

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2013

On Monday, June 24, 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 Chris Hill, Precinct 3
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Webb led the Invocation.
Judge Self led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Shaheen 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 2:30 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-36883 Reclassification of a vacant Supervision Officer position (pay grade 435) down to a Caseworker position (pay grade 633) for the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD), Human Resources.

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. Commissioner Webb pulled item 4b1. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 2:29 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Matt Shaheen
Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. AI-36876 Disbursements for the period ending June 18, 2013, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-444-06-24

b. Agreement(s):

1. AI-36884 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wylie for the construction of Ballard Avenue from Alanis Drive to the County Line (Bond Project No. 07-098) (County participation NTE \$350,000) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

Commissioner Webb asked for clarification. The agreement says “from Alanis Drive to the County Line” but the map says “from Alanis Drive to County Line Road”. Tracy Homfeld, Engineering, stated there was a typo in the agreement. It should read “Alanis Drive to the County Line”. With that correction, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:29 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-445-06-24

2. AI-36872 Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Hi-Way Equipment Company and Associated Supply Company, Inc. (ASCO Equipment) for Equipment, Lease: Road Construction and Right-of-Way Maintenance Equipment (IFB No. 05248-12) and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-446-06-24

c. Amendment(s):

1. AI-36774 No. 9 to Techshare Resource Sharing Addendum for Common Integrated Justice System (CIJS) and Tyler Technologies End User Agreement and Professional Services Agreement in association with the E-Citation project and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-447-06-24

d. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-36873** No. 1 to Services: Prisoner Transport (IFB No. 04215-12) with Texas Prisoner Transport Division to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2014 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-448-06-24

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

1. **AI-36909** North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) providing \$5,000 worth of services in support of developing the Collin County Thoroughfare Plan, Commissioners Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-449-06-24

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

1. **AI-36880** June 3, 2013.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-450-06-24

g. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-36905** An order ratifying and confirming the adoption of Court Order No. 2013-385-06-03 relating to Unlimited Tax Road and Refunding Bonds, Tax-Exempt series 2013A; Court Order No. 2013-386-06-03 relating to Limited Tax Permanent Improvement Bonds, Tax Exempt Series 2013A; Court Order No. 2013-387-06-03 relating to Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2013B; and Court Order No. 2013-388-06-03 relating to Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2013B, authorizing the issuance of said bonds and the levy of a tax in payment thereof; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-451-06-24

2. **AI-36897** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-452-06-24

3. **AI-36898** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-453-06-24

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-36918 Establish district court and county court at law judges' compensation for the month of September 2013, County Judge.

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, came forward with the 2013 Judiciary Salary Legislation Update.

Recent legislation, effective September 1, 2013, has increased the state's payment to District Judges for compensation. Because the legislation takes effect in September, the final month of FY 2013, Ms. Jacobson asked the Court for direction on how they wished to handle the compensation change for the one month period.

Currently, District Judges are paid \$125,000 as compensation from the state and a supplement of \$14,693 from the county. The state approved a 12% compensation increase bringing the compensation to \$140,000. The last time the state increased District Judge compensation was in 2005. The state has also placed a cap on how much counties may supplement District Judges' compensation. It has been raised from a maximum of \$15,000 to \$18,000.

Ms. Jacobson stated currently the County Court at Law Judges are paid \$1,000 less than the District Judges. Per statute, a County Court at Law Judge shall be paid a total annual salary set by the Commissioners' Court at an amount that is not less than \$1,000 less than the total annual salary received by a District Judge. Per statute, the judge of a probate court is paid at an amount that is at least equal to the annual salary received by a District Judge. Additionally, the probate judge is paid a mandated supplement.

Ms. Jacobson provided options for the Court to handle the recent compensation change for District Judges, but reminded the Court that this would impact County Court at Law Judges and the Probate Judge. The Court could keep the supplement the same as it is currently, increase the supplement to the maximum of \$18,000, or eliminate the supplement.

Judge Self stated he was pleased the state has stepped up to replace the county supplement. He then provided the option of letting the state pick up the District Judges' salary and holding the \$18,000 supplement to address when the Court addresses Elected Official increases. Commissioner Williams stated she was not inclined to eliminate the supplement for the one month period at the end of FY 2013.

Judge Chris Oldner, 416th District Judge, came forward and requested the Court not to cut the District Judge supplement for September 2013. Moving forward he has no issues with treating District Judges like the rest of the Elected Officials in terms of compensation increases, however, he wishes for the District Judges to keep their supplement through the remainder of FY 2013.

A motion was made to keep the supplement the same for District Judges for the month of September with the understanding that this would increase the County Court at Law Judges and Probate Judge's compensation for the one month period. The total impact for the increase would be \$8,970. (Time: 1:48 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2013-454-06-24

6. AI-36885 Alternatives to US 75 presented by Bill Hale, County Judge.

Bill Hale, District Engineer for TxDOT's Dallas District, came forward with the US 75 Corridor Study and alternatives to US 75. The US 75 Corridor Study examines US 75 extending from I-635 to SH 121. The construction on US 75 has not alleviated the congestion issues on the highway. In fact, US 75 has the highest traffic count at George Bush and US 75 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area with an estimated 250,000 cars a day. In the next 20 years it has been projected an estimated 400,000-500,000 cars will be traveling through this area per day. The US 75 Corridor Study seeks to find alternatives to improve traffic congestion. Some examples include arterial roads to divert traffic onto parallel roads, passenger rail lines, increasing the number of lanes, and creating managed/toll lanes.

Commissioner Hill stated he does not feel that creating managed lanes would be the sole solution to traffic congestion. He believes it is a tool that can be used to relieve traffic congestion, but should not be viewed as the only answer. Commissioner Shaheen asked if it was possible to get rid of the HOV (High-Occupancy Vehicle) lanes. Mr. Hale stated the HOV lanes were established with federal dollars so the county would have to work with the federal government if they wished to remove the HOV lanes.

Phil Ullman, HDR Inc., came forward and stated the study area includes I-635 to SH 121 from Coit to Angel Parkway. A do-nothing approach would not address the severe congestion in the region and will ultimately lead to more stop and go/standstill conditions.

A traffic study shows that 16% of US 75 traffic travel to/from north of SH 121 (McKinney) and 17% of US 75 traffic travels to/from south of I-635. If nothing is done to improve the current traffic congestion by 2035, the congestion will increase from an average of 2.5 hours a day to 8-10 hours a day. The majority of traffic is commuter traffic.

Commissioner Webb inquired about how funding would be obtained. Mr. Hale commented there might be transportation bills to help with funding as well as private sector opportunities to create private-public partnerships.

After a brief discussion, Judge Self noted there will be a public hearing on this issue around November or December of 2013. (Time: 2:17 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. AI-36908 TAPS Quarterly update, Commissioner, Precinct 3.

Commissioner Hill presented the Court with the TAPS (Texoma Area Paratransit Service) Quarterly update. TAPS hired Mark Pritchard as General Manager for Collin County and Barbara Reeves as Mobility Manager.

TAPS offered positions to 29 CCART (Collin County Area Regional Transit) employees and is currently looking at hiring more drivers. The Collin County Technical Advisory Committee was created by the TAPS Board and the cities in the county that are not in the DART service area will be serviced by TAPS. Effective July 1, 2013, Collin County will have four board members to serve on the TAPS Board. The 4th board member will rotate between the cities of Wylie, Allen, and Frisco and serve two years. Eric Hogue, Mayor of Wylie, will serve the first term.

TAPS is negotiating their lease on the CCART facility in McKinney and continuing to conduct town hall meetings throughout the county. TAPS has begun taking reservations for July 1, 2013, the first day of the transition from CCART to TAPS, and already has 300 reservations. The airport shuttle service and DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) Redline Shuttle will begin July 1, 2013. Collin County has been awarded a Rural JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute) Grant in the amount of \$985,000. Commissioner Shaheen asked for a staffing update for July 1, 2013. (Time: 2:27 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Judge Self noted the House passed Senate Bill 5 by a 95-34 vote. The bill has to go back to the Senate because an amendment was made to the bill. (Time: 2:28 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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


Judge Self asked Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, for an update on the outer loop railroad crossing. (Time: 2:28 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 of the Commissioners' Court at 2:30 p.m.



ATTEST:


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

Not Present

Keith Self, County Judge


Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Not Present

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2


Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3


Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4