

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COLLIN

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 3, 2010

On Monday, May 3, 2010, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Jack Hatchell 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 3 Commissioner Joe Jaynes  
Precinct 4 Commissioner Kathy Ward

Absent:  
Precinct 2 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland

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

1. Judge Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 6:02 p.m. and recessed the meeting into the Collin County Health Care Foundation Board of Trustees.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation Board of Trustees at 6:03 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Judge Self reconvened the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 6:30 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 8:53 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

**DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:**

1. **AI-31803** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
2. **AI-31739** Budget amendment in the amount of \$2,500 to establish a budget to purchase two (2) replacement PC's for CPS Legal Liaison's.

**FYI NOTIFICATION**

1. **AI-31769** Change Order No. 2 to New Exterior Stairs, 900 Park Plaza Building (IFB No. 03439-09) with Mart, Inc. to modify the stair landing to remove it from the handicap access sidewalk at the southwest corner of the building, repair the connection of the structure at the northeast stairs where the stair attaches to the second floor, add seven (7) working days to the contract (previously approved by the County Administrator per Court Order No. 2007-180-02-27), Construction & Projects.
2. **AI-31753** Payment of the 2009 Tax Increment Financing Zones (TIF), Tax Assessor Collector.
3. **Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s), Auditor:**
  - a. **AI-31772** \$51 to establish a budget for interest earned on the 2007 Justice Assistance Grant funds.
  - b. **AI-31703** \$2,030 to establish the budget for the 2009 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant.
  - c. **AI-31727** \$22,027 to establish the budget for the FY2010 Solid Waste Implementation Project grant.
  - d. **AI-31763** \$285,000 to establish the budget for the FY2010 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funds.
4. **AI-31781** Revenue adjustments for FY2010 first and second quarters, Auditor.
5. **AI-31760** Budget amendment(s)/adjustment(s) totaling \$97,979 (over \$5,000 per c/o 2005-589-08-01), Budget.

2. Public Comments. See General Discussion Item 8, Farm Museum Update.

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self asked for any comments on the consent agenda. There being none a motion was made to approve the consent agenda.  
(Time: 6:30 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen  
Second by: Commissioner Kathy Ward  
Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

a. **AI-31793** Disbursements for the period ending April 27, 2010, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-304-05-03**

b. **AI-31754** Tax Refund totaling \$895,280.75, Tax Assessor Collector.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-305-05-03**

c. **Award(s):**

1. **AI-31767** Collin County Adventure Camp Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade to Half and Associates and budget amendment in the amount of \$87,580 for same, Construction & Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-306-05-03**

d. **Agreement(s):**

1. **AI-31776** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Plano for Intersection Improvements at Custer Road and Park Boulevard, Spring Creek Parkway and Jupiter Road, Ohio Drive and SH 121, and Independence Parkway and Parkhaven Drive (2007 Bond Project No. 07-058) County's participation NTE \$340,000, further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-307-05-03**

2. **AI-31758** Interlocal Agreement with Denton County (Agreement No. 04234-10) for utilization of all applicable Collin County contracts, per "Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act" Chapter 791, and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-308-05-03**

e. **Receive and File, Auditor:**

1. **Final Audit Result(s):**

a. **AI-31710** Constable, Precinct 4 (3rd & 4th Quarter FY2009).

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-309-05-03**

b. **AI-31711** Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 (4th Quarter FY2009 and 1st Quarter FY2010).

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-310-05-03**

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

1. **AI-31756** April 12, 2010.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-311-05-03**

g. **Miscellaneous**

1. **AI-31770** Grant application for the FY2010 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-312-05-03**

2. **AI-31759** Re-plat of Waterstone Estates Phase II - Lot 154 Block B, Engineering.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-313-05-03**

3. **AI-31746** Utilization of the Bloomdale Courthouse for the Collin County Bar Association's Mock Trial Competition on May 14, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and May 15, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Bar Association has agreed to pay for security on Saturday, May 15, 2010, further request waiver of fees and insurance, Facilities.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-314-05-03**

4. **AI-31832** Funding sources for the Courthouse addition and budget amendment in the amount of \$15,600,000 for same, Administrative Services.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-315-05-03**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

5. **AI-31808** Community Power Innovations update, Commissioner, Precinct 3.

Commissioner Jaynes introduced Community Power Innovations (CPI) who gave a presentation on services they provide. Jim Mapes, Community Power Innovations, began with a brief introduction of the company and what the intentions are from the company perspective. A power point presentation was shown to the Court depicting how alternative resources are used to provide electric services. Mr. Mapes stated that CPI raised capital to enable them to begin initiatives without asking for any capital from the County. The mission statement of the company is being focused on finding responsible solutions for creating sustainable communities. The method used by CPI does not use fossil fuels.

Mr. Mapes used the term "transforming" to describe how this energy is made saying they (CPI) take solid waste from landfills and transform it into energy. Mr. Mapes continued saying 70% of all power in the United States today is derived from fossil fuels and of the remaining 30% nearly two thirds comes from nuclear resources. Renewable resources are only 4%. There is a need to accelerate non fossil fuels. In the United States alone \$2 billion is spent each year to operate landfills, which equates to 135 million tons of waste being put in landfills annually. Mr. Mapes remarked that the North Texas Municipal Water District runs one of the most advanced landfills in the United States.

Mr. Mapes gave an explanation of how garbage is turned into electricity and on the electrical grid. Discussion with Court members regarding how the energy is created followed. The system, which is called the Concord Blue Reformer is designed to be ascetically pleasing and has clean emissions. Mr. Mapes told the Court that this is proven technology and has been running since 2003 in Germany. A slide listing the countries that are using the technology was shown. This is made up of German technology, Swiss valves and the manufacturing facility is located in Mumbai, India. There are five very large units in Japan today that are owned by the Japanese government.

The technology can reduce 519 tons of methane annually, which is equal to planting 1.5 million mature trees. There would be a reduction of 430,000 tons of carbon monoxide each year which is equal to removing 42,000 vehicles from our roads. The prototype can provide enough power annually to power 25 thousand homes or about 300,000 megawatt hours. Mr. Mapes remarked that these estimates are very conservative and the numbers could be significantly higher.

CPI's need is for ten acres of land and a waste disposal agreement for 20 years. They would not disrupt the revenue strength. There is no competition with the power company. The intent is to work with the community and if that community has their own municipal power, allow them to continue the business they have. A brief discussion with Court members regarding the process and future plans of CPI followed.

(Time: 6:58 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

Judge Self recessed the meeting at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

**6. AI-30679 TIRZ/TIF and Tax Abatement Policies, Budget.**

Judge Self lead the discussion saying the County has had a moratorium on the TIF/TIRZ and Tax Abatement policy since January 2009. Judge Self displayed a power point presentation which provided an overview of TIF/TIRZ and Tax Abatements. This information included the criteria for a reinvestment zone as written in Texas Property

Code Section 311.005. Judge Self read excerpts from the statute and said it was originally meant for failing areas. Currently TIF payments total more than \$2.8 million and Tax Abatements total more than \$1.1 million.

Judge Self remarked that 73 companies currently receive tax abatements in Collin County. The amount abated annually is not significant enough to be the deciding factor for a business to relocate to Collin County. For example, one agreement abates \$188 per year, another \$244 per year and another \$774 per year.

The presentation included a slide on the current tax relief which is a 5% homestead exemption and a small tax rate decrease in Fiscal Year 2009. This has helped homeowners, but with the exception of the 73 companies it did nothing to help the business owners in Collin County. Judge Self questioned why the County would give tax breaks to 73 companies and virtually nothing for the thousands of other businesses.

A list of cities that participate in TIF/TIRZ and Tax Abatements was shown next. The slide detailed how much each city pays. The vast bulk of all rebates go to the Cities of Frisco and Plano, which totals \$3.5 million. The projection for the future of the County is that cities currently using TIF/TIRZ/Abatements will want to continue to add agreements and those who are not will want to enter into agreements with the County as soon as possible. The payments could explode over time as many of our cities expect equal, but unsustainable treatment. The County's options are to stop participating or limit maximum exposure at any one time, which is impossible to calculate. The County has given back more than \$4 million in 2010 as compared to only \$74,763 in 2000. Judge Self recommended the County stop participating because there is an inherent unfairness.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, lead the staff discussion on the policy. Mr. Bilyeu said it is relatively unchanged. There are two outstanding issues in the Cities of Anna and Plano. The City of Plano feels the threshold for abatements is too high. They are focused on bringing in smaller high tech companies and have consistently requested the process be lowered and allow for more flexibility. The City of Anna wants to use the TIRZ and have the same participation level with the County as the other cities. The current policy states that if the County participates in a TIRZ, they do not pay a higher percentage than the city.

Commissioner Shaheen had a question regarding some of the language in the policy. Mr. Bilyeu stated that the statute gives the direction and states if any activity takes place you cannot pull out of the agreement.

Commissioner Jaynes asked if there were any numbers on the benefits of a TIRZ. He understands what is going out, but wanted to know what was coming in. Mr. Bilyeu used East Plano as an example as well as the City of Allen and Market Street. The city felt if they provided a financial incentive they would get a nicer development with more square footage. Judge Self commented that East Plano has been phenomenally successful and has been extended twice to add more area, but it is the cause and effect that he questions.

Commissioner Shaheen wants to have another dialog with the City of Plano and then decide on a language. He does not want to have a policy of no participation. They should have a stringent policy and take a look at whether this is really going to make a difference in a company building in Collin County. Commissioner Jaynes remarked that he does not want to tie the County's hands. This might be needed in the future. We should leave our options open. (Time: 8:10 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**7. AI-31777 2010 2nd Quarter Revenue presentation, Auditor.**

Jeff May, County Auditor, gave a power point presentation to update the Court on the second quarter revenues. Mr. May showed a slide depicting what revenues should look like and estimated revenues in the general fund as well as all revenues combined. The presentation also included revenue projections through the end of the fiscal year. Mr. May said his office estimates a \$16-\$17 million decrease in revenue as compared to the last two years. Mr. May answered questions from Court members throughout the presentation.

A vast majority of property taxes have been collected and are coming in as projected. A detailed breakdown of fines and fees was shown. The County Clerk's land records filing fees have sharply decreased as a result of the economy. The District Clerk's office saw a decrease in passports for FY 2009; however, Mr. May stated there is an increase for FY 2010. Judicial Fees were reviewed next. The County Clerk (County Court at Law) saw a 9% decrease from Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 and the Justices of the Peace saw a 12.6% decrease from FY 2009.

Other revenue sources discussed included Financial Administration fees, Legal fees and Public Safety fees, all of which have seen a decrease from FY 2009. Commissioner Shaheen asked if there are fines or fees that can be set by the County. Mr. May replied most are set by statute and the County does not have a lot of flexibility. Commissioner Shaheen asked if an analysis had been performed to see what fees can be influenced by the County. Monika Arris, Budget, replied the Law Library is working on a fee schedule for FY 2011.

Commissioner Shaheen asked that the fees which can be influenced by the County be annotated on the FY 2011 schedule, and that the Court take a look at those fines and fees for possible increases. Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, approached with information on how fees are set saying the fees controlled by the County are optional fees for services such as rental for Myers Park and septic tank inspections. Court fees are set by statute at a maximum and the judge sets the fees according to the circumstances of the case.

Health and Welfare fees were also discussed. Mr. May pointed out the Housing Finance Corporation is restricted. Mr. Bilyeu explained that this was for outstanding debt. When payments are made a portion is paid to the County as a fee. These fees are slowly going off the books because no new debt is being issued. The decrease in revenue from Health Care Services fees was due to the travel medicine program being discontinued and a change in resources.

Mr. May continued the presentation with an update on revenue from fines. There was a total decrease of 15.6 % because of some defendant's inability to pay. Randall Rice, Auditor's Office, remarked that toll roads are being used less due to the economy; therefore, there is less revenue from fines generated by toll roads.

Another factor of the revenue decreases is attributed to Investment Revenue. The County General Fund dropped from \$3.2 million in 2008 to \$0.6 million at the end of the second quarter of 2010. Interest rates have drastically decreased over the last three years. Mr. May showed a slide depicting the steady decrease in Investment Yield Rates which have dropped from an average of 5.5 % to less than one percent in 2010. Mr. May explained to the Court how the funds are invested. Although rates have significantly decreased, none of the principle has been lost. Mr. May ended the presentation with a slide showing Other Revenue which included Licenses and Permits. The decrease in this revenue is a result of statutory changes. (Time: 8:45 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**8. AI-31507 Farm Museum update, Commissioner, Precinct 1.**

Judge Self opened the discussion saying the Court would receive an update from the Myers Park Advisory Board; they would hear public comments and subsequently have discussion regarding the Collin County Farm Museum.

Jack Evans, Chairman, Myers Park Advisory Board, approached with an update on a development plan for the Farm Museum. Mr. Evans remarked that several people met on a joint task force to develop an operating plan and budget for the Farm Museum at Myers Park. They met over a period of three months and contributed personal funds to contract with a professional museum consultant to develop the plan being presented



this evening. The Myers Park Advisory Board and the Farm Museum Foundation are in unanimous support of the plan for the Farm Museum at Myers Park.

Claude Frazier, Myers Parks Advisory Board, approached to present the plan. Mr. Frazier gave a power point presentation of other county and city farm museums and their accomplishments. These museums offer tractor rides, petting zoos, parties and other events. One county built a maize maze, another dedicated a large portion of land to teaching the public how people lived in the past and performed tasks including building log cabins and furniture and making cooking utensils.

Mr. Frazier showed pictures of the Collin County Farm Museum pointing out vintage tractors that volunteers have been restoring for the last four years. All of the tractors are now running. They did not run at all when the volunteers started. Mr. Frazier offered suggestions that could benefit the museum and the County.

The Myers family donated the original land free of charge to be used for education and recreation for the public. The County acquired the adjacent land for \$750,000. There have been private donations over the last 25 years that totals almost \$3 million. The value of the artifacts has not been computed. The County now owns assets valued at \$8 to \$11 million. The board feels the Court should ensure such a valuable asset is used to its maximum potential within the parameters of the Myers deed of trust. The Farm Museum is the only area of Myers Park that can bring revenue 365 days a year. Mr. Frazier told the Court that the most important part of the business plan is staff including hiring a Director Curator. Mr. Frazier read comments from Terri Ricketts of the Advisory Board who could not attend the meeting.

Mr. Frazier continued saying for four years in the early 90's there was Director Curator on staff. During that time hundreds of school children attended. There were educational resources used to teach the public how grains are grown, walk-in traffic, events and fund raising activities. When the Curator was dismissed he was not replaced. All the activities ceased to exist. It has been suggested that Myers Park staff can handle the operations of the Farm Museum. Mr. Frazier disagreed saying their staff is already very busy with Myers Park.

Mr. Frazier stated the funding needed to begin the plan in fiscal year 2011 would be \$84,000, which would fund staff and basic start up costs. This amount includes using the leftover funds from this fiscal year and moving them to next fiscal year. Commissioner Jaynes asked how much of the funding is new. Mr. Frazier replied \$72,000; there is \$12,000 already in the budget. These funds would employ staff and buy the museum software needed to get the program up and running.

Commissioner Ward asked about the \$50,000 in contingency funds that was previously approved by the Court. Mr. Frazier explained those funds were included in the plan and

that the additional amount needed would be \$72,000 for next year. That amount would increase to \$183,000 by the year 2015. Mr. Frazier stressed the need for approval of core funding each year; once that is established, they could raise additional money by holding fundraisers. Grants are more difficult to get if the core funding is not there.

Mr. Frazier made an additional funding request for \$700,000 for building improvements. Mr. Frazier informed the Court of the need to either condition the Wells building, or build a new one and use the Wells building for maintenance. At some point in time this would be a major capital project. Mr. Frazier ended his presentation and asked for any questions from the Court. Judge Self asked for clarification on the budget impact for Myers Park. Judy Florence, Myers Park, approached in response saying the addition of the Farm Museum would affect the staff of Myers Park regarding grounds maintenance, assisting in moving equipment and other job and duties. After the presentation, Judge Self opened the floor for public comments.

1-Sarah Wells Macias, Farm Museum Foundation, addressed the court to give comments on behalf of the Farm Museum. Ms. Macias remarked that the museum, its contents and the land it rests on was donated and accepted for the purpose of preserving agricultural heritage and telling its story. Collin County families have entrusted their treasures, which are priceless artifacts for this purpose. These artifacts tell a story, but they need a storyteller. A story without a story teller or interpreter is just a collection of stuff. With approval of the recommendations submitted tonight, we can resurrect educational programs, attract heritage tourism, and position ourselves for possible grants. There is no better place to put a museum than in the County Seat as a part of Myers Park.

2-Brenda Goodell, Celina, approached with comments on behalf of the Farm Museum. Ms. Goodell comes from a long line of farming families. Both sides were founding families of Collin County and have an agricultural heritage. She feels we must do something to preserve our heritage. Ms. Goodell visited the Farm Museum in Cooperstown, New York, which she thought was fabulous. The population base around Collin County is so much larger than Cooperstown. Ms. Goodell pointed out the number of visitors we could bring and school children we could educate. Ms. Goodell commented that Collin County deserves this living history museum and hopes the Court will provide the base funding.

3-Marianne Wells, Plano, spoke to the Court on behalf of the Farm Museum. Ms. Wells wanted to correct some inaccuracies which she had seen passed in some email correspondence. There has been a cross section of citizens who have sent correspondence to the Commissioners Court in support of the Collin County Farm Museum. In response, questions have been raised as to why they should hire a curator for the museum and fund its operation.

Ms. Wells addressed three points that were made which she feels are inaccurate. Point one: disbursing artifacts to multiple locations from a collection does not diminish their value. Ms. Wells replied no. The artifacts as a group tell a story. One or two alone do not educate the public, which is why they were donated in the first place. Disbursing them destroys their educational value. Point two: Agrarian artifacts have been referred to as old farm equipment. Ms. Wells replied no. They are recognized as artifacts by the museum community. Point three: The museum is not large enough to have a full time curator. Ms. Wells replied no. There are over 10 thousand artifacts some of which are cataloged, many which are not. Only a trained credentialed museum professional is qualified to do that. It cannot be done by volunteers or Myers Park employees. The County cannot afford to lose this valuable public resource. We already own this rare collection of agrarian artifacts; we don't have to buy them or collect them and we have a historically appropriate setting in which to exhibit them.

Ms. Wells continued saying she does not pretend to know the ins and outs of the County budget, but she does know in January \$600,000 in capital improvements were approved for the Collin County Adventure Camp which is run by the Dallas YMCA. This is a watershed moment. The question is whether to fund the Collin County Farm Museum or to lose a valuable public educational resource. She believes the cost of losing this is far greater than the amount they are requesting to fund it.

Judge Self responded to Ms. Wells to explain the approval of the \$600,000. Those were bond funds which were approved by the taxpayers for the Adventure Camp and once sold are very constrained.

4-Velynda Carter, Anna, approached next to speak in favor of the Farm Museum. Ms. Carter told the Court she moved to Plano as a child when it was still a farming community. She recounted memories from childhood growing up in rural Collin County. Ms. Carter said her daughter will never know Plano as she did. Ms. Carter said she realized she was watching the end of an era as the County started to grow. There is very little of Plano and the rural communities that are recognizable as it was then. That is why the Farm Museum is so important. It is part of our heritage; part of a way of life that made Plano special. It is a place our children can go to see things that they took for granted. Our children and grandchildren deserve to have something to see of their heritage. Please honor the settlers and farming families which were and still are the backbone of our community. Honor their sacrifices, stories, accomplishments and legacies. To let this treasure slip through the cracks and be lost to time would be as if these people never existed. This could be a jewel; a heritage that we can honor and be proud of. Please consider funding the Farm Museum.

5-Royce Carter, Van Alstyne, addressed the Court in favor of the Farm Museum. Mr. Carter said his wife taught kindergarten for a number of years in Plano and was appalled to learn that the majority of the children had no idea where their milk and

vegetables came from; they thought it came from the grocery store. So, thanks to Mr. Haggard and the Lavon Dairy Farm, she would make trips each year with help from the parents to farms and dairy farms to try and show the children their heritage.

Mr. Carter shared a story about who he said was his favorite farmer, Geraldine Hagy. The memories he and his wife have of Ms. Hagy will last them for the rest of their lives. Ms. Hagy's father settled in Collin County in the 1870's. Mr. Carter informed the Court he has a wiggle seat cultivator and a sickle mower which was pulled by horses that belonged to Mr. Hagy, and would give them to the County when Farm Museum is under way. He thanked the Court for trying to preserve our heritage. Mr. Carter said he had pictures of his dad with a team of six horses in the middle of a cotton patch and another of his dad on an old '44 40 John Deere tractor. Even though he no longer farms, farming is in his heritage and it means a lot to him. Mr. Carter told the Court he appreciates what they are doing.

Judge Self recognized Glen Renfro, former Project Manager of Collin County Construction and Planning. Judge Self displayed several master plans for the Farm Museum and Myers Park which were submitted by Mr. Renfro. He thanked the committee for funding the project to develop a plan and stated that there is a need to do something with the piece of land and the Farm Museum. This report has come to the Court out of the budget cycle. The County will be down approximately \$7 million from last year, so whatever the Court decides has to fit into that deficit. We need to talk more about ideas and try to find a middle ground.

Judge Self received 53 emails. Many were concerned about the costs and that this was out of the budget cycle. Others recognized the value. Judge Self pointed out that the County has a Farm Museum Memorial Fund that people can donate to for the maintenance and funding of the museum. Judge Self recommended the Court take a closer look and be prepared to do something when they decide on the budget in September. A question to consider is how the museum plan fits with Myers Park as a whole.

Commissioner Shaheen gave comments saying he echoes the thanks for the work by the committee. He wanted to address the concern about the Farm Museum slipping away. He stressed that the Court would not let that happen. The Farm Museum is very much a part of Myers Park and our farming background is very much a part of our heritage. Commissioner Shaheen continued saying the Court is in the context of a challenging budget year and they may not move as quickly as some would like, but they will do something. He encouraged citizens to stay engaged with the Court.

Commissioner Ward gave comments saying we have tough economic times but we still need to protect our heritage. There are millions of dollars in assets in Myers Park and Farm Museum. The land was given to the County with specific intents. There are

investments that are rusting; we have not done right by the museum. Commissioner Ward continued saying there is a lot of grant money that the County is missing out on because there is no one to strategically go after it. We still must remember we are in tough economic times and a decision cannot be made out of the budget cycle.

Commissioner Jaynes said he appreciated the work that has been put in over the years. Since he has been with the County there has never been curator and the Farm Museum has languished. Even with the economy, the County is in better shape than a lot of others. He believes preserving our heritage is a core government function and is a worthwhile investment. (Time: 7:53 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

9. **AI-31765** Staffing and salary growth for non discretionary budgets, Human Resources.

**HELD**

10. **AI-31764** FY2010 Insurance Update, Human Resources.

**HELD**

11. **AI-31804** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, addressed the Court regarding changes stating that this was a notation of changing the employment status to re-hire in order to correct the payroll system. Motion to approve personnel changes. (Time: 8:50 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Joe Jaynes  
Second by: Commissioner Kathy Ward  
Vote: 4-0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2010-316-05-03**

12. **AI-31805** Board/Committee Appointments, Commissioners Court.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

13. State of the County Public Presentation, Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Commissioner Shaheen attended a State of the City event hosted by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce and would now like to do the same for Collin County. A brief discussion on how to facilitate such an event followed. Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, suggested the inclusion of other Elected Officials, such as the State of Law Enforcement, the State of the Judicial System etcetera. Commissioner Shaheen remarked he did not want it to be too long, but thinks including others is a great idea. He will give it some thought and make a proposal to the Court. (Time: 8:51 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**14. AI-31842 Development of a policy regarding the placement of items on the Court agenda, County Judge.**

Judge Self lead the discussion saying the Court has in the past allowed nonprofit organizations and commercial companies to give presentations to the Court, even though they were not going to receive any funding. This is probably not how the County should spend business time. Judge Self recommended unless the County intended to conduct business with an organization in some way, they should keep Court sessions for County business. He also asked Court members their thoughts on developing a policy for placement of agenda items. Commissioner Jaynes agreed with the comments and added he requested the presentation of CPI because of the services they provide and thought they should be introduced to the Court. Commissioner Ward commented they should have self monitoring because the Court is a place for the people to come and speak, and that should not be stifled. Judge Self replied that Public Comment allows anyone to come and speak on anything. (Time: 08:53 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**15. Potential 82nd Legislative items, Commissioners Court:**

Judge Self asked if there were any changes to the list of potential legislative items. There were none. Judge Self remarked that after a conversation with legal council, the Court had significant development to do on the items already listed. (Time: 8:47 p.m.)

**a. AI-31816 General**

**b. AI-31724 Transportation Priorities**

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

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self recessed the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

*Keith Self*

Keith Self, County Judge

*Matt Shaheen*

Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1

*Jerry Hoagland*

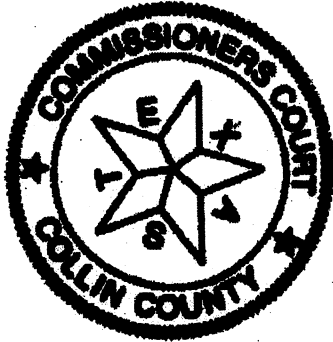
Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Not Present

Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3

*Kathy Ward*

Kathy Ward, Commissioner, Pct. 4



ATTEST:

*Stacey Kemp*

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk  
Commissioners' Court  
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