

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COLLIN

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2012

On Monday, February 27, 2012, 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:

Judge Keith Self

Commissioner Matt Shaheen, Precinct 1  
Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2  
Commissioner Joe Jaynes, Precinct 3  
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Shaheen led the Invocation.  
Commissioner Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Judge Self led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

1. Judge Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners' Court at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was recessed at 3:05 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:05 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m. The meeting of the Collin County Commissioners' Court was reconvened.

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

1. AI-34887 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Judge Self wanted a correction made under personnel changes. Where it reads "Board of District Judges" it should read "Juvenile Board". (Time: 3:00 p.m.)

Commissioner Shaheen wanted it noted that the Juvenile Detention Superintendent's salary is beyond the County's payroll standards. (Time: 3:04 p.m.)

**FYI NOTIFICATION**

1. AI-34688 Outstanding Agenda items, Commissioners Court.

Judge Self asked Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, when the discussion on the blood warrant program would return to Court. Mr. Bilyeu said he would look into that. Judge

Self asked about the ARTA program. Commissioner Williams replied there would be a meeting on Friday, so it's working through. (Time: 3:01 p.m.)

**2. AI-34714 2012 Primary Election Calendar, Administrative Services.**

**3. AI-34881 Public Works to assume responsibility for the completion of CR 618 Bond Project, Public Works.**

Commissioner Jaynes asked for clarification. Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, said he worded the memo incorrectly. Every year there are bond projects and a dollar amount is set aside to procure right-of-way. This is an anomaly. Due diligence was followed but there was one utility relocation that had 6000 feet of water line. Public Works has adequate funding in their major road fund and they are going to go in and facilitate the completion of this and completion of the road. (Time: 3:02 p.m.)

**2. Public Comments.**

**3. Presentation/Recognition.**

**4. Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self asked for comments on the consent agenda, and then noted item 4f1 was discussed. The Judge pulled No. 1 Personnel Changes under Decisions Mandated by Legal Entities and No. 1 under FYI Notification. Commissioner Webb pulled two checks: one is a disbursement to Schindler Corporation and one is a check to Cabela's. Commissioner Jaynes asked Mr. Kleinheksel to comment on FYI 3. Commissioner Shaheen pulled 4b1 for discussion. Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 2:59 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams  
Second by: Commissioner Joe Jaynes  
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

**a. AI-34902 Disbursements for the period ending February 21, 2012, Auditor.**

Commissioner Webb said last week the Court approved a check to Cabela's for sonar and this week there is another check to Cabela's for sonar. He asked for an explanation. Jeff May, County Auditor, said last week's check was issued under the wrong bank code. The check was voided and re-issued. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve all disbursements with the exception of Schindler Corporation. (Time: 3:02 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams  
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-123-02-27**

Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to approve the disbursement to Schindler Corporation. (Time: 3:02 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams  
Second by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen  
Abstained: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-124-02-27**

**b. Agreement(s):**

1. **AI-34890** Agreement with the Collin County District Attorney's Office and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, for the purpose of receiving reimbursement costs incurred by the Internal Revenue Service in providing resources to joint operations/task forces, budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000 to establish the budget for the 2012 IRS Task Force Grant and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute the associated documents, District Attorney.

Commissioner Shaheen noted the description read this agreement is "for the purpose of receiving reimbursement costs incurred by the Internal Revenue Service". The Commissioner wanted it corrected to read "reimbursement costs incurred by the County". With that correction Commissioner Shaheen made a motion to approve. (Time: 3:04 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen  
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams  
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-125-02-27**

**c. Amendment(s):**

1. **AI-34857** No. 1 to the Lease of State of Texas Registration and Title System (RTS) Information Resources and Support Agreement for the use of the State of Texas Automation Equipment for one additional location (Brandon Tomes Subaru) for dealers and subcontractors providing registration services and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Tax Assessor Collector.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-126-02-27**

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

1. **AI-34891** \$65,053 for the year-end budget adjustment for FY2011 in the Judicial Appellate Fund for District Courts due to accrual of FY2011 payment to Dallas County paid in FY2012, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-127-02-27**

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

1. AI-34877 February 6, 2012.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-128-02-27**

**f. Miscellaneous**

1. AI-34880 Grant application for the FY2013 Specialty Drug Court Grant and Resolution to provide salary and benefit funding for a Drug Court Coordinator and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, 366th District Court.

Judge Raymond Wheless, 366<sup>th</sup> District Court, was present to answer questions about the grant application. The grant application is to the Governor's office to approve the creation of a new position of Drug Court Coordinator. There are four drug court programs currently in Collin County. Judge Wheless said they are also looking to create a Veteran's Treatment Court Program. Collin County is the only county of its size in Texas without a Veteran's Treatment Court Program. Judge Wheless stated he was not asking for money from the county; he was just asking to apply for the one-year grant. Commissioner Webb asked what will happen after one year. Judge Wheless replied that counties that have received this grant have gotten extended. Commissioner Webb had questions about the number of participants in the program and whether or not the Judge's court coordinator could continue to handle the job. Judge Wheless said in order to do that they have had to cut participants way down. Every time someone is not accepted into drug court, they go to TDC for six to seven months, which costs the county money.

Judge Wheless continued to answer questions from Court members. Commissioner Shaheen asked why this work couldn't be spread around to the coordinators of the four drug courts. Judge Wheless explained one court handled felonies, two handled misdemeanors and one was a juvenile court. Judge Self asked about the growth of the county and the potential growth in cases. Judge Wheless said drug courts have been proven to help fight crime and save the County money. He said there is a very low recidivism rate from people in the program; less than 8% compared to 30% for people on probation. Judge Self said the Court had to make tough decisions in the last budget cycle for our poorest citizens. He's questioning the boundary. Commissioner Shaheen asked if the newly added position of overall court coordinator could take on these responsibilities. Judge Wheless said that person is helping the District Court administrators. The Judge stated this new position won't cost the County any money. Commissioner Shaheen thought this workload could be added to the new full-time employee.

Commissioner Jaynes said he could only support this if the County won't be on the hook for anything. After the second and third year, the grant would have to fully fund this position. Judge Wheless is prepared to take the position under those terms. Commissioner Jaynes made a motion to proceed with the application process pending they get details worked out before the final acceptance of the grant. Commissioner

Williams seconded with the understanding that it be brought back to the Court if funding doesn't work out. Anybody hired needs to understand it could be a one-year opportunity. Commissioner Webb would like to see the program tracked to see how successful it is. The Commissioner was willing to support this with the understanding that all the drug courts buy in and that we get a handle on where the expenses are coming from for computers, office, et cetera. (Time: 2:03 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Joe Jaynes  
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams  
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-129-02-27**

2. **AI-34882** Creation of three (3) full-time positions approved through the FY2012 Urban Area Security Initiative (USAI) Program Grant for the Homeland Security Department, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-130-02-27**

3. **AI-34896** Reimbursement of fencing materials in the amount of \$4,261 to Marjorie E. Addis for property along CR 465 and CR 468 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute the Agreement for Release and Waiver of Liability, Public Works.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-131-02-27**

4. **AI-34906** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-132-02-27**

5. **AI-34889** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-133-02-27**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

5. **AI-34885** LifePath Annual Report, Administrative Services.

LifePath's Board of Directors Chairwoman Mary Dell Green came forward and read LifePath's mission statement aloud. Randy Routan addressed the Court next. Mr. Routan had a power point presentation which started with an overview of their organization. LifePath was formed in 1986 by the Commissioners' Court. In the last year LifePath served over 2,000 babies in their Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program. Their Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) program served over 2,000 individuals. And 3,600 individuals were served in Behavioral Health. LifePath tries to make tax users into taxpayers. Lists of services offered as well as the age ranges of individuals receiving services were presented. Mr. Routan had slides which depicted their FY2011 revenue sources and expense items. The average annual cost per client: early childhood, \$3,241; IDD, \$2,971; and Behavioral Health, \$834. Mr. Routan stated interns and volunteers work with their employees to provide services. In response to a question from Commissioner Jaynes, Mr. Routan replied the State of Texas ranks 51st among 50 states and the District of Columbia in mental health care.

Continuing, Mr. Routan stated they are helping people in extraordinary situations live ordinary lives. They help people get jobs, have families and have homes.

Initiatives begun in FY2011 include:

- Adjusting to a new “funding environment”
- Moving to an electronic health record
- Expanding public awareness activities
- Recruiting more volunteers and interns
- Beginning fundraising activities
- Creating “mobile offices”
- Offering training in Mental Health First Aid

Mr. Routan stated there were 53 audits for 2011. Unannounced visits of 34 foster and supported living residences resulted in a 98.9% average score. ValueOptions stated LifePath was in full compliance with their contract and TAC (Texas Association of Counties) standards. DARS (Department of Assisted and Rehabilitative Services) found zero deficiencies in their programmatic audit and zero deficiencies in administrative audit. Commissioner Shaheen thought the County should join arms with LifePath and go to the legislative body to see about reducing the number of audits.

In conclusion Mr. Routan stated Collin County's ongoing growth means each month they are screening 40 new people for IDD services; they have 884 waiting for any service; and for state programs from Collin County they have 1,750 people on a waiting list. They do 117 screenings each month of new babies for their infant program and 168 screenings each month for new people for Behavioral Health.

Dr. Rick Crawford had a pamphlet from the Texas Council of Community Centers. It listed the location of each of the 39 community centers covering every county in Texas. Looking towards the future for the ECI program, there is a higher concentration of children with more intense needs which increases the average number of services per child with decreasing state revenue. Looking towards the future in IDD, they are continuing to try to find job placements for clients; they have an increasing number of clients with more intense needs; and they are assisting with the development of more residential options. Looking towards the future in Behavioral Health, they are looking for integrated physical and mental health care; increased reliance on greater numbers of insurance companies for reimbursements and expansion of the types of clients treated. Dr. Crawford thanked the Court for their support. He and Mr. Routan answered additional questions from Court members. (Time: 2:45 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

Judge Self recessed the meeting of the Commissioners' Court at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

**6. AI-34870 Medicaid 1115 Waiver, Regional Health Partnership, Administrative Services.**

Bill Bilyeu, Administrative Services, had an update for the Court. Since the last meeting Judge Self sent a letter to the 12 surrounding counties, and he called and emailed them. Positive feedback was received from Cook, Fannin and Denton Counties. Denton County has been in contact with Senator Nelson. Judge Self said Senator Nelson chairs a joint committee and she is positive about what we're doing. (Time: 2:56 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**7. AI-34804 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Agenda for 2013, Commissioners Court.**

Judge Self asked for comments. Commissioner Jaynes stated Commissioner Shaheen brought up the 53 audits for LifePath. Commissioner Shaheen wanted to see if it's something legislative or if it's something through the Department of Health and Human Services. (Time: 2:58 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Judge Self recessed the meeting of the Commissioners' Court and called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:05 p.m.

Following the meeting of the Health Care Foundation, Judge Self reconvened the meeting of the Commissioners' Court and recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. under Local Government Code 551.071, Legal, to consult with an attorney regarding Change Order No. 25 to construction, Collin County Courthouse addition.

Judge Self reconvened the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

**Legal (551.071)**

**AI-34861** Consult with an Attorney regarding Change Order No. 25 to Construction: Collin County Courthouse Addition (IFB No. 11067-10), Construction & Projects.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to reject Change Order No. 25. (Time: 3:24 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams  
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-134-02-27**

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.



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Keith Self, County Judge

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Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

**ATTEST:**

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk  
Commissioners Court  
Collin County, T E X A S