

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2013

On Monday, February 11, 2013, 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 Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent:
Commissioner Chris Hill

Commissioner Shaheen led the Invocation.
Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Webb 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 Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:05 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

FYI NOTIFICATION

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

2. **Public Comments.**

3. **Presentation/Recognition.**

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 1:40 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

a. **AI-36338** Disbursements for the period ending February 5, 2013, Auditor.
COURT ORDER NO. 2013-094-02-11

b. **AI-36326** Tax refunds totaling \$1,329,206.91, Tax Assessor Collector.
COURT ORDER NO. 2013-095-02-11

c. **Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-36362** Services, Energy Management Integration (RFP No. 2013-112), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-096-02-11

d. **Agreement(s):**

1. **AI-36325** Letter of Agreement with the Tucson Police Department for Law Enforcement Data Sharing and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Homeland Security.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-097-02-11

e. **Miscellaneous**

1. **AI-36317** Grant Application and Resolution for the FY2014 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program (JJDP) for Teen Court – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Evaluation and Treatment and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Administrative Services.

Judge Paul Raleeh, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, came forward to explain the purpose of the grant as well as its potential benefits to Teen Court. Judge Raleeh informed the Court the grant would be of no cost to Collin County, but instead funds would become available when Justice Court Judges sentence a juvenile to Teen Court. A list of punishment options has been provided to the Teen Court staff, and upon their discretion the staff may choose the appropriate mode of punishment for each juvenile. The grant specifically affects juveniles who have been found guilty of a drug or alcohol related offense and are considered to be high risk. The funds would allow these high risk juveniles to be assessed and treated, because as Judge Raleeh explained, many come from families who cannot financially afford to fund these treatments themselves. The purpose of the grant is to get involved in the juvenile's lives, change their high risk behaviors, allow them to get back on the right track, and extend a helping hand to families who do not have the means to fund the assessment and treatment of their high risk children.

Julie Monge, Teen Court Coordinator, came forward and explained that all juveniles entering Teen Court would be screened using the MAYSI (Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument) tool, which is included in the cost of the grant. Based on the scores given by the MAYSI screening tool juveniles would be assigned to receive substance abuse treatment or mental health evaluations if deemed to be a high risk.

Juveniles can be referred to participate in higher cost programs, however, Ms. Monge explained that the cost of the evaluations at some of these programs can fall between \$300 and \$600 and many parents simply cannot afford this. For those parents that fall below poverty level, Ms. Monge can refer the juveniles to programs such as LifePath and NorthSTAR, but many parents fall right above the poverty level and are forced to come up with these funds on their own. This program is designed specifically to give those families who cannot afford to get treatment for their children an opportunity to do so. Judge Raleeh added that any juvenile who successfully completes the Teen Court program will have their case dismissed. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the grant. (Time: 1:39 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Keith Self
Second by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-098-02-11

2. **AI-36310** Reject all bids received for Energy Management Integration System (RFP No. 01111-12), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-099-02-11

3. **AI-36316** Retention of a seized vehicle to be used by the Sheriff's Office, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-100-02-11

4. **AI-36348** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-101-02-11

5. **AI-36349** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-102-02-11

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. **AI-36295** Mental Health Managed Counsel program update, 296th District Court.

Alyse Ferguson, Attorney Director of MHMC, (Mental Health Managed Council) came forward and gave a 45 day status report on the program which started in December 2012. Giving some background information, Ms. Ferguson stated that there was a major challenge in handling mentally ill defendants and their cases because all entities involved were working independently. In the past 45 days, Ms. Ferguson has met with numerous entities including, but not limited to, CSCD (Community Supervision and Corrections Department), LifePath, the Sheriff's Office, County Court Judges, Galaxy, and Jail Medical as well as making visits to Montgomery, Travis, and Harris County's Mental Health Departments for the purpose of examining what would best suit our program.

Ms. Ferguson's focus was on answering the following questions: What is causing the long delays in addressing the needs of the mentally ill? Where is communication breaking down? Why is information not being shared between entities? Do we have access to needed medical records? Are we successfully utilizing our services and outside provider resources to the fullest extent possible?

Through her meetings with all departments and entities involved in the MHMC program, Ms. Ferguson came up with a new process that would rely on attorney education and training, a centralized location for services, a coordinated calendar, team communication, and a standing order to allow needed medical records to be accessed. Using two different examples, Ms. Ferguson noted that since the implementation of this program the process which used to take months is now being finished in 10 days or less. Ms. Ferguson stated the next phase of this program is to create staffing which will allow for an attorney who specializes in dealing with mentally ill defendants and a case manager to connect defendants with needed services. Ms. Ferguson will be back in Commissioners' Court on March 11, 2013, to address their need for additional staffing.

Commissioner Shaheen questioned why it was necessary to hire another full time person to connect released inmates with services such as LifePath when we could just communicate the need for services directly without needing an extra staff member. Ms. Ferguson stated the addition of a case manager would allow these services to be extended to the released inmate sooner, as well as allowing the case manager to work closely with a specialized attorney so the process continues to be quick and efficient. Commissioner Williams noted that some inmates are released contingent on receiving treatment, and her understanding of adding a case manager would be this position would ensure treatment is being continued upon release. Ms. Ferguson stated that Commissioner Williams' understanding was correct, and ensuring continued treatment is another component of the case manager's duties. Judge Self stated the formulary was being changed so that inmates would have drugs provided to them to maintain competency when they go to jail and asked Ms. Ferguson to add this in her presentation on March 11, 2013. He further noted that we need to modify our Jail Health Contract instead of building another infrastructure to deal with mentally ill inmates. Commissioner Shaheen asked Ms. Ferguson to come back with the number of inmates that are currently in our jails with a mental health disorder. Commissioner Webb further asked Ms. Ferguson to come back with what LifePath is contractually responsible for as an alternative to adding a new position of case manager. (Time: 1:53 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. AI-36331 Mobility Plan update, Engineering.

Mike McAnally, Project Manager for Jacobs Engineering, came forward with an update on the four public workshops being held in each Commissioner's district.

Individuals attending the public workshops will be asked to watch an introductory presentation, asked to list which areas they feel are the biggest concern in their respective districts, and participate in a keypad polling exercise in response to a series of questions relating to mobility and improvements.

Mr. McAnally then introduced Daniel Harrison of Freese and Nichols who worked on a team responsible for putting together the demographic forecasts that are the input to the travel demand model of the 2013 Mobility Plan. Mr. Harrison began his presentation by stating there are 453 traffic survey zones in the county. Using survey traffic zones as well as municipal plans, Mr. Harrison and his colleague used this information to generate their population and employment number estimates. The 2012 population estimate is 808,830, or 290,228 households with a 94.3% occupancy rate. The population is calculated by counting all housing units within a specific traffic survey zone and applying a person per household equation to that number. This resulting number will become the population estimate for the entire county. The 2012 employment estimate is 325,177 jobs.

Noting a sizable difference between COG's (Council of Governments) estimate and Mr. Harrison and his colleague's estimate in terms of employment, Mr. Harrison explained how they were able to reconcile the difference by using a variety of sources, including the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Reports. However, the wage report does not include self-employed individuals which were a concern to Judge Self and Commissioner Webb because of the influence that this "missing" population would have on the employment and population estimates.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Harrison continued his presentation by covering the projection and build out scenarios. The total build-out population for the county is 2,088,456, which translates to a 2.24% compound annual growth rate between now and 2035. The build-out for employment is 1,168,448, which translates to a 2.92% compound annual growth rate between now and 2035. This is an increase of 843,000 jobs from the number of jobs currently available.

Mr. Harrison described what has changed in planning assumptions between 2006 and 2012. It was originally assumed that in the southeast quadrant of the county there would be a higher density of 3.5 dwelling units per acre; instead there are roughly .75 dwelling units per acre. Areas such as Celina, Princeton, Melissa, and Anna that were once considered rural have municipal plans that are calling for denser development. There are over 32 square miles of residential urban development that have changed to another land use category such as rural residential and mixed use categories which have been increasing. The southeast part of Collin County has seen a decrease in density while the cities have been increasing their density. There has also been a decrease in persons per household which could be attributed to smaller families or people waiting to have children. The largest change in the build out is the population shift in the southeast quadrant.

For example, between 2006 and 2012 traffic zone surveys have called for a decrease in the southeast quadrant's population by about 169,000 people.

Mr. Harrison explained how his estimates compare to COG's estimates. He noted that the population numbers estimated by Freese and Nichols and COG are similar; however, COG's employment estimates are higher. He then compared Freese and Nichols' estimates with the Texas State Data Center (TSDC) and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and concluded they are all roughly the same. In the short term, Freese and Nichols' numbers are more conservative and show a slower growth rate as compared to the other projections. By 2040-2050 the numbers estimated by Freese and Nichols begin to line up with the other projections, however COG's estimates involve a faster growth rate as compared to Freese and Nichols, TSDC, and TWDB projections.

Currently, the 2013 projected build-out year for population is 2054 and the projected build-out year for employment is 2055. Back in 2006, the build-out year projection for population was 2045 and the projected build-out year for employment was 2037. Mr. McAnally explained that these projections are done every five years as a best estimate for the projected growth rate of the county. Of course, over time patterns change and these estimates might not always be correct, however, at the current time they are the best estimates possible. The process has been successful in the past, and Mr. McAnally does not believe there is any reason to currently distrust the estimates. After opening the floor for questions, Commissioner Shaheen commented that he found it interesting that in the 2012 numbers, employment was about 40% of the population and at build-out was 56%. He asked Mr. Harrison if this means the county needs to plan for the migration of individuals to Collin County for jobs. Mr. Harrison noted that there would be more traffic in and out of Collin County in the future. Commissioner Webb commented that he understood Mr. Harrison's presentation to be that COG projects that the number of people working in Collin County as a percentage of the population will continue to grow. We will become less of an exporter of people to Dallas County for work, but ultimately Collin County will become one of the main employment centers. Mr. Harrison stated we will be employing more people here rather than having them employed outside the county. Jeremy Wyndham, Jacobs Engineering, stated the next step is to provide the demographics to COG and they will run their traffic demand model for 2020 and 2035 so we can get a feel for where the traffic is originating from. (Time: 2:33 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. AI-36358 Update on US 75 Upgrade, County Judge.

Judge Self stated there has been work on upgrading US 75 to an interstate for the past two or three years. McKinney meets all requirements to become a terminus for an interstate highway. After a brief discussion it was stated that the short term idea is to start the interstate at 380 and US 75 and go north, however, this is unlikely to occur anytime soon. (Time: 2:38 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

8. AI-36356 Board/Committee Appointments, Commissioners Court:

a. Health Care Foundation Advisory Board.

Commissioner Webb reappointed David Downs to the Health Care Foundation Advisory Board.

b. Historical Commission.

Commissioner Webb reappointed Janice Klein to the Historical Commission. Judge Self reappointed Linda Hess to the Historical Commission. A motion was made to approve the appointments. (Time: 2:40 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-103-02-11

9. AI-35285 Medicaid 1115 Waiver, Regional Health Partnership, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, came forward with an update on the Medicaid 1115 Waiver. The only outstanding issue is a mix-up between Texoma Medical Center, which is not in our RHP (Regional Health Partnership), and Texoma Community Center, which is our RHP project. Texoma Medical Center had submitted a plan to the RHP they are a part of, and somehow the issues with their plan got mixed up and placed in our RHP plan. Other than this typo, which Mr. Bilyeu states has been brought to the attention of HHSC (Health and Human Services Commission), we are close to being able to resubmit our plan by the deadline. (Time: 2:43 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Judge Self informed the Court that there is a bill that states that counties between 650,000 and 850,000 automatically get an Executive Board seat on their COG. This bill affects Denton and Collin Counties. Judge Self stated that he and Judge Horn of Denton County have written a letter to COG for the past two years asking for a permanent seat in both counties and have gotten no response that COG is willing to do this. Currently, we do not have a sponsor for this bill, but the Judge feels we should move this bill forward and attempt to get a sponsor for it in the hopes that it will encourage the COG to find a way for Collin County and Denton County to have a permanent seat. The only change being suggested in the bill is in paragraph D.

Judge Self then moved to House Bill 958 which is a bill proposed by Representative Rob Orr of Burleson that reduces the interest rate on all TCDRS funds from 7% to 5% to be more in line with other retirement programs in Texas. He asked to have a five member court when the Court takes a vote on this item.

Commissioner Shaheen stated in response to the Compromise on Medicaid Expenses he feels that as a Court they should draft a resolution in strong opposition to the expansion of Medicaid in the State of Texas. Medicaid is already 25% of the state budget. Commissioner Williams noted there are many bills coming in and she feels the Court should begin discussing their support or opposition to the bills. Commissioner Webb asked that if there is a specific bill that a Court member wants support or opposition for, to itemize and single out the item to be discussed at a later date. After a brief discussion a motion was made to draft a resolution opposing the expansion of Medicaid in the State of Texas. (Time: 3:04 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-104-02-11

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

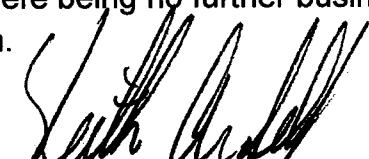
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.



ATTEST:


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


Keith Self, County Judge


Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1


Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2


Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3


Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4