

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2014

On Monday, August 4, 2014, 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 Mark Reid, 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 Reid 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. and recessed the meeting at 4:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the **Collin County Health Care Foundation** at 4:58 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. **AI-38571** Amendment No. 3 to Services: Juvenile Sex Offender Counseling with Terri Bauer, LCSW, LSOTP (RFP No. 07244-11) to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015, Juvenile Probation.
2. **AI-38599** Reclassification of a vacant Supervision Officer position (pay grade 435) to a Caseworker position (pay grade 633), Human Resources.
3. **AI-38604** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. **AI-34688** Outstanding Agenda Items, Commissioners Court.
2. **AI-38469** P-Card Disbursements, Auditor.

3. **AI-38585** Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.

4. **AI-38617** Property Tax collection rate for 2014, County Judge.

2. Public Comments.

Public comments were heard under General Discussion Item 5.

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled the disbursement to Schindler Elevator and items 4d6a, 4d6c, 4f1, 4f3, and 4f5. Commissioner Hill also pulled item 4d6a for discussion. A motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 4:32 p.m.)

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

a. **AI-38540** Disbursements for the period ending July 29, 2014, Auditor.

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-483-08-04

A motion was made to approve the disbursement to Schindler Elevator. Commissioners Webb and Reid did not participate in the vote. (Time: 4:32 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Vote: 3 - 0 Passed
Abstained: Commissioner Duncan Webb and Commissioner Mark Reid

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-484-08-04

b. Award(s):

1. **AI-38581** Commercial Washers, Dryers and Installation (IFB No. 2014-239) to AAdvantage Laundry Systems, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-485-08-04

c. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-38463** No. 1 to Maintenance for Fujitsu Scanners (IFB No. 2013-288) with Amtek Computer Services to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-486-08-04

2. **AI-38534** No. 3 to Services: Morgue Transport (IFB No. 06221-11) with Weatherall Family Funeral Services LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Medical Examiner.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-487-08-04

d. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. **AI-38564** FY2013 Annual Inventory Audit for Central Plant & Janitorial Supplies.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-488-08-04

2. **AI-38565** FY2013 Annual Inventory Audit for Central Supply.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-489-08-04

3. **AI-38566** FY2013 Annual Inventory Audit for Fuel.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-490-08-04

4. **AI-38456** Monthly Financial Report for April 2014.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-491-08-04

5. **AI-38471** Monthly Financial Report for May 2014.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-492-08-04

6. Final Audit Result(s):

a. **AI-38561** Tax Assessor Collector (2nd, 3rd & 4th Quarter FY2012).

Commissioner Webb pulled this item to discuss concerns with the audit for the second, third and fourth quarters of 2012. He had concerns with two written observations. The first was with 575 Form 31s (Texas Title Application) missing in the McKinney office and 28 missing in the Frisco office. It states at the bottom of the contract: "...misplaced or unaccounted for Form 31s. The fee per Form 31 is currently \$1,000.00." The Commissioner asked Jeff May, Auditor, for the status of this issue and who is liable for this fee. Mr. May stated since this audit was completed, the Tax Office has cleaned up all ten car dealerships in question. Those dealerships are now in compliance and the Auditor's Office has received all paperwork regarding this issue.

The wording on this audit is incorrect. The \$1,000 is a fine the Tax Assessor Collector has the ability to assess to the car dealers if they do not comply. It is not a state fine that can be levied on the county.

The second observation of concern is out of date and not current files for required executed contract and deputization documentation. Mr. May stated to his knowledge they are still working on the issue. This is difficult for the Tax Assessor Collector to keep track of because each time an employee changes dealerships they have to submit paperwork to update the records for the Tax Office. Mr. May said his department is still conducting an audit and will bring back an update for the Court. There was a brief discussion regarding recommendations on resolving the issue and what the Court can do to press the Tax Assessor Collector to bring the files current. It is believed this will resolve itself in the next few years as there are plans to have an electronic system in place that will update files immediately. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the item.

Following the motion Judge Self asked if there is any improvement to the 2013 audit. Mr. May said there is improvement on the dealer end but the deputization part is still a struggle. It is believed that it will resolve itself eventually. Commissioner Hill asked Mr. May if there has been written or verbal response given to him by management. Mr. May stated what he has learned is from additional audits and not management response. The Commissioner finds the lack of management response troubling and would expect when the Auditor has provided suggestions or problems to a management team there would be proper response or feedback from that department given to the Auditor and/or the Court.

It was the consensus of the Court to hold this item until a management response is received from the Tax Assessor Collector; therefore, the motion to approve was retracted. (Time: 4:40 p. m.)

HELD

b. **AI-38562** Development Services (1st & 2nd Quarter FY2013).

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-493-08-04

c. **AI-38563** Animal Services (3rd Quarter FY2013).

Commissioner Webb pulled this item to find out the status of the undercharge of \$4.00. The Commissioner asked if the \$4.00 has been received. Jeff May, Auditor, stated the \$4.00 has been recovered. A motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 4:41 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-494-08-04

d. **AI-38567** District Clerk (3rd & 4th Quarter FY2013).

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-495-08-04

e. **AI-38569** Constable, Precinct 1 (4th Quarter FY2013).

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-496-08-04

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

1. **AI-38579** July 14, 2014.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-497-08-04

f. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-38593** Acknowledgment of the issuance of Mesquite Health Facilities Development Corporation Retirement Facility Revenue Bonds (Christian Care Centers, Inc. Project) Series 2014 to provide funds to finance a health facility consisting of a new retirement facility located on 5.2 acres of land at the southwest corner of South Jupiter Road and Prestige Circle in Allen, Texas and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute associated documents, Administrative Services.

Commissioner Webb pulled the item to propose an edit to the court order in order to change the tenor of the County's obligation. The proposed edit replaces the phrase "obligation to Collin County" with the phrase "obligation on Collin County" in the third to the last sentence that reads: "such approval does not create or imply an obligation to Collin County with respect to the payment of the bonds." This is to keep the County from being liable for the bonds. A motion was made to approve the item with the change made to the court order. (Time: 4:41 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-498-08-04

2. **AI-38527** Updated FY2014 Investment Broker/Dealer list, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-499-08-04

3. **AI-38490** Installation of one (1) prisoner barrier and one (1) mobile vision dash camera system into a reserve vehicle, Constable, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item because last budget it was decided that each precinct would be allowed one caged vehicle. This request goes against that concept and he is not supportive of it. Commissioner Reid stated this equipment is in inventory and is inexpensive to install. He is concerned that the safety or liability issue of not having the cage installed could easily outweigh the \$370 to install it. Commissioner Reid would prefer to err on the side of safety.

Commissioner Webb said there was a philosophical discussion on the core concept of the cages and whether or not transporting people under arrest was a core function of the constables. Also, the cages were going to be aged out as the vehicles were replaced.

Constable Joe Wright, Precinct 4, stated the constables are mandated to enforce the law, and the core duties are to serve civil process and any warrants that come to their office. Regardless of what anyone thinks the Constable's duties should be, Constable Wright will follow the constitution and mandates set forth by law for his office. This includes arresting people, doing writs of attachment on children, taking people to Green Oaks, etc. Constables have to provide the safest environment not only for the deputy doing the transport, but also for the subject in custody. This item is for a reserve car. The reserves are men and women who work in the corporate world and volunteer their time to give back to their community. Constable Wright is only asking to keep these people safe while they are working for the County. The equipment is already in the County inventory and just needs to be installed in the vehicle.

There was a brief discussion regarding the condition and mileage on the vehicle. Commissioner Hill said if it is determined that the tools are necessary and they are in inventory, the Commissioner is hard-pressed not to provide them to the law enforcement officer.

Judge Self recommended holding the item and readdressing it during budget. The Court agreed. (Time: 4:51 p.m.)

HELD

4. AI-38588 Acceptance of the donation of up to 19 Gemtrac High Density Microfilm Cabinets from 7777 Carpenter Partners, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-500-08-04

5. AI-38605 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item to discuss a rehire of a Felony Prosecutor. The Commissioner asked Human Resources if this could present a situation for abuse and unfairness if someone leaves the office and returns at a rate of pay much higher than they had when they left. Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, said normally individuals are not brought back at a rate higher than they were making at the time they left. In this case, the individual has been gone for 12 years. HR took into account their experience here and since they left. This salary is less than what they would have received if they had not left the County. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 4:52 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-501-08-04

6. AI-38606 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-502-08-04

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-38539 Care and housing of illegal immigrant children, Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Judge Self asked Commissioner Reid if he had comments on the Care and Housing of Illegal Immigrant Children Resolution before opening the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Reid stated he brought this resolution before the Court because he had been asked by constituents for Collin County's position on the issue. The only way to answer the question was to bring the issue to the Court for discussion and a vote. The Commissioner expressed his concern for the proper role of government, specifically the proper role of Collin County as it relates to the housing, feeding and clothing of these children with taxpayer money. Commissioner Reid asked the public to consider how they would react if someone knocked on their door and asked to live in their home. This is what legal immigrants have done for decades and are still doing today. No one the Commissioner has spoken with is opposed to legal immigration. He then asked the public to consider how they would react if someone showed up at their home, opened the door and took up residence in their home without asking permission. This is what illegal immigrants are doing. Each of us would react differently in this situation. Faced with the current circumstances some people would take in and care for the children. This is an individual's right and brings in the individual's responsibilities under the law. Some people would go to friends and neighbors for help to care for the child. This is what the church and other charitable organizations do. This is their right as service organizations. In this case some would go to friends and neighbors for help, but rather than asking for help, would take someone with them that has the ability to force people to help. This is called government. This is why we have laws that define the proper role of government and laws to protect an individual's rights and liberty. The absence of such laws and/or the inability to enforce such laws is why these children face the conditions they do in their countries of origin. Commissioner Reid stated that, as a Commissioner, he swore to uphold our laws. This resolution is nothing more than an affirmation of these laws. It is not hateful, racist, indecent or any of the other denigrating terms put forth out of either conflicting political agendas or people whose compassion for these children outweighs the consequences of overreaching government. The Commissioner asked if this is a core function of county government. Is housing, feeding and clothing these children a proper use of taxpayer money under the law? This is the question the resolution is intended to address.

Judge Self opened the floor to public comments and reminded the public this is a constitutional court of law in the State of Texas and not a political rally.

Kathy Gonzales, Fairview, supports the resolution. Ms. Gonzales and her husband are 100% against illegal children, young people or adults being housed in Collin County for even one day. Ms. Gonzales and her family are bothered by the observation of the current illegal immigrants not being at all interested in assimilation and are appalled at the massive amounts of them who have, over the past ten years, entered our country illegally. She is incensed with this preplanned influx by the Obama Administration and the lawlessness in protecting our borders. It appears to be preplanned with talking points passed out to make sure the illegal immigrants are granted refugee status resulting in the receiving of massive benefits at taxpayer expense. Ms. Gonzales is also concerned with Catholic charities that are looking for foster families to house adult immigrants under the age of 23. Those foster families have the ability to collect more than \$7,400 per month for up to six immigrants at one time. Individual charities may step up, but there will still be local costs in education, law enforcement and medical care.

Jeremiah Hammer, McKinney, came forward to speak against the resolution. Nelson Mandela once said, "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." This resolution is a very keen revelation into the soul of those who endorse it. Doing something is important; resolving to do nothing is unacceptable. Mr. Hammer asked the Court not to endorse the resolution but instead do some introspection and see what we as Collin County can do to help these people.

Walt Hannon, Allen, supports the resolution. Most people want the borders secure and want an improved secure process of immigration. The Legislative and Executive branches are striving to play politics for themselves instead of fixing the problems of the people. Mr. Hannon asked the Court not to be a part of letting the illegal immigrants put a drain on this county.

Ana Molina, Plano, grew up in Collin County and is an immigrant. Ms. Molina believes this resolution seeks to exclude a vital part of the Collin County community. It does not distinguish between undocumented and documented immigrants. Also, people believe assimilation is what leads to success. Ms. Molina believes this is untrue because she and her brother spoke Spanish in their home growing up. Ms. Molina asked the Court to truly think about what it means to come into this country leaving behind family and traditions and asked if Collin County wants to be remembered for this law.

Colin Kimball, McKinney, came forward to speak on behalf of Bill Bryan Post 110. Mr. Kimball disclosed that Judge Self is a member of Bill Bryan Post 110 but was not consulted with nor did he participate in the information being shared today. The American Legion is a veterans organization made up of 2.3 million members with 62,000 living in Texas. Four pillars serve as their foundation: 1) veterans affairs and rehabilitation; 2) maintaining a strong defense; 3) promoting Americanism and 4) concern for children and youth. Three of the four pillars we stand for are in jeopardy. It has been clearly articulated by others that illegal immigration with adults hiding in plain sight is a threat to our national defense.

The influx of foreign nationals who hold no respect for our rule of law or our sovereign border and have no regard for the proper methods of legal immigration are a threat to Americanism. The American Legion is not a xenophobic organization. We are an organization of patriots who have defended our country. Each one of us has served in one or more branches of the armed services during an era in which our nation has been in conflict. Equality and liberty are worthy goals in any society. Unfortunately equality requires enforcement often at the expense of liberty. Liberty requires defense for those who threaten it. We are not made a better country by enforcing equality for foreign nationals who ignore our sovereign border and espouse ideals of their homeland while avoiding the American ideals taught to those who immigrate here legally. Most importantly we are concerned for the welfare of children. Unfortunately we cannot do anything about the problem because it lies well outside our borders. We urge nongovernmental entities, charitable entities and church related entities to be responsible for the care of children who find their way into our country or county. Mr. Kimball asked the Commissioners' Court and Collin County to not encumber or put restrictions on any of those legitimate entities who may care for these children while their disposition is being resolved. They do not believe it is a proper role of county resources to care for these children but do believe it is the role of the county to put pressure on state and federal legislators who can resolve this matter at its source.

Marilyn Sevin, Plano, strongly supports the resolution and urges its immediate passage. Ms. Sevin thanked the Court for holding the second hearing and thanked Commissioner Reid for the foresight in proposing the resolution. As a taxpaying citizen of Collin County Ms. Sevin agrees it is not the responsibility or proper function of the government to help illegal aliens trespassing into our country. Collin County tax dollars are not assessed and collected to be used to assist such individuals of any age or from any other country of origin with housing, education, and healthcare or with assimilation into our citizenry or community. Ms. Sevin does not want any tax dollars at the federal, state, city or county level spent to aid and abet any illegal aliens in the United States. Ms. Sevin encouraged each member of the Court to bring whatever influence or pressure they can to end sanctuary cities in Collin County. She then asked the Court to not use the limited government resources from law abiding citizens for housing or programs that would aid any of the law-breaking illegal aliens in our country.

Barbara Boykin, Plano, supports the resolution. Ms. Boykin stated she is active in causes for children but at this point she is concerned with the protection of our children in the United States. She understands the plight of the immigrants and has compassion for what they are going through in their homelands. We are a country of immigrants, but that is the past when there was plenty of open land and resources. Now our resources are extremely strained and our debt is in the trillions. Who is protecting our American citizenship? Ms. Boykin is in support of the resolution because it is looking out for the interests of Collin County. Why are these immigrants coming north rather than going south or to neighboring countries that are Spanish speaking? The conclusion to that is the promise of jobs, prosperity and free help.

Steven Spainhouer, McKinney, does not support the resolution. Under the rule of law in this country an immigrant is not determined to be illegal until Immigration and Naturalization officials determine them to be illegal. They are undocumented immigrants. These people deserve to be shown compassion and care. Our federal government has failed us in several ways by trying to put forth programs that will reform our immigration laws and give our system a better way to handle issues like this. The issue before the Court today is whether or not to support a compassion and care resolution that would put county resources toward supporting these children until they can be deported or assimilated into our systems. Collin County is the most property rich county in the State of Texas. There is a wide range of opportunities in this county. Mr. Spainhouer urged the Court to take a step back and think about whether this is in the best interest of the County to say that Collin County does not want to give opportunity to people.

Joyi Kraus, Plano, does not support the resolution and stated that we are all Texans. She felt the Commissioners need reminding that we are the friendly state. The children that are coming here are not coming in Trojan horses. These children deserve asylum. Ms. Kraus has been appalled at the tactics that have gone on over the last year and did not expect her home county to deny these children. She also asked the members of the Court and the citizens in attendance to research what MS-13 is, where it originated and why it is now in Central America.

Donald Hudson, McKinney, wanted to address the economic impact illegal immigration will have on Collin County. In August 2005 Mr. Hudson was the director of the hurricane distribution center in McKinney. Five thousand refugees came from Louisiana, Mississippi and Houston. With those American refugees came real problems. It had an unbelievable impact on the community. We have to take care of the people in Collin County. Mr. Hudson asked the Court to keep in mind that our hospitals and churches are already strained financially.

Jacob Abaraoha, Plano, does not support the resolution. Mr. Abaraoha believes this is not a resolution that looks for people who are illegal; it is a resolution that looks for people who are different from the norm. As far as the idea of assimilation for immigrants, Mr. Abaraoha finds it absurd to believe people can come here from some place where they have spent their entire lives and change themselves for the purpose of being somewhere that does not even want them. Mr. Abaraoha asked Commissioner Reid to reconsider this resolution as it only seeks to hurt people who do not enjoy the privilege of looking a certain way.

Carroll Maxwell, McKinney, supports the resolution and said we must consider our rule of law. We are not being kind to the children when we house them in the current housing facilities and they need to go back home.

Evan Fowler, McKinney, opposes the resolution. We find ourselves in the midst of a crisis. We cannot control the situation; we can only control our response. These are refugees looking for a better life. This crisis is not about illegal immigration.

It is about helping children in need. These children have surrendered at the border in hope of being treated with compassion. This is a humanitarian issue that is being wrongly framed as a financial issue. These children are our neighbors. Mr. Fowler stated we cannot claim to be good people while we turn our backs on those in most need of our help. Collin County has not been asked to house these people so please do not rule it out in advance. The message of the resolution says you are not welcome here and we do not want you nor will we help you. Mr. Fowler said this does not represent him and believes it does not represent this county.

Gregory Knapp, Plano, supports the resolution. Mr. Knapp has been a realtor for 20 years and has sold many homes to people from other countries who are proud to be in America and have paid their dues to be here legally. Mr. Knapp believes those people would share the opinion in passing the resolution. The biggest problem here is the difference between what the rules say and what is compassionate. The most compassionate thing we can do is to enforce the law.

Nancy Fischer, Allen, supports the resolution. Right here in North Texas there are tens of thousands of children who are in or need to be in foster care. For that reason this resolution needs to be passed. We need to use our resources to take care of our own children in Collin County.

Jim Foy, Farmersville, is in support of tabling the resolution. When the resolution was first introduced, the need to house the children in temporary facilities away from the border was present. However, since that time the federal government has stated there is no longer a need for such facilities. New statistics show the number of children coming across the border has dramatically reduced. In light of the change in situation Mr. Foy hopes the Court will table the resolution. The passing of the resolution will cause citizens of Collin County to be polarized and divided. This resolution is divisive, unneeded and brings out the worst in us. Mr. Foy urged the Court to be statesmen, not politicians, and table this resolution.

Robert Price, McKinney, praised the Court for putting the resolution forward. The resolution is not isolating the community. It is forming it together to fight an issue that is on the forefront of the American sovereignty. It is the beginning of an invasion and the gangs and drugs that are coming across the border are impacting all counties in Texas. This is a country of laws and we need to follow the laws. Compassion is important but this is beyond our capabilities and needs to be stopped.

Jim Wallace, Richardson, does not support the resolution and asked the Court to deny passage of Commissioner Reid's resolution because it is not needed. Commissioner Reid's concern with the cost of sheltering the children in this county is a valid concern. However, we have not been asked to house them. Mr. Wallace believes the resolution will cause Collin County to be a laughing stock and deter corporations from moving into the county.

Randy Tanner, Irving, supports the resolution. Collin County has the ability to set a positive tone for the rest of the country in passing the resolution. Mr. Tanner had one exception to the resolution. He believes that by providing and promoting care to the children by charitable and faith based organizations it will encourage others to enter this country illegally. It is not the role of government in any form to promote or suggest any faith based organization be involved. Mr. Tanner suggests this provision be removed from the resolution.

Coty Anderson, Plano, does not support the resolution and thanked the Court for the opportunity to speak on this issue and for the amendments that have been made. Ms. Anderson feels the humanitarian issue of the illegal immigrant children is still an emergency even with the change in situation. These children are being hurt in their own country and that is why they are coming here to escape those conditions. The resolution is being perceived as hurtful and racist and is negative for Collin County. Collin County is a diverse county with many diverse associations and the resolution does not address the desirability and benefits of diversity within the county.

Huda Bragalone, Fairview, supports the resolution. Ms. Bragalone shared her concern for her family and fellow citizens of Collin County and the possible exposure to disease and crime from across the border.

Linda Norris, Farmersville, came forward to speak against the proposed resolution. Ms. Norris felt the resolution is ill-conceived and divisive. Because the need to house the children is no longer an issue, the resolution is irrelevant and should be tabled. Ms. Norris urged the Court to use their talents and time to address real opportunities and problems within the county.

Harry Pierce, McKinney, came forward to express his opinion on the issue. We are in this situation because we have a congress and a list of presidents over the last 25 years who have chosen to ignore and not enforce the law. The issue brings to light compassion and many of you share the Christian faith which shows compassion. There is a time for compassion and there is a time to not show compassion. Judgment calls need to be made and reality faced. By allowing immigrants to come over and providing them with care and resources will encourage more and more to come.

Adam Richards, McKinney, does not support the resolution. The talk that immigrants bring disease, crime, and worsen the community is not true. The children that are coming here from South America are better vaccinated against disease than some of our own children. Mr. Richards believes Collin County is a loving community and does not feel this is a resolution to be supported.

Rick Atkinson, McKinney, supports the resolution and appreciates the attempt to preempt any possibility of being a magnet for further illegal immigration. Our southern border is not secure and this situation puts all Texans at risk. We are being flooded with illegal immigrants from 75 countries through our southern border.

Mr. Atkinson supports legal immigration but this situation is a part of an intentional well-coordinated plan to transform America. He calls on Collin County to not be part of attracting further lawlessness and to make the stance clear now.

Yvette Kopp, Plano, does not support the resolution. By Commissioner Reid putting forth this resolution Ms. Kopp states she is not just a democrat but now an activist. She participates in humanitarian causes that include sending care packages to children in other countries and handing out hygiene bags to homeless individuals in area communities. In July she assisted in the preparation of care packages for the anticipated children that were to be housed in Dallas. Ms. Kopp plans on becoming the Precinct Chair for Precinct 109 in Collin County. She thanked Commissioner Reid for pushing her to be more active in her cause.

Mitch Sofelo, Wylie, is not in support of the resolution and stated to follow a law that is immoral is unjust. How can we speak against government at the same time that we value law? It is obvious these children are undocumented so taking action against them as illegals before we know they are in fact illegal is foolish and makes our county look foolish. Mr. Sofelo asked the Court to table the resolution.

Wayne Richard, Plano, supports the resolution and does not believe anyone should question Commissioner Reid's faith. Are we indeed witnessing the intentional destruction of our society from within? Recognizing that the entire world is a hotbed and America is in the middle of all of these conflicts, should we not be implementing procedures to protect our homeland. Here in America we consider a nine-year-old a child. In the Middle East nine-year-olds have already received years of lethal training with the goal of destroying Israel, America and western society. The children we are concerned about today just might be future terrorists and we are transporting them throughout America. Do not be naïve in thinking radicals are not capable of reacting to the open border crisis. Mr. Richard believes they knew about this upcoming event before we citizens were even aware. The Administration had in place a strategy to facilitate this invasion. The fact that our federal government has been prohibiting our elected representatives access to the holding facilities and transporting illegals to secret destinations without notifying appropriate state officials substantiates the ominous theory that this is indeed a strategic and concerted strategy that one can correctly categorize as asymmetrical warfare. The goal of this Administration is to shift our current demographic and alter the electoral map resulting in a rapid and final transformation of our nation as we know it. Those of us who disregard political correctness profess our unwavering love of country and stand tall in the fight for liberty are often denigrated with the accusation of racism and hatred. The accusation of those who would attempt to peg a patriot's love of country as a racist should fall on deaf ears. Mr. Richard urged the Court to unanimously vote in favor of the resolution to send a message to the world and Washington D.C. to stand with Texas.

Kristian Olivares, McKinney, does not support the resolution and is disappointed it was even put forth. It is crazy to assume there are so many terrorists and to assume these people are negative before knowing them. These people want to make a life for themselves in this country. Mr. Olivares asked the Court to not pass the resolution.

Ann Sampson, McKinney, supports the resolution and thanked Commissioner Reid for his proposal. Ms. Sampson is very concerned with the immigration problem and the problem coming to Collin County. She believes the current Administration does not care for the welfare of our county, the current immigration laws or the children coming from South America. Ms. Sampson does believe the Administration and Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins would willingly flood Collin County with illegal aliens who would willingly go on welfare, receive other entitlements and in turn vote for their providers. A flood of illegal aliens would greatly increase the welfare of our community economically in terms of jobs for the next generation as well as impact healthcare and education. We need to stand by our laws and say no to the Administration and to illegal aliens. Ms. Sampson asked the Court to vote in favor of the resolution and turn away the receiving and housing of illegal aliens and send them back safely to their own countries where they can legally apply for American citizenship.

Bob Fusinato, Richardson, does not support the resolution and feels it sends an unkind message. If the county does not want to use its resources to help these children, then do not offer them. In the unlikely event some of these children end up in Collin County, the police and other agencies can treat them as homeless children in need of help. There is no need to encourage racial profiling or other extraordinary measures. Mr. Fusinato does believe in the separation of church and state but does not believe you need to leave your ethics, morals and sense of values behind when entering the halls of government. The resolution does not reflect Mr. Fusinato's values nor does he believe it reflects the values of most Collin County citizens. He then requested Commissioner Reid withdraw the resolution.

Bill Boykin, Plano, supports the resolution and stated this is not a humanitarian issue. It is a political issue that is part of a larger plan of the President to transform America into a Marxist state like Venezuela. Two goals of this Court are to protect the public safety and the public health. In keeping with the goals, if we were to allow illegal aliens to pour into this county, what would be said to the parents of Collin County children who would possibly be assaulted or diseased from these people? This is where the compassion comes in. Mr. Boykin asked the Court to show compassion to the citizens of Collin County to pass this resolution protecting their public safety and public health.

Morris Fried, Richardson, does not support the resolution. The resolution speaks of core functions; surely from the perspective of the bible communing with God would be considered a core function. To Mr. Fried the bible means for all of our organizations to come together, including county government. Helping, comforting and welcoming the stranger is and always has to be one of our core functions.

Corinne Smith, Sachse, supports the resolution and thanked the Commissioners' Court for their leadership in being bold and courageous in putting it forth. Other counties have passed similar resolutions; by passing the resolution the Court is being proactive to the situation. To all who do not believe the financial impact is not a serious concern, Ms. Smith stated this will impact businesses against families who work, single mothers who work, our youth and our college students because there will be an interagency exponential tax increase. Businesses will look at this as profits over human capital. This is about illegals not legal immigrants. On the faith issue, how many in our citizenry are willing to sell every possession they own and give it up to those who need it? In referencing a bible passage Ms. Smith said there are issues on both sides regarding taking care of your own so she wanted to leave the faith side out of this argument. Child abandonment is a concern. Where is the parental responsibility? Let us not forget The Remembrance Project that was created to remember Americans who have been killed by illegal aliens.

Zen Biasco, Richardson, supports tabling this resolution stating as a former corporate recruiter this does not serve the best interests for all involved. There is enough difficulty welcoming people into the county and the area. Mr. Biasco said this serves as putting us in a terrible light and asked that the resolution be tabled.

Cindy Meyer, Parker, supports the resolution and commends Commissioner Reid for stepping up to take a stand. The rule of law applies to everyone. It makes no differentiation between age, sex, race, ethnicity or anything else. In addition to bringing in life threatening diseases, members of criminal organizations, terror groups and gangs are and will come in. The disbursement of aliens from our southern border breaks down and rocks the very foundation of this country. As a sovereign nation our society, culture and economy will suffer and be forever changed. We will be burdened with the additional cost of healthcare, hospitals, law enforcement and schools that are all paid for by citizens. Our state will suffer and it will add billions to the already blotted welfare system and entitlement programs. Ms. Smith urges the County to pass the resolution and request our state and federal elected officials be notified to stand up for our laws and national sovereignty and deport these people back to their country of origin.

Priscilla Wisnewski, Frisco, does not support the resolution and is very disturbed with all the misconception, fear and hate mongering that has been going on. No one has asked Collin County to house any of these children. In regards to our federal government and following the law, these people are following the anti-trafficking law as signed by former President George W. Bush in 2008. This law mandates full immigration hearings for unaccompanied children from countries other than Mexico and Canada. What Collin County can do is urge our two U.S. Senators to quit blocking appointments of federal judges who can become immigration judges so these children can receive quick and fair hearings to determine their status. Currently their status is not legal or illegal. Ms. Wisnewski quoted a local minister who said we can disagree all we want on policy issues surrounding the immigration debate. The challenges are real and well-meaning Christians can take opposing views when it comes to policy.

What we are not free to disagree about is our responsibility toward the children who are victims in the crisis. When it comes to children seeking refuge, the bible mandates for compassion and hospitality.

Barbara Harless, Murphy, supports the resolution and stated she appreciates Commissioner Reid for submitting this resolution as well as changing the title to include the proper role of government. Regardless of whether the county has been asked to accept anyone, it is this County's responsibility to protect citizens that live here and that are here legally. There is a process to come into this country according to our laws that does not involve taking someone who is a victim of human trafficking. The United Nation states on the basis of the definition given in Trafficking in Persons Protocol there are three constituent elements: 1) the act, what is done; 2) the means, how it is done; and 3) the purpose, why it is done. Ms. Harless explained each element and stated these people are not being forced to come here. In some cases these people have paid a fee to someone to get them here and to be shown how to get over the border.

Sandy Thatcher, Frisco, does not support the resolution and states that most of these children have a legitimate claim to be considered refugees under the Refugee Act of 1980. Mr. Thatcher read a portion of the Act that supports these children being deemed refugees. He then urged citizens to read the Act and said that it would be irresponsible for the Court to pass the resolution if they have not read the Refugee Act of 1980.

Pam Hatch, McKinney, supports the revised version of the resolution and thanked Commissioner Reid for bringing it to the Court. Ms. Hatch has great compassion for these children but does not have an answer. Looking to charitable organizations and families to help these children is an appropriate action.

Ms. Hatch thanked the Court for tackling a difficult and divisive issue, for the opportunity for public input, for listening and responding by refining the original resolution, for showing concern for the operation of the county core functions while showing compassion for the migrant children, for managing county business while being challenged by events occurring due to the lack of the federal government executing their responsibilities and for their service to the county.

Celeste Kennedy spoke on behalf of Elaine Herold, Fairview, who does not support the resolution and asked the Court to set an example of kindness, compassion and love for future generations. We who have so much can surely share with those who have so little.

Chuck Molyneaux, Parker, supports the resolution and applauded Commissioner Reid for venturing into this hot topic. It has proven to be a main interest to citizens and voters of Collin County and the United States. President Obama has set out to transform this country and it is happening. If it continues, we have serious problems that we may not be able to recover from. Mr. Molyneaux asked the Commissioners to share their personal feelings on the issue and what the Court feels it should do as it governs Collin County.

Bethany Carson, Allen, does not support the resolution but thanked the Court for the revisions, specifically the striking provision that encouraged racial profiling and rumors of disease and for modifying the inflammatory language. With that said, Ms. Carson still believes this preemptive resolution sends a hurtful message to refugee children and county residents of certain ethnic backgrounds. This message is stronger now that temporary shelters will not be needed to house the children in Dallas. In the unlikely circumstance that Collin County would be asked to shelter immigrant children, the County government's proper role in doing so could be debated at that time. For now that role is to not pass symbolic resolutions that stigmatize refugee children and make certain residents feel unwelcome. This resolution recommends removing the rights of health, hope and security of immigrants who already call Texas home. Eliminating educational opportunity would break the longstanding tradition of compassion on both sides of the aisle. The recommendation to abolish sanctuary cities would also lead to negative repercussions of increased fear of law enforcement and racial profiling. We all have a right to live in this county with dignity and respect. Ms. Carson presented the Court with a petition of 500 signatures in opposition of the resolution.

Judge Self commented that out of the 500 signatures only 52 were of Collin County residents.

Marvin Brook, Allen, supports the resolution as well as legal immigration. Mr. Brook has been concerned with immigration for many years and been involved with the Texas Border Volunteers in the U.S. border watch and Citizens for Immigration Reform. Our compassion is what is causing the increase of immigrants coming across the border. Mr. Brook believes we need to protect ourselves at all levels from the federal government's lack of concern of immigration and our open borders.

Ann Lieber, Prosper, supports the resolution. Ms. Lieber stated we are told these are migrant children and wants to know the actual details of how a family decides to give up a child and send them on a dangerous journey with no guarantees. Children, no matter their circumstances, cling to the family unit. With the numbers of children coming across the border there has to be some organization behind all of this. Is this the ultimate child trafficking scheme we are witnessing? Have these children been sold and by who? The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is holding a public hearing on the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program which is helping smaller communities meet infrastructure needs for low to moderate income areas. The community development fund provides block grant funding to cities and counties for water, sewer, housing and other improvements. Ms. Lieber believes NCTCOG is vying for federal grant money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Agriculture and other sources to wave money under the noses of local municipalities and mayors in order to fund low-income housing for the poor and homeless without one vote of the people. Ms. Lieber has suspicions this is being done in order to fund the housing of the influx of this new population.

Leaca Caspari, Farmersville, does not support the resolution but thanked the Court for the revisions to the resolutions removing some of the most offensive and objectionable language. Ms. Caspari urged the Court to take a step further in reconciliation by withdrawing this item from the agenda. The resolution serves no purpose as Collin County has not been asked to house or feed the refugee children. The resolution will never deny the good people of Collin County the opportunity to serve those in need. To pursue this resolution could be interpreted at best as political theatre and at worst callous disregard for those who might need our help. Ms. Caspari is confident the resolution does not represent Collin County and asked the Court to table the resolution.

Alice Baland, Allen, supports the resolution and states the issue here is the prevention and protection of our borders which protects Texas citizens. Being a civil society following the rule of law is designed to protect Texans. Ms. Baland is against housing illegal or undocumented aliens here as it would put huge financial and social pressure on our families. This is a distraction from the real issue by the federal government forcing its own agenda at great expense to us the taxpayers. There have been over 200,000 illegals detained in county and city jails throughout the state over the past five years for committing 8,000 sexual assaults and 3,000 murders. Texans are at risk. Protect our Texas borders and Texans by promoting the legal immigration system and protect Collin County citizens from these burdens.

Vickie Parker, Melissa, does not support the resolution but thanked the Court for the revisions. Ms. Parker is disturbed that the revisions were made so quickly and stated that more research of laws, the Refugee Act of 1980 in particular, could have been done prior to putting forth the original version of the resolution. This is a compassion issue that will be played out in churches and discussions will continue. Since the children are no longer coming to Dallas County this issue is a moot point and the resolution should be tabled.

Lee O'Connor, Plano, does not support the resolution and does not believe this is an immigration issue but an issue of temporary housing and care of children from across the border. This is a legal issue. Civilization is built on two precepts: security and protection. We protect our young and that is the way we survive. Our young are not just those that live in Collin County. Our country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles which are mercy and the law. Ms. O'Conner feels there is cause for the Commissioners to look at the issue and agrees the issue is divisive. Immigrants will continue to come to America. The role of the Court will be how to diversify and manage.

Rick Joosten, Plano, does not support the resolution and is grateful for the opportunity to speak before the Court. Mr. Joosten is shocked to see our politicians use an issue like this to further their political and social goals. He respects the frustration of those that genuinely fear the rule of law and the integrity of our borders being at risk because of illegal immigration. Mr. Joosten does not believe this problem poses a fundamental threat to Collin County or America but does feel there is hard work to be done to address illegal immigration. He is pleased that the public outcry has led to a substantial rewrite of the resolution.

However, Mr. Joosten asked the Court to withdraw the resolution and return their attention to the important county business they were elected or appointed to handle.

Judge Self asked who supported the petitions presented to the Court. Corinne Smith, Sachse, came forward and stated a private citizen who was at the previous meeting of the Commissioners' Court had the petition signed by registered voters of Collin County. Judge Self stated there are approximately 90 signatures on this petition in support of denying relocation of illegal aliens into our county and municipalities and requesting that the State of Texas deport all entering Texas illegally and return them to their country of origin. The Judge then closed the public comment portion of the meeting and opened the Court for discussion. (Time: 3:52 p.m.)

Commissioner Reid stated for the sake of the other members of the Court, he wrote the original resolution and he wrote the revisions to the resolution. The purpose of the resolution was to create a document the members of the Court could discuss, deliberate and make a decision on. This is the way the process is done. It has to be conducted in public, in front of the citizens.

Commissioner Williams asked if the public was aware of the last version of the resolution. Commissioner Reid stated he worked on additional changes today. The revisions to the resolution were then shared with the citizens. The revisions included: 1) the word "Migrant Children" was changed to "Unaccompanied Alien Children" in the title of the resolution; 2) the reference to the children throughout the remainder of the document was changed to the same phrase "unaccompanied alien children"; 3) the striking of paragraph six regarding health screening of these children; and 4) the term "at the border" was added to the seventh paragraph in regards to providing shelter by charitable and faith based organizations for the children while awaiting disposition.

Commissioner Reid replied to an earlier public comment regarding research stating he has met with Collin County's Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and the Child Protection Services Board. Some of the changes to the resolution came from discussions with those departments.

Commissioner Williams agrees with the removal of paragraph six concerning Collin County health care agencies because it is important to not create any resolution that asks our staff, who the Court has the ability to direct, to do anything outside of the Court's authority. The Commissioner was primarily concerned that the County was not exceeding its authority in any way on any of the items in the resolution. The items that ran the risk of that have now been removed.

Judge Self thanked all who mentioned the Christian principles and the compassion of the Christian church. The federal government has failed to secure and protect our borders despite protestations of the contrary by several federal officials. It is not so and our borders are open. The Judge does not believe you can simultaneously have a welfare state in open borders. You cannot have a welfare state for too many of our citizens in open borders because the incentives are upside down.

Compassion is our Christian duty. Government is not charity and many people want this government to provide charity. This is not the government's job. Government is not voluntary. Paying taxes and obeying laws is not voluntary. When you insist this government provide charity, you want us to tell people where they must give their charitable dollars. There are charities around the world that minister to children around the world; Judge Self encouraged those who have expressed that compassion to find a charity of their choice to support. The Judge quoted Benjamin Rush, a Founding Father of the United States, who wrote "the world stands in more need of justice than charity. Indeed it is the want of justice that renders charity everywhere so necessary." Judge Self, like many others, wants more justice around the world but we cannot change every government. That is what makes the private American charity so necessary around the world. How then do we balance the rule of law with the humanitarian impulse of our citizens? The Judge referenced a stanza from the song America the Beautiful: "Thy liberty in law." We are a nation of laws not of men.

Judge Self gave three recommendations. First, close the borders to illegal immigration today. Second, keep all illegal aliens who enter Texas close to the border, treat them humanely, honorably and charitably but close to the border. Third, return them to their native lands as soon as possible so that charitable organizations can take care of them. Legal immigration should continue and expand on our terms. As far as closing the border, the Governor controls the National Guard when it is activated under Title 32 of the U.S. Code and he can order more than 20,000 National Guard troops to the border with multiple technologies to help. It would be expensive but the added value of Title 32 as opposed to the federal activation under Title 10 is that the federal Posse Comitatus Act does not apply. The National Guard activated under Title 32 can enforce state laws such as trespassing, drug laws, unlicensed gun possession and many more. In addition, part of the impact of the Tenth Amendment is the federal government cannot force the states to enforce federal laws. The federal government uses tactics to cajole states to do federal bidding. That is an issue of federal strings by accepting federal dollars. One-sixth of the federal budget goes to convince states to do the federal bidding behind entitlements and defense. This shreds the Tenth Amendment and the states have aided and abetted in shredding this amendment under that one-sixth of the federal budget. When will we stop the total disregard of law at the borders? The word "refugee" has been mentioned; the refugee law refers to a very specific set of people who have been designated refugees. "Refugee" is a legal term and does not apply to anyone who walks across our border. Who will stop the total disregard of law at the borders and when will we reestablish the balance between the three branches of federal government?

To those who want this government to supplant private charity with your tax dollars and open our borders, what other laws do you wish this government to ignore? Why stop at this one issue and not select other laws that you might want us to ignore? How far does the desire go for us to join the federal government in ignoring the laws of the land? The Judge then stated he believes this government needs to make clear it is going to obey the law of the land. The question of open borders is one of the great domestic questions of our day. There was not unanimity on this question in our history's past and there will not be unanimity now.

Judge Self went on to say he will sign this resolution and believes it should focus on the role of government, the rule of law and for citizens to decide their private charity.

The Judge quoted President Abraham Lincoln who said, "Finally, I insist, that if there is any thing which it is the duty of the whole people to never entrust to any hands but their own, that thing is the preservation and perpetuity, of their own liberties, and institutions."

Commissioner Webb agreed with Judge Self's comments and comments made by some of the citizens. The Commissioner appreciates the revisions that were made. He is concerned with the proper role of government, the separation of church and state and what is charity. This is a church and individual issue. That being the case, the Commissioner is concerned with the resolution's focus on children. This is a resolution associated with securing our borders and the core role of government as it applies to the County. All of the resolutions apply to undocumented aliens, therefore, there is no reason to specify children alone. The Commissioner recommended removing the term "unaccompanied alien children" from the entire resolution, including the title, and replacing it with the term "undocumented aliens". He also recommended editing the wording in paragraph five that reads "core functions of law enforcement, health services and child protective services" to "legally-required core functions of law enforcement, health services and child protective services". With those changes the Commissioner agrees with the resolution because it takes the focus off of the child by putting it on all undocumented aliens. As for the role of government by Collin County, the Commissioner believes the border needs to be closed and secure.

Commissioner Williams agreed with the changes and asked for Commissioner Reid's opinion. Commissioner Reid stated that he is in agreement with the changes Commissioner Webb proposed.

Commissioner Hill appreciates the number of citizens who respectfully spoke at the meeting expressing passion on both sides of the issue. The passion on both sides of this issue is understandable because, as a nation and a community, the way we treat the least of these speaks much to our own character and foundation. He does find it disturbing and disingenuous at the over concern for the children that are coming across the border and not the equal concern for adults that come to seek refuge. If we are going to cry out for compassion and understanding for children and make the arguments that have been made, we must be consistent and make the argument for all people. If we limit our passions to the children, it comes across as an emotional ploy rather than a genuine comment.

The Commissioner appreciates the paragraph that has been added to the resolution regarding the church and not-for-profit organizations and does see that as the proper role in the community for charity. The Court's role here today is not to decide how private citizens will choose to use resources in serving mankind. The responsibility of the Court is to decide how the institution of government is going to respond. We recognize there are institutions or legal measures that serve as magnets for those who would come to the United States.

The American exceptionalism itself is a magnet to people around the world. It should not be a surprise that people clamber to come to America for a new opportunity. The foundation of the American dream and American exceptionalism is at its very core our constitutional system of government. It is the laws and constitution upon which this nation was founded. That is the reason we are the most exceptional nation that has ever been devised by men. You cannot sever one from the other. While we understand that magnet of American opportunity we must also respect the rule of law and the constitution that our American opportunity was founded upon. If we are going to be willing to set aside our laws and decide which to enforce on this issue, we must also ask what other laws we are willing to set aside as a community. The Commissioner supports the resolution as it has been proposed and amended.

Judge Self reviewed the revisions made to the resolution stating the title of the resolution is now "The Proper Role of County Government in Providing Temporary Housing and Care for Undocumented Aliens". The word "children" has been stripped and replaced with "undocumented aliens" throughout the document. The term "legally-required core functions" has been added to paragraph five that regards the functions of law enforcement, health care services and child protective services. Paragraph six, regarding appropriate health care agencies, has been stricken from the resolution. The addition of "at the border" in paragraph seven was reiterated. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the resolution with the aforementioned revisions. (Time: 4:18 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Mark Reid
Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-503-08-04

6. AI-38632 Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee update, Commissioner, Precinct 3.

Commissioner Hill provided the highlights from the Conference of Urban Counties (CUC) Policy Committee meeting. The Committee is preparing statements for the upcoming legislative session next summer. There was discussion but no action taken on the possible CUC support for the revision or appeal of the "resign to run" provision of the Texas Constitution. This applies to county and local elected officials but does not apply to state level elected officials. It is possible that it will be revised to include all state level elected officials.

Several new policy positions were adopted regarding elections in the County. Three were mentioned but not adopted and were held for further discussion. An important item for Collin County is the adoption of a new policy position regarding State Highway Funds. This is to end diversions of highway funds to state agencies. The AirCheck Texas Drive a Clean Machine program was discussed. Collin County has decided to leave the program and other counties are discussing doing the same including Travis and Williamson counties.

The Committee adopted a resolution in opposition of an expansion of the definition of "Waters of the U.S.". This was a passionate discussion and was passed unanimously.

Following the committee meeting a round table was held with Lt. Gen. Joe Weber, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Director. One item discussed was if Proposition 1 is passed, it will direct TxDOT to utilize one of the existing funding formulas to determine how to distribute new transportation funds taken from the Rainy Day Fund. There are 12 funding formulas and there is much discussion on which of those formulas TxDOT will use. TxDOT is forming a work study group to discuss the proper distribution formula. Collin County needs to be represented in that study group. Also Collin, Harris, Tarrant, Dallas and Denton counties agree that they do not want to be penalized for assuming responsibility for some of the highway maintenance costs via toll roads. (Time: 4:57 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

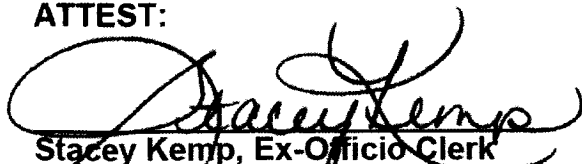
Commissioner Williams requested an update from Elections on voting machines and what the future holds for the County's ability to get new and improved equipment. (Time: 4:58 p.m.)

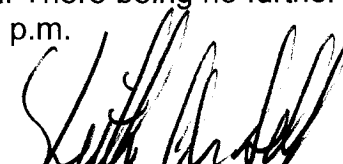
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.



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