# COURT ORDER NO. 2012- 428 -07-09

#### STATE OF TEXAS

### COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING MINUTES JUNE 11, 2012

#### **COUNTY OF COLLIN**

On Monday, June 11, 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.
Commissioner Jaynes 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.

President Self called to order the meeting of the <u>Collin County Health Care</u> Foundation at 2:35 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the <u>Collin County Housing Finance</u> <u>Corporation</u> at 2:36 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

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

**1.** <u>AI-35219</u> Services: Offender Specimen Collection & Drug Testing (RFP No. 05231-12), Adult Probation.

Commissioner Webb pulled the item due to an inconsistency in the term listed under item 5.3 of the RFP which reads "....with two (2) two (1) year optional renewals." The Commissioner commented that it had to be one or the other.

Frank Ybarbo, Purchasing, came forward saying the document was corrected before it went out. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

2. <u>AI-35225</u> Budget amendment in the amount of \$1,500 to reallocate funds from Juvenile Probation (Fund 18) to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (Fund 41) to provide summer training for the teachers, Auditor.

#### **FYI NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Al-34688 Outstanding Agenda items, Commissioners Court.
- 2. Addenda:
- **a.** <u>AI-35217</u> No. 1 and 2 to Construction, Myers Park Amphitheater and Toilets (IFB No. 09298-11) to make various changes to the Invitation For Bids, Purchasing.
- **b.** <u>AI-35270</u> No. 1 to Uniform & Miscellaneous Rental & Laundry Services (IFB No. 04205-12) to make various changes to the Invitation For Bids, Purchasing.
- 3. <u>AI-35179</u> Change Order No. 4 to Services: Armored Car (IFB No. 04575-09) with Dunbar Armored, Inc. to change the Animal Shelter from 5 days a week pickup to 4 days a week pickup, Auditor.
- 2. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
- 3. Presentation/Recognition:
- a. Service Pins, Human Resources.
- **4. Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self asked for any comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb requested item Decisions Mandated 1 and Consent item 4b1 be pulled for discussion. He also requested that one disbursement to Schindler Elevator be pulled in order to step down from the vote. Judge Self requested item 4b2 be pulled for discussion. There being no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:32 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen Second by: Commissioner Joe Jaynes

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

# a. AI-35279 Disbursements for the period ending June 5, 2012, Auditor.

All disbursements with the exception of Schindler Elevator were approved with the consent agenda vote.

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A motion was made to approve the disbursement to Schindler Elevator. Commissioner Webb did not participate in the vote. (Time: 1:34 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams Second by: Commissioner Joe Jaynes

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Abstain: Commissioner Duncan Webb

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#### b. Advertisement(s):

1. AI-35266 Services, Janitorial (RFP No. 05262-12), Facilities.

Commissioner Webb pulled the item to ask about the vendor's choice to opt out of workers' compensation insurance. Typically all contracts with the County require this insurance; however, this particular contract allows the vendor to opt out and have a different type of plan with the County's consent. He asked to hear from Purchasing as to why the County would allow this choice since it is outside the normal process.

Frank Ybarbo, Purchasing, came forward in response. His department generally relies on risk management regarding insurance requirements on proposals and bids. Mr. Ybarbo spoke with the Risk Manager who indicated they could remove the option and leave the standard information. Commissioner Webb asked if the current contract for janitorial had workers' compensation or something else. Mr. Ybarbo responded that the current vendor had workers' compensation. Generally, if a vendor does not have the required insurance the county will not award the bid; however, this particular item comes under a different statute. The county typically asks for workers' compensation or an equivalent. If the county believes this to be a risk, the equivalent can be removed.

Commissioner Webb believes the county is taking on a risk, especially due to the construction environment. Workers' compensation prevents an injured employee from suing the employer. His experience has been that if an employee would sue their employer, they would sue the county as well. Commissioner Webb recommends the elimination of the option and require all vendors to have workers' compensation. Judge Self asked what the savings would be if the option were to be allowed.

Mr. Ybarbo would not be able to answer that until the insurance was supplied so he could see the cost. A brief discussion followed regarding the options. Mr. Ybarbo asked for the Court's direction regarding the clause.

Judge Self directed Mr. Ybarbo to get a quote with and without the workers' compensation so the Court could see the differences and asked what the risk to the County could be. Commissioner Webb replied the employee could say that ultimately the County would be the employer. Judge Self asked if the County had immunity in this case. Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, responded saying she would have to review the statutes to see where the County is with secondary coverage. Judge Self directed her to pull the case law and bring it back to the Court so they can make a determination. With that direction, a motion was made to approve the advertisement for services. (Time: 1:39 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

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2. <u>AI-35257</u> Inmate Pay Telephones (RFP No. 03191-12), Sheriff. COURT ORDER NO. 2012-339-06-11

3. <u>AI-35216</u> Food: Bread Products (IFB No. 04201-12), Sheriff. COURT ORDER NO. 2012-340-06-11

4. <u>AI-35265</u> Services: Prisoner Transport Services (IFB No. 04215-12), Sheriff. COURT ORDER NO. 2012-341-06-11

- c. Award(s):
- 1. <u>AI-35267</u> Myers Park Show Barn Electrical Upgrade (IFB No. 01132-12) to Dal-EC Construction, budget amendment in the amount of \$185,000 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the construction agreement, Construction & Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-342-06-11** 

2 AI-35259 Central Plant Optimization (Quote No. 04223-12) to TDIndustries, Inc. and budget amendment in the amount of \$216,902 for same, Facilities.

Judge Self asked Dan James, Facilities, to brief the court and audience about the contract and what the County is intending to accomplish. Mr. James came forward with an overview of what the optimization will provide to the county.

The number one goal is to reduce the kilowatt hours used each year and to supply chill water to the satellite buildings and the central plant on off peak hours. Facilities will be moving to electronic valves and different sequencing and programming to make the central plant the main control of the entire campus. The optimization will provide real time data on water flow, actual usage, the differential in pressure and actual temperatures. The data will then be routed to the main computer in the central plant which will in turn reduce energy at the satellite buildings as well as the central plant.

In addition, the optimization will allow the distribution of chill water during the peak period. This will save on the overall utility rate. They can then regenerate the chill water at night during off peak hours for use during the day. By utilizing this optimization, approximately \$400,000 will be generated. The project cost will be \$405,000 and it will take about 13 months to see the ROI (Return on Investment). The intent is to reduce energy usage by 12% and then go to a different type of utility contract that will allow utilization of off peak premium pricing.

Judge Self found it interesting that only one company bid on the project even though it was sent to many. The program is not experimental; it is a known process. The Judge stated that he wanted this on a July court in 2013 as follow up and to hear the success story; a 13 month ROI for this kind of expenditure is phenomenal. Mr. James responded that one of the reasons they can do this is because a lot of the capital expenditures are already in place. He also commented that the project would not be complete until November and asked that it come back to a court in December of 2013. A motion was made to approve the award. (Time: 1:44 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Keith Self

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-343-06-11** 

# d. Agreement(s):

1. <u>AI-35269</u> Interlocal Agreement with the City of Allen for the improvements of East Bethany Drive from Allen Heights Drive to Angel Parkway (2007 Bond Project No. 07-004 – 2011 Funding) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-344-06-11** 

#### e. Amendment(s):

1. <u>AI-35196</u> No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement, Collin County Emergency Communication Committee (CCECC) with the City of Plano to change Collin County addresses in Section 8, renew agreement for an additional five (5) years through and including September 30, 2016 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

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2. <u>AI-35264</u> No. 1 to Agreement, Personal Services Psychological Examinations (Agreement No. 06225-11) with David T. Hanks, Ph.D. to extend the agreement for one (1) year through and including July 10, 2013 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-346-06-11** 

#### f. Change Order(s):

1. <u>AI-35251</u> No. 6 to Services, Exterminator, Pest Control and Termite Prevention/Treatment (IFB No. 03490-09) with Prime Pest Management to add 1,890 square feet of the Frisco WIC Facility to the contract, extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2013 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Facilities.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-347-06-11** 

- g. Ratification of the County Judge's prior approval:
- **1.** <u>AI-35280</u> Budget amendment in the amount of \$9,223 for Animal Shelter duct work cleaning and repair, Construction & Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-348-06-11** 

- h. Filing of the Minute(s), County Clerk:
- 1. Al-35260 May 21, 2012.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-349-06-11** 

#### i. Miscellaneous

1. <u>AI-35291</u> Amend the list for the 2012 tax exemptions for historical structures and/or landmarks to include additional properties, Collin County Historical Commission.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-350-06-11** 

2. <u>AI-35250</u> Reject all bids received for Services, Janitorial (RFP No. 04199-12), Facilities.

#### **COURT ORDER NO. 2012-351-06-11**

3. <u>AI-35276</u> Grant application for the FY2012 - 2013 Second Call for Projects, Solid Waste Implementation Project grant funds with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same. Public Works.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2012-352-06-11** 

4. <u>AI-35287</u> Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

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5. Al-35272 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

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#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

5. AI-35273 2012 Ancillary Benefits presentation, Human Resources.

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, came forward with a power point presentation on the county's supplemental benefits. She began with voluntary benefits which are paid entirely by the employee.

Next a list of county paid ancillary benefits was shown. The first was PTO (Paid Time Off) and is one of the largest expenses. Other types of paid leave includes catastrophic carry over which was a result of combining vacation and sick leave. The sick leave balances which were over an established amount were rolled into the catastrophic carryover. The liability will continue to decrease as the benefit has not been available since 2006. A slide of where Collin County compares to other public sector entities as well as private sector was shown. Collin County is slightly higher than the private sector.

Non-Exempt Compensatory Time (comp time) was explained next. This time is paid at 1.5 hours for every one hour earned. The county has a lot of comp time and the liability is increasing. The liability is up five percent over last year and is currently just over \$1.1 million. Judge Self asked if this was paid on the rate earned or at the rate when taken. Ms. Jacobson replied it keeps building; each time an increase is given, the value increases. When someone leaves they are paid based on the rate at the time they leave. If the employee uses the comp time it is not an issue; however, if the time sits unused, the county must pay it when the employee leaves. In addition, the county also offers exempt employees comp time.

Exempt comp time is not a liability because it does not get paid out; it is used one to one and is capped at 80 hours. The cap on non-exempt comp time is 200 hours, but there are some who have a significant amount. Judge Self asked if there was a report by department in this presentation. Ms. Jacobson said it is not in this portion, but they have a presentation on the matter.

Commissioner Webb questioned the maximum accrual on non-exempt comp time and asked if there was actually a cap. Ms. Jacobson replied that the accrual should not exceed 200 hours; however there are a large number of employees who have gone over that amount. Elected officials have the purview on what is being worked. In actuality there is not cap; there is a policy in place, but once comp time is worked that is out of her control. Once the time is worked, the county is liable. Commissioner Shaheen asked if the funding were coming out of the elected officials' budget. Ms. Jacobson replied yes, but only when the employee terminates. There have been as much as \$15,000 paid to one employee on compensatory time. When the employee leaves, another person is hired so at the end of the year the cost is written off by the Auditor. Commissioner Shaheen pointed out that it actually does not impact the elected official's budget. Judge Self replied that at this time, the current court does not allow the expense to impact their budget. The county basically fills in the cost.

Paid leave liabilities were shown and included PTO, CTO (Catastrophic Time Off) catastrophic carryover, premium (non-exempt) comp time and straight (exempt) comp time. In addition, a comparison to other entities and their liabilities was shown.

Paid holidays were reviewed and compared; some have more holidays, others have less. The private sector generally has fewer with nine; the county has ten.

Ms. Jacobson next discussed Overtime pay. Only certain areas are allowed to earn overtime and those areas must meet a very specific criteria. Commissioner Webb questioned allowing overtime when we have comp time. Ms. Jacobson gave an example of when overtime would be allowed versus comp time. Commissioner Webb asked if the Court had the discretion to move from overtime to comp time. Ms. Jacobson replied that the Court has full discretion to make any decision they need to make. Judge Self commented that the overtime is actually a success story. Ms. Jacobson agreed and told the Court that prior to Judge Self taking office; the liability was significantly higher; now overtime is watched very carefully. As an example, Ms. Jacobson discussed a time when D Pod was opened at the jail. There was discussion whether to staff the pod with new employees. An analysis was completed and it was decided that in this particular case, it was much more cost effective to pay existing staff overtime rather than pay for a new employee. The result was a significant savings because the pod is only staffed when needed.

The next slide compared the county's overtime expenses to its peers. Commissioner Williams commented that is was very striking that Tarrant County's overtime was so much lower when they have more employees and no comp time and thought it would be interesting to find out why. Judge Self suggested it is because they are over staffed. Commissioner Williams continued saying there is a point where enough overtime would justify another employee. It would be interesting to know for sure if it were staffing or something else. Ms. Jacobson agreed and said in the past they have done analysis on the matter.

Longevity pay was discussed. The paid benefit is continually decreasing; the percentage of eligible employees is down to less than 70%. When someone terminates they no longer receive longevity even if they come back. This decreases in terms of employees, but not in terms of pay due to how it is calculated. It is projected that it will be ten years before it goes down significantly. Other entities also offer a small amount of longevity; private sector typically does not. Other longevity pay includes some District Attorney employees which is mandated and paid by the state. In addition, there is a mandated longevity for law enforcement.

Ms. Jacobson next discussed Shift Differential which is only in three departments. This is for scheduled shifts that work overnight. Collin County is one of only three in the local area that offer this additional pay. Tarrant and Dallas counties offer shift differential but Collin County pays more for the harder to staff third shift. Judge Self commented on the significant difference in Collin County's benefit compared to Tarrant and Dallas. 36% of private sector employers offer shift differential pay which is typically in the manufacturing industry.

Another ancillary benefit offered is an Auto Allowance. This is only for specific positions such as D.A. Investigators; there is no consistency on others who offer this benefit. Commissioner Williams commented that she understands the positions of Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff and D.A. Investigators getting an allowance but, she is not clear why the county is paying an allowance to the other positions listed. The Commissioner questioned why a fleet vehicle could not be used instead. Jon Kleinheksel, Public works, responded saying because there are none available. Ms. Jacobson stated the county is paying approximately \$163,000 for allowances; she is unsure what that translates to for vehicles. Auto allowances are common in the private sector and are based on type of job.

Short and Long Term Disability was discussed next and a slide showing annual cost was shown. The county chose these benefits rather than unlimited sick leave. In comparison, Collin County is the only one that offers these benefits; other entities offer unlimited sick leave. Claims have increased in terms of the number of claims for both short term and long term disability. Due to renegotiating the contract, the fees have

decreased so there is a cost savings. Long term disability is fully insured so the costs are stable; short term disability has the claims plus a processing fee.

Judge Self commented that what really jumps out is the claims paid which increased 55% on short term disability; he asked Ms. Jacobson if she could supply the Court with more details. Ms. Jacobson replied that the claims paid are straight medical claims; an outside vendor is used to verify they are legitimate medical claims. Judge Self requested more details on the claims themselves.

Collin County's Long Term Disability pays at 67% of salary with a maximum of \$10,000. The comparable entities also provide the benefit but only after all sick leave has been exhausted.

Basic Life Insurance is provided as well. The benefit was capped at \$50,000 due to a taxation clause. Life insurance is also offered through TDCRS and those who choose the benefit are taxed. \$50,000 or one times salary is also common in the private sector.

The next benefit, Long Term Care, is an unusual one. This is when one would be in an assisted living facility when they are unable to care for themselves. There have been only three or four employees who have utilized the benefit. At this time it is fairly inexpensive. The county spends approximately \$140,000 per year. There are now only two providers of this type of coverage and the rates are more than 10 years old; the costs will increase. If the current carrier will keep the county then the rates will be less.

Ms. Jacobson did not recommend going out for a bid on this benefit because even if the current carrier doubled their rate, it would still be less costly than another provider. Commissioner Williams pointed out that the benefit is also portable.

Collin County is the only entity who provides Long Term Care; other entities offer it but it is paid for by the employee. Judge Self asked what percentage of employees in Denton, Dallas and Tarrant counties have taken the benefit. Ms. Jacobson was unsure but said it is very low. This is something most just don't think about needing.

The next benefit discussed was Tuition Assistance. The benefit pays 100% of an employee's higher education. The rates are based on the University of Texas at Dallas and essentially pays for tuition, books, and lab fees; as long as a C in an undergraduate degree and a B in a graduate degree is maintained, the county pays for the education 100%. The employee only has to stay for one year after graduation. Judge Self asked for the average reimbursement amount. Ms. Jacobson estimated it to be \$5,000 per participant. Additionally, any reimbursement over \$5,200 is taxed and there have been employees who were taxed on the benefit. There have been more Masters Degrees earned than one might realize.

Commissioner Jaynes likes the approach by Tarrant and Denton Counties which reimburse based on grade level achieved.

Commissioner Williams requested that the employee have to stay for a longer term after achieving their Degree. Commissioner Webb agreed; the county is investing a lot of money in the employee and they should have to commit for a longer period. Commissioner Jaynes asked about the benefit in other counties. Ms. Jacobson replied that Collin County is unique in that the employee has to stay a minimum of one year. Commissioner Williams responded that this is throwing money away; the county is paying for someone to obtain a higher paying job in the private sector. Ms. Jacobson commented that she has lost several staff that have obtained their Master's Degree and then left after the one year term. Commissioner Jaynes questioned the term Tuition Assistance and asked if that was for the tuition only. Ms. Jacobson informed the Court that Collin County pays for everything which is not common; typically tuition assistance is for tuition only.

The last benefit for discussion was Workers' Compensation. Collin County pays 100% for the first five (5) weeks which is above what is required. Even though the county rejects the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, it provides a benefit greater than the Act.

In closing Ms. Jacobson asked for clarification on the Court's direction. Commissioner Webb wants to use compensatory time before PTO; Ms. Jacobson will provide a comp time report and look at Tarrant County in regards to overtime.

Commissioner Williams' issue is in looking at the paid leave accrual and years of service. A person just starting with the county can accrue just three days short of the time accrued by a nine year employee. The Commissioner struggles with such a concept and believes that in the first three years there should be more of a step in getting to the accrual level as opposed to having immediate access to that many days off. She would like to see concepts in making changes in that area.

Ms. Jacobson will come back to the Court with options to address the comp time issue, look at overtime, options for modifying the tuition assistance benefit and its requirements and look at creating steps for a new employee's paid leave accrual. (Time: 2:14 p.m.)

#### **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**6.** <u>AI-35254</u> Ballot drawing from the remaining 2011 Grand Jury list (in accordance with LGC, Section 152.015) to select the names of eight (8) individuals to fill the remaining vacancies to be appointed and serve on the 2012 Collin County Salary Grievance Committee, Commissioners Court.

Judge Self offered a box containing the names of the remaining 2011 Grand Jury for a ballot drawing to select the 2012 Collin County Grievance Committee. Each Commissioner drew two (2) and read the names aloud. Commissioner Shaheen drew the names of Sue Satisfield and Donald R. Allen; Commissioner Williams drew the names of Gregory R. Huckaby and Kasi Keim; Commissioner Jaynes drew the names of Brenda K. Gibson and Walter Horton and Commissioner Webb drew the names of Jay Edward Ellison and Cesar Cevazos. (Time: 2:15 p.m.)

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# 7. <u>AI-35285</u> Medicaid 1115 Waiver, Regional Health Partnership, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, came forward with an update for the court. Collin County has been designated as the anchor for the Region 18 RHP. They are working to meet deadlines which will be discussed in a workshop in August. There have been many discussions going on with the other RHPs which have been mainly about the Region developing their Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Programs.

Judge Self has been contacted by several entities that are proposing their own DSRIP that are within Collin County's RHP. There a several mental health organizations that have Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) funds. While the IGTs are not local tax dollars they are tax dollars and can be used used for a match. In order to submit for the match they must go through the anchor of the RHP where the money will be spent. Whether Collin County gets five projects or two there are many mental health agencies that will submit their DSRIP through Collin County to the state to get the match. As the agencies propose their DSRIP it counts toward the anchor's projects.

Commissioner Williams asked if any feedback had been received as to how many projects Collin County would receive. Mr. Bilyeu replied no. Commissioner Webb asked if pressing forward with the five versus two concept in terms of projects would be a major objective for the consultant the Court has discussed hiring. Mr. Bilyeu responded that the consultant would normally be lobbying with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

The feedback regarding the projects will come from the person with whom they had a conference call at HHSC. Commissioner Williams commented that it is a negotiation happening between HHSC and the federal government. Mr. Bilyeu responded that it was HHSC that thinks Collin County should be five to two and is trying to get them designated as rural. Commissioner Williams pointed out that the draft rules would not have permitted them to be designated as rural so that would be a change to be approved by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS).

Judge Self reviewed the timeline on submitting the required documents. There will be a workshop on a date yet to be determined in August. August 31, 2012 the DSRIP menu of projects will go to CMS. The directive was to push to get a rural designation before that time. The County will have until September 1, 2012 to complete the requirements.

Mr. Bilyeu briefed the Court on the work that needs to be done. There needs to be community health assessment which is a comparison of the population of each county in the region and the available services pointing out any shortfalls. Any DSRIP projects that are submitted to the the county as an anchor, must point out the shortfalls in the assessment. The next step is putting together protocols on how the county as the anchor will conduct business. The protocols can be as simple as who the DSRIP will be submitted to or how much time will be given for the submission. However, they need to be more detailed. The worst thing that can happen is that a DSRIP has to be re-written to fit the state's format or to be more legible. The protocols will be very important. (Time: 2:23 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN** 

### 8. Al-35304 Consultant to assist with RHP 18 Anchor duties, Administrative Services.

Discussion moved to the hiring of a consultant to assist the county as the anchor for Region 18. Mr. Bilyeu gave a brief overview of the background leading to this discussion. Originally, it was thought that the University of North Texas (UNT) would be the Region 18 Anchor. They declined as anchor but offered to perform the duties. Then they indicated they could not perform the anchor duties, but their Professors could under a contract. Notice has since been received that the Professors could not contract to perform the duties because they are UNT Professors. While the university does not want any involvement in the administrative duties, Dr. des Agnes Cruser is willing to gather a coalition to put in a private consulting contract.

Mr. Bilyeu contacted Collin College who was interested but was unable to take the responsibility. He then contacted the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) but the person who would normally be the one to perform these duties had a conflict of interest. Several other entities were also contacted and so far no one has been able to take on the role. Mr. Bilyeu has concerns about finding someone due to the time constraints. He is comfortable with the two that have submitted their proposals.

One of the proposals was from COPE Health Solutions which is a company out of California. Tarrant County gave them good references and said they enjoyed working with them. The big issue with them is their rates which are \$4,500 per day.

Mr. Bilyeu recommended the Court accept the proposal from Dr. Hornsby & Dr. Cruser and negotiate a contract to bring back to the Court. Commissioner Jaynes asked what the other regions are doing. Mr. Bilyeu replied that it is pretty much all over the board; there really isn't anyone who has the background.

Commissioner Webb is very comfortable with Dr. Cruser. He suggested they keep this to a minimum and not let it get expansive and costly. They need to do whatever they can to keep this from growing into a major program.

Commissioner Shaheen would like see what services would be provided by PIA and how the costs are calculated. He does not want to be locked into a yearlong contract without the ability to disengage.

Commissioner Williams agreed with Commissioner Webb in trying to contain the associated costs. However she is not optimistic. This is becoming a federal program and the county will be dictated to by the government. The Commissioner has seen two power point presentations that repeat over and over that this is voluntary when nothing about it is voluntary. If they send in their programs bare bones, the federal government may send them back and tell them to start over.

Judge Self was slightly encouraged because Grayson County is in Region 18 and has a MHMR and Indigent Healthcare that they spend at eight percent; if the Region can get down to two projects, those might qualify. Mr. Bilyeu pointed out that even if the Region is given five projects, they may still be able to meet the requirements because of the others that the Judge has talked with such as Children's Hospital. Judge Self added that Children's has offered to start new programs in our RHP and they will be using IGT funds from Parkland. He is a little more confident in their projects, it is just a matter of whether CMS will approve.

Judge Self clarified that PIA will be asked for a more detailed contract; the Court agreed. He asked if there were any other points to be made for Mr. Bilyeu's negotiations. There was no further discussion. (Time: 2:32 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

# 9. Board/Committee Appointments, Commissioners Court:

a. Al-35295 Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition appointments.

Due to his activity on the RTC, Commissioner Williams made a motion to appoint Commissioner Webb to serve on the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition. Judge Self suggested getting a listing of all the boards and commissions on which Collin County is represented.

There is a new Court member joining them in January and they need to decide on a model to use to get the best representation. (Time: 2:35 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

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10. Al-34804 83rd Legislative Agenda for 2013, Commissioners Court.

**NO ACTION TAKEN** 

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

Judge Self asked the Court to give Rhonda Kiesling the information on all boards and commissions on which each member represents the County. He wants to review each and make sure if the County is not represented on one of them that a representative is appointed. (Time: 2:36 p.m.)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Keith Self, County Judge

Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct.

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Joe Jaynes/Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct.

ATTEST:

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk Commissioners Court

Collin County, TEXAS