms. Williams with a proclamation declaring March 31, 2010, as Velda Williams Day in Collin County. Judge Payton read the proclamation aloud. (Time: 9:37 a.m.)

b. **AI-31550** Collin County Master Gardeners Association, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the SCORE program from the Sheriff's department for work performed at Myers Park and Event Center, Special Projects.

Judy Florence, Park Manager, Youth Park and Farm Museum, approached to recognize these departments and organizations for their work in planting gardens at Myers Park, saving the taxpayers of Collin County approximately \$41,000. Ms. Florence showed before and after photos of the various projects, noting the volunteers and master gardeners put in over 765 hours of volunteer services. She recognized all volunteers and businesses involved in the completed project. (Time: 9:41 a.m.)

c. **AI-31641** Distinguished Service Award to the Collin County Historical Commission from the Texas Historical Commission, County Judge.

Judge Self recognized the members of the Collin County Historical Commission for receiving the Distinguished Service Award for the seventh straight year in recognition of its active and well-balanced preservation program. This is the 17th time the Historical Commission has won this award. Loydell Seward accepted the award and spoke as current Chairman of the Commission. Ms. Seward stated Lolisa Laenger, who was Chairman for many years, was not able to be present today. The members of the Historical Commission were introduced and Ms. Seward gave an overview of the various projects in which they've been involved. (Time: 9:48 a.m.)

Judge Self recessed the meeting of the Commissioners Court at 9:48 a.m. and convened the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation.

4. Consent agenda to approve:

Judge Self asked if any member of the Court or any member of the audience had an item they wanted pulled from the consent agenda for individual consideration. Hearing none, Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 9:50 a.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Joe Jaynes
Second by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

a. **AI-31616** Disbursements for the period ending March 23, 2010, Auditor.
COURT ORDER NO. 2010-231-03-29

b. Award(s):

1. **AI-31602** Construction, Bridge: CR 618 over Cedar Creek and CR 655 over Branch of Brushy Creek (IFB No. 10054-10) to JMI Maintenance, Inc., Special Projects.
COURT ORDER NO. 2010-232-03-29

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

1. **AI-31638** Amended Interlocal Agreement between Collin, Cooke and Denton Counties, Texas and the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District, Commissioners Court.
COURT ORDER NO. 2010-233-03-29

d. Budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):

1. **AI-31584** \$21,000 for hardware/software support services for the County's Audio Visual Equipment, Information Technology.
COURT ORDER NO. 2010-234-03-29

e. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. **AI-31595** Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 (1st, 2nd & 3d Quarter FY2009).
COURT ORDER NO. 2010-235-03-29

f. Filing of the Minute(s), County Clerk:

1. **AI-31599** March 1, 2010.
COURT ORDER NO. 2010-236-03-29

g. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-31601** Utilization of the Commissioners Courtroom by the US Census Bureau for training of census workers on April 27-29, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and further waive the fee and insurance requirement, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2010-237-03-29

2. **AI-31613** Purchasing the Microsoft Server Software for the Call Manager and Unity Upgrade Project utilizing the State of Texas Department of Information Resources contract (Contract No. DIR-SDD-1014) and budget amendment in the amount of \$6,400 for same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2010-238-03-29

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. **AI-31615** Creation of an employee day for employees retiring with more than 25 years of service, Human Resources.

Judge Self stated he asked for this item to be on the agenda due to the number of long-time excellent employees who will be retiring in the next few years. He wondered if there should be a policy in place for recognizing long-time employees in a consistent way upon retirement. Long-time employees would be employees with a minimum of 20 to 25 years. Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, said the County currently has about 100 employees with 24 years of service or more. Plaques are done upon request but each department handles it differently. Ms. Jacobson said she would look at different organizations and gather ideas and present them to a future Commissioners Court. Commissioner Hoagland agreed it was a good idea. (Time: 10:07 a.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. **AI-31635** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, stated there was one personnel appointment and it was at the beginning of the pay grade. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve. (Time: 10:07 a.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Jerry Hoagland

Second by: Commissioner Kathy Ward

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2010-239-03-29

7. **AI-31630** Board/Committee Appointments, Commissioners Court.

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Commissioner Shaheen asked for a proclamation in support of the Attorney General's lawsuit against the recently passed health care bill. (Time: 10:08 a.m.)

Supplemental Agenda

9. AI-31653 Intermodal Study by the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Judge Self asked to hear this item before the other General Discussion items. Commissioner Hoagland started the discussion by saying he's been working with members of the Planning Board and COG (Council of Governments) for several months in order to determine if there is a need for an intermodal facility in Collin County due to the anticipated population growth in the area. Currently Collin County has 800,000 people; that number is expected to grow to 2,000,000 people in a few short years. Commissioner Hoagland asked Sandy Wesch and Kyler Erhard, Engineers with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), to come forward with an update on their intermodal study.

Mr. Erhard had a Power Point presentation entitled "Collin County Intermodal Study" which started with a study overview. The proposed intermodal facility would be the third in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The study was done in two parts: a feasibility study and an implementation study. Mr. Erhard addressed intermodal hubs and potential sites to be studied. Commissioner Shaheen asked Mr. Erhard if he was coming back in September to present the final feasibility study with a timeline. Mr. Erhard replied they could do that. Commissioner Jaynes asked if the cities involved in the study were aware they were being considered as possible sites. Mr. Erhard said the reason they are looking at the cities listed in their study is the intermodal facility needs to be on a major roadway and rail, and they needed to evaluate every site that meets their criteria. Ms. Wesch said Farmersville is aware of their study but the other areas are not. A discussion of criteria followed. Commissioner Jaynes wanted the cities to be aware they were being considered. Mr. Erhard stated a potential site has to be large, at least 300 acres, but ideally 2,500 acres.

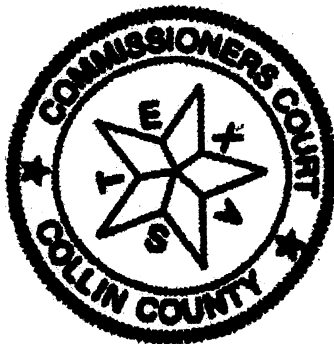
Commissioner Hoagland said the potential to bring companies and industry in is huge, both for imports and exports. He wanted to see the area focus more on manufacturing. Commissioner Shaheen thought when correspondence was sent to the cities, the corresponding commissions should be copied. Ms. Wesch and Mr. Erhard answered questions from Court members. Commissioner Hoagland said they are trying to figure out if it is economically feasible for an intermodal facility to be put in. Judge Self felt the South Dallas study should be included in this study. Commissioner Hoagland said if a facility goes in, we will have access to the East Coast of the United States and this would be the only facility that would have that access.

Ms. Wesch concluded by saying there may not be a need for this for 10 or 20 years, but as a planner she did not think you could start planning too soon for something of this magnitude. (Time: 10:05 a.m.)

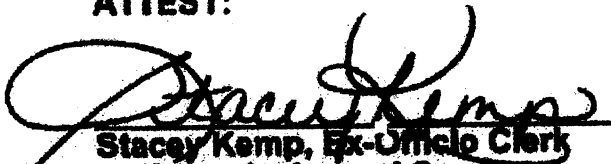
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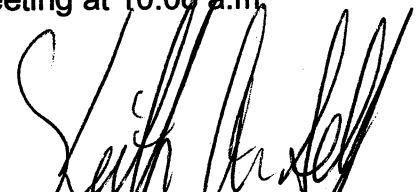
EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business of the Court and no reason to recess into Executive Session, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.



ATTEST:


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



Keith Self, County Judge



Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Kathy Ward, Commissioner, Pct. 4