

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, September 22, 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 Reid led the Invocation.

Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hill 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 into Executive Session at 2:31 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 2:45 p.m. and recessed at 3:25 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 3:25 p.m. and recessed into Executive Session at 3:26 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 3:44 p.m. and adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

2. President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:25 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-38889 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

2. AI-38890 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

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

2. AI-38874 Affidavits and Agreements for supplemental salaries from the Pretrial Intervention Program (DIVERT) and DA Apportionment Fund for FY 2015 budget amendment, District Attorney.

3. **AI-38871** Budget amendment in the amount of \$4,605 for the DA Investigator cell phone supplement for FY 2015, District Attorney.

2. Public Comments.

Public comments were heard under General Discussion Item 5.

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self deleted items 4e3, 4e5, 4k5 and pulled 4k2 for discussion. Judge Self asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled the disbursement to Schindler Elevator and item 4g4. A motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 2:56 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

a. **AI-38881** Disbursements for the period ending September 16, 2014, Auditor.

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

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A motion was made to approve the disbursement to Schindler Elevator. Commissioners Webb and Reid did not participate in the vote. (Time: 2:56 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. 2014-652-09-22

b. **Tax Refund(s):**

1. **AI-38810** Tax refunds totaling \$38,071.75, Tax Assessor Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-653-09-22

2. **AI-38837** Tax refund totaling \$64.25, Tax Assessor Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-654-09-22

c. Advertisement(s):

1. **AI-38834** Construction, Canopy At Juvenile Detention Center (IFB No. 2014-335), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-655-09-22

d. Award(s):

1. **AI-38827** Insurance, Property Boiler and Machinery (RFP No. 2014-276), Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-656-09-22

2. **AI-38728** Road Materials, Flexbase, Delivery (IFB No. 2014-147) to Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-657-09-22

3. **AI-38786** Road Materials, Flexbase, Pickup (IFB No. 2014-227) to Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-658-09-22

e. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-38864** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Allen Independent School District (ISD) for the use of space located within the Allen ISD (Allen High School) at 300 Rivercrest Blvd., Allen, Texas for Justice of the Peace proceedings conducted by a Justice of the Peace through and including September 30, 2015 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-659-09-22

2. **AI-38865** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Lovejoy Independent School District for the use of space located within the Lovejoy ISD at 259 Country Club, Allen, Texas or Justice of the Peace proceedings conducted by Justice of the Peace through and including September 30, 2015 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-660-09-22

3. **AI-38845** Funding Agreement with Collin College Foundation in amount of \$50,000 to provide tuition assistance to paid and volunteer members of various Fire Departments within Collin County and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

HELD

4. **AI-38843** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lucas for Ambulance Services to the unincorporated areas of the County known as the Lucas Fire District with the exclusion of Seis Lagos Utility District, Brockdale Park Estates and Inspiration Point, further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-661-09-22

5. **AI-38842** Paramedic Ambulance Services Agreement with the Southeast Collin County EMS Coalition and East Texas Medical Center, d/b/a/East Texas Medical Center Emergency Medical Service, further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

HELD

6. **AI-38830** Consent to Assignment and Assumption for Road Materials, Flexbase, Delivery (IFB No. 2014-147) to change the name from TXI Operations, LP to Martin Marietta Materials Inc. and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-662-09-22

7. **AI-38831** Consent to Assignment and Assumption for Road Materials, Flexbase, Pickup (IFB No. 2014-227) to change the name from TXI Operations, LP to Martin Marietta Materials Inc. and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-663-09-22

f. Amendment(s):

1. **AI-38841** No. 1 to Consulting Services Agreement (AGR No. 2014-223) with Life Path Systems to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the same, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-664-09-22

2. **AI-38861** No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement for Environmental Services (Contract No. 2013-419) with the City of Melissa 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, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-665-09-22

3. **AI-38862** No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement Services for Environmental Services (Contract No. 2013-419) with the City of Princeton 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, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-666-09-22

4. **AI-38860** No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement for Environmental Services (Contract No. 2013-419) with the City of Wylie 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, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-667-09-22

5. **AI-38855** No. 1 to Personal Service Agreement: Services, DWI Blood Draw (Contract No. 2013-362) with Donna Doolittle 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, District Attorney.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-668-09-22

6. **AI-38870** No. 1 Personal Service Agreement: Services, DWI Blood Draw (Contract No. 2013-363) with Marvin Doolittle to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, District Attorney.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-669-09-22

7. **AI-38819** No. 1 to Insurance, Excess Liability and Workers' Compensation (RFP No. 2013-333) with Wells Fargo Insurance Services, USA Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015, new premium rate in the amount of \$62,680 (for Excess Liability only) and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-670-09-22

8. **AI-38838** No. 3 to Mental Health Managed Counsel Program (AGR No. 08350-12) with Alyse Ferguson 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, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-671-09-22

9. **AI-38839** No. 4 to Software Maintenance, AMCAD AILIS County Clerk (Contract No. 10007-11) with American Cadastre 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, County Clerk.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-672-09-22

10. **AI-38863** No. 7 to Interlocal Agreement for On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Regulation (AGR No. 10027-08) with the City of Lucas to extend the contract for one (1) year thorough and including September 30, 2015 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-673-09-22

11. Amendment(s) to the Jail Services Agreement 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, Sheriff.

- a. **AI-38818** No. 7 with the Town of St. Paul (Agreement No. 12145-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-674-09-22
- b. **AI-38804** No. 8 with the City of Anna (Agreement No. 12104-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-675-09-22
- c. **AI-38805** No. 9 with CCCD District Police Department (Agreement No. 12141-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-676-09-22
- d. **AI-38809** No. 9 with the City of Josephine (Agreement No. 12131-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-677-09-22
- e. **AI-38812** No. 9 with the City of Lucas (Agreement No. 12133-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-678-09-22
- f. **AI-38815** No. 9 with the City of Murphy (Agreement No. 12136-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-679-09-22
- g. **AI-38806** No. 10 with the City of Celina (Agreement No. 12128-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-680-09-22
- h. **AI-38808** No. 10 with the City of Farmersville (Agreement No. 12130-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-681-09-22
- i. **AI-38811** No. 10 with the City of Lavon (Agreement No. 12132-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-682-09-22
- j. **AI-38813** No. 10 with the City of McKinney (Agreement No. 12134-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-683-09-22
- k. **AI-38814** No. 10 with the City of Melissa (Agreement No. 12135-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-684-09-22
- l. **AI-38817** No. 10 with the City of Parker (Agreement No. 12137-08).
COURT ORDER NO. 2014-685-09-22

g. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-38828** No. 2 to Supplies, Janitorial (IFB No. 05263-12) with Infinity Supply & Service, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015 with a price redetermination for various items and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-686-09-22

2. **AI-38835** No. 3 to Services: Coffee (IFB No. 05226-12) with Office Perks, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015 with a price redetermination for various items and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-687-09-22

3. **AI-38858** No. 4 to Services: Janitorial (RFP 2013-033) with James Janitorial Services, LLC to provide various changes to the contract, extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2015 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-688-09-22

4. **AI-38791** No. 6 to Maintenance: Elevators/Escalators (IFB No. 02360-09) with Schindler Elevator Corporation to extend the contract for sixty days through and including November 30, 2014 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Facilities.

A motion was made to approve the maintenance contract with Schindler Elevator. Commissioners Webb and Reid did not participate in the vote. (Time: 2:57 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. 2014-689-09-22

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

1. **AI-38774** FY 2015 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant in the amount of \$19,984 to purchase soft body armor/bullet proof vests for 31 Collin County Sheriff's Office deputies, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-690-09-22

i. Budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):

1. **AI-38807** \$650,000 to reallocate funds for Indigent Defense to cover the \$252,242 negative and fund the remainder of FY 2014, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-691-09-22

j. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. **AI-38799** Monthly Financial Report for July 2014.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-692-09-22

k. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-38825** Designation of the FY2015 Commissioners Court regular term meeting dates and time, Commissioners Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-693-09-22

2. **AI-38801** Acceptance of a private offer from Mr. Lee Schmitt of Nextlots Now, LLC in the amount of \$3,000 for property located in Lake Lavon Highlands, Nevada, Texas (Lot 186) as recorded in the Collin County Deed Records (Account No. R076600018601) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute the associated documents, County Judge.

Judge Self asked to hold and delete this item in order to sell the property in a different manner. Commissioner Hill asked if all entities are in agreement. Judge Self stated the entities will be contacted to gain their position. (Time: 2:57 p.m.)

HELD

3. **AI-38853** Acceptance of the FY2015 DWI No-Refusal Mandatory Blood Draw Program grant with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the amount of \$69,874.99 to provide funding for healthcare professionals to assist county law enforcement personnel in DWI enforcement, authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute the associated documents and establish the budget for same, District Attorney.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-694-09-22

4. **AI-38886** Election Day Vote Center change for the November 4, 2014, General and Special Elections, Elections.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-695-09-22

5. **AI-38844** Final Plat of Trails of 1827 Phase 2, Engineering.

HELD

6. **AI-38868** Exemption from the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and further authorize the Human Resources Director to submit proper notice to authorities, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-696-09-22

7. **AI-38885** FY2015 Non-Pay for Performance Salary Increases, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-697-09-22

8. **AI-38884** FY2015 Pay for Performance Increases, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-698-09-22

9. **AI-38794** Acceptance of 1430 cubic yards of asphalt road millings from the Texas Department of Transportation under the TxDOT County Assistance Program (CAP), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-699-09-22

10. **AI-38824** Adoption of the revised Facility Use Agreement and MPEC Policies, Special Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-700-09-22

11. **AI-38888** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-701-09-22

12. **AI-38894** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-702-09-22

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. **AI-38798** Voting System update, Elections.

Sharon Rowe, Elections, came forward to give a status update on new available voting systems. Systems that are in use in Texas must first receive federal certification and then receive Texas certification. Some of the following systems are in various stages of federal certification or use but have yet to receive certification in Texas.

The first product is Dominion's ImageCast Evolution. This is an optical scan tabulator and ballot marking device. This all-in-one machine uses a paper ballot that gives the voter the opportunity to review their ballot before submitting it to be scanned. The paper ballot provides a backup system to verify the electronic count if needed. ImageCast Evolution has been federally certified and is in use in several states. A Texas legislative change would have to be made in order to use this type of system in Texas vote centers. Currently the rule for voting centers in Texas requires the use of DRE (Direct-Recording Electronic) machines.

The next product is Dominion's ImageCast Central. This is a central count scanning machine. ImageCast Central has the ability to perform digital ballot reviews which allows election officials to adjudicate ballots efficiently. It provides a record of the adjudication without a change to the ballot.

Dominion also has a conceptual product called ImageCast DRE. A laptop server would be in each polling place and connected through Wi-Fi. Voters would mark their selections on a tablet and the ballot image would be stored on that server. Express line voting would be used allowing a voter to mark the ballot at home, come into the polling place and scan a QR code to record the vote. Based on the number of vote centers in Collin County the cost for this concept is approximately \$3.07 million.

ES&S has Express Vote. This is a system that combines paper-based voting with touch screen technology to create an innovative breakthrough in voting solutions. Express Vote can be used in early vote centers and on Election Day in precincts and vote centers. This device also gives the option to use a QR code. A QR code specific to the voter's selections will be printed from their home computer. The voter then goes to the voting place and scans the QR code. The device will populate the voter's selections and the voter can then make changes to the ballot if desired before submitting to the precinct counter. This device has the ability for all ballot styles. Express Vote has been federally certified and the vendor is working to address Texas certification requirements. The estimate per unit is \$4,000 for a total of \$5.68 million to replace unit for unit.

The next product is the ES&S Balotar Printing System. This system consolidates available printing enabling the system to fulfill the demanding printing and audit needs of elections.

The DS200 by ES&S is a precinct scanner and tabulator. The voter would take their ballot to this machine, insert it and the DS200 would scan and tabulate the vote. It will also kick back a ballot to the voter in instances of over voting a race or missing a race. This gives the voter an option to correct the ballot or resubmit as is.

Hart Intercivic has a new suite of products. The first is the Verity Touch. This device is a touchscreen DRE. The Verity Touch has the ability to use a rotary wheel for ADA (American with Disabilities Act) voters. The second product is Verity Touch Writer. This is a ballot marking device that allows voters to have the same paper ballots for an equal, private voting experience. Verity Scan is Hart Intercivic's digital ballot scanner. This would be located in the polling place for voters to scan their ballot when finished. There is also the Verity Central. This is a high-speed all-digital central scan system. All of these Hart Intercivic machines are in the federal certification process.

Ms. Rowe said Texas certification for all of the systems mentioned could be completed in 2016 with availability in 2017.

Judge Self asked how the electronically scanned products would get back to the Elections office. Ms. Rowe said one way would be a digital download through the polling place sent electronically. The actual ballots would be brought back to the office for various audits to be performed. Currently it is preferred for the precinct officials to bring everything to the Elections office to do a complete audit. As the county grows digital download for regional sites will have to be considered.

Ms. Rowe then discussed the issue with ballot printers. The Elections department is in the midst of trying to get a new ballot printer to the office for the upcoming election season. The current printer is at the end of its useful life. The new printer is within a year of end-of-life but parts and service are still available. Because ballot sizes and print volumes are increasing the service of a print vender rather than a print shop will be necessary for the future.

Ms. Rowe stated the length of a proposition is governed by one sentence and that sentence can be lengthy. She asked the Court to consider talking with legislators to limit the number of words in a proposition to consolidate the size of ballots. Commissioner Williams asked about the status or condition of the current equipment and will it be able to be kept functioning until new products are available for purchase. Ms. Rowe said they do have support from the vendor and trained staff that work on the equipment before every election as well as perform routine maintenance. Currently there are two units that would be cheaper to replace than repair. (Time: 3:24 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. FY2015 Budget

a. AI-38750 Public Hearing - Proposed FY2015 Budget, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, came forward with a Power Point presentation on the FY2015 proposed budget that was filed September 15, 2014, before the opening of the Public Hearing. The General Fund proposed budget is down 2.7% from 2014 at \$165.8 million with a revenue estimate of \$172.9 million. The Road and Bridge Fund proposed budget is \$22.5 million for a 0.4% increase from 2014. The estimated revenue for this fund is \$20.7 million. The Operating Funds budget, which consists of the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, and Permanent Improvement Fund, is proposed at \$191 million. This is a 1.9% decrease from 2014. The FY2015 revenue estimate for the Operating Funds is \$193.7 million for a 4.6% increase. The proposed combined budget is up 7.4% at \$300.6 million. This does include the \$20 million set aside for the Collin County Toll Road Authority. The revenue estimate in the combined funds is \$284.8 million.

There were several items for the Court's consideration that are not currently included in the proposed budget. The County Auditor has requested a PFP (Pay for Performance) increase from 3.19% to 5% for the 1st Assistant Auditor which was approved by the Board of District Judges. There is a Permanent Improvement Fund increase of \$22,500 for courthouse doors and a General Fund increase of \$75,000 for the badge reader project. A \$424,000 increase is requested for the Elections expansion for rent, utilities, finish-out and FFE (Fixtures, Furnishings and Equipment). This would be used for warehouse space, county training space, elections training space and an elections technology set up area. The Budget office is requesting an increase to the FY2015 budget in the amount of \$220,000 for court appointed attorneys in Indigent Defense. County Court at Law 4 is requesting \$415 for a transaction counter for the bailiff's desk. The District Attorney has changed a request for phones from 24 to 22 for a decrease of \$1,884. There was a salary and benefit increase that was duplicated for Commissioner Precinct 1 which needs to be corrected. This will reduce the budget by \$8,239. The Salary Grievance Committee met and recommended a salary and benefit increase of \$3,237 for JP1, JP2, JP3-1 and JP 4 which will bring each salary to \$98,000. There should be discussion whether to commit fund balance or budgeted funds for US75. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

Judge Self opened the public hearing at 1:37 p.m.

Peter Bailey, McKinney, shared with the Court that McKinney has been ranked by Money Magazine as the number one place to live. Mr. Bailey was pleased to say TAPS Public Transit (Texoma Area Paratransit System) has increased routes, they are prompt and their system has been streamlined. He then urged the Court to budget funds for ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for non-English speaking employees. Mr. Bailey stated many of these classes are inexpensive. For example, he volunteers for an ESL class that charges \$25 per student per semester. (Time: 1:40 p.m.)

Ron Price, Allen, did not wish to speak; however, wanted it noted that he was opposed to the JP requests as recommended by the Salary Grievance Committee. (Time: 1:40 p.m.)

Barbara Harless, Murphy, came forward to ask the Court to keep US75 toll free. Ms. Harless stated the RTC (Regional Transportation Council) employees are 80% funded with federal funds. The Director Michael Morris is a federally paid employee. The RTC pulls down federal funds for toll roads and other area projects with strings attached. The RTC Director has stated that all new federally funded road projects of new or reconstructed lanes will be toll lanes or roads. Ms. Harless is concerned with the statement from COG (Council of Governments) on September 8, 2014, that it is now referring to interstate highways as former interstates. She said many toll construction projects involve taxpayer funds as well as corporate funds with non-compete clauses. This means another free road cannot be built adjacent so as to not hinder the toll revenue collected by the private toll entity. Some toll agreements guarantee taxpayer support of the toll revenue, if the toll entity does not meet projections that are made prior to the contract, and construction of the agreements or public/private partnership contracts. All transportation projects that involve federal funds must include bike paths and alternative forms of transportation. If transportation funding is in the red, why is it required to include commuter rails which are not self-supporting? Ms. Harless said we are supporting a failing federal system by accepting these monopoly dollars to privatize our infrastructure. She stated Collin County can do better and asked the Court to not sell off public infrastructure to private corporations and not to take private property through eminent domain for private gain. Lastly, she stated she does not support electronic counting of votes in secret. (Time: 1:43 p.m.)

Hearing no other comments, Judge Self closed the public hearing at 1:43 p.m. and began discussion on the items for consideration.

Judge Self stated a motion is not needed for the PFP increase from 3.19% to 5% for the 1st Assistant Auditor in the County Auditor's office because the increase is automatic. The Judge asked for any discussion. Hearing none, the Court moved to the next item for consideration.

The Permanent Improvement Fund increase for courthouse doors and the badge project were the next items discussed. There was a request for more information; therefore, the item will be discussed during Executive Session.

Moving to the Elections expansion, Commissioner Williams stated she would prefer the County to own their building rather than leasing. The County needs to continue to look to a long-term solution of purchasing another building, but for the immediate needs the Commissioner supports the expansion. A motion was made to approve the Elections expansion. (Time: 1:45 p.m.)

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

Judge Self asked for discussion on the Indigent Defense increase of \$220,000 for court appointed attorneys. Commissioner Webb did not believe this amount would be enough. The Commissioner believes the amount needed will be in the range of \$320,000 to \$400,000. He would like to see an analysis on ways to rein in this figure. It is possible with the continued growth in this category as the population increases that a public defender contract basis model will be needed. A motion was made to approve an increase of \$320,000 for court appointed attorneys for Indigent Defense. (Time: 1:49 p.m.)

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

The next item was the \$415 increase for a transaction counter for a bailiff's desk in County Court at Law 4. Judge David Rippel, County Court at Law 4, came forward to request the authority to reallocate FY2015 budget funds from the maintenance and operation fund to purchase a transaction counter. The actual amount for the item is \$273 plus a delivery and set up fee. Judge Rippel explained the transaction counter would raise the bailiff's desk up to protect sensitive data from being seen by the public. The other desk in the courtroom already has a transaction counter.

Commissioner Webb had a concern with setting precedence by approving the reallocation of funds. There are several other departments that had similar requests denied. If the Court is going to give approval for departments to move excess monies within their budget, there will need to be a policy change. Judge Self said there are times when departments have been allowed to move money around for things such as conferences.

Commissioner Hill asked Commissioner Webb if his concern applies to items prospectively reallocated for FY2015 or just for FY2014. Commissioner Webb is fine with Judge Rippel's request to move monies before the budget year begins. He stated the problem is with denying similar department requests without giving those departments the same opportunity given to Judge Rippel.

There was discussion on the historical fact that new furniture has only been purchased when a department has moved or for a new position. This would be a change from that practice. All one-time expenditures are removed from the budget every year. When funds are reallocated it is only between recurring expenditures.

A department cannot allocate funds to furniture. An actual request has to be made for new money. This is a practice that has been followed but there is no policy on this matter. Because a good number of offices and elected officials cooperate in not spending their entire budget in all categories their budget is not cut for the following year. This is a practice the Court has followed but may need to be shifted.

Commissioner Hill stated he can see approving Judge Rippel's request in FY2014 due to him showing effective management of his budget. He can absorb the cost rather than expanding the budget in FY2015. Commissioner Reid said elected officials should have a set budget and specific guidelines to operate within. This would give them the flexibility in spending their budgeted dollars. Commissioner Reid is in support of Judge Rippel's request.

The Court was in agreement to have an expanded discussion of developing a policy for the future in regards to moving funds between categories within departmental budgets.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve Judge Rippel's budget amendment of \$300 for the purchase of a transaction counter. Hearing no second, the item was not added to the proposed budget. (Time: 2:11 p.m.)

Judge Self asked for a motion to decrease the District Attorney's budget by \$1,884. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the decrease of \$1,884 in the District Attorney's budget due to the change in request for the number of phones from 24 to 22. (Time: 2:11 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Mark Reid
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

Judge Self asked for objections to Commissioner Precinct 1 decreasing his salary by \$8,239 to correct the duplicated salary and benefit increase. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the correction. (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

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

The next item was the Salary Grievance Committee's recommendations for salary increases for JP1, JP2, JP 3-1 and JP4. Judge Self asked for discussion or a motion on the item. No motion was made to add the salary recommendation to the proposed budget. (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

Funding for US75 was the next item discussed. There was discussion on a budget commitment. Possible commitment options were: no change, \$2 million, \$25 million and \$50 million. The commitment will not be a legal commitment. It will be a budgetary commitment for the future that can be uncommitted should projections not pan out.

Commissioner Williams would like to see a resolution made to take to TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) indicating the County's willingness and ability to set aside funds of this nature. Once an agreement with TxDOT is in hand the Commissioner would be more prepared to encumber the funds. Commissioner Webb agreed with Commissioner Williams. He would like to find out how much money it will take to keep US75 from being tolled. Commissioner Hill stated there is a symbolic aspect in letting the region know how serious the County is in avoiding toll roads.

Judge Self stated tax dollars will be used to pay for US75 because the road is paid for by the citizens. There is no agreement with TxDOT on the amount it will take to keep US75 toll free and TxDOT does not have the authority at this time to make it a tollway. The County is up against powerful managed lane system policies of the Regional Transportation Council. Commissioner Reid agreed, if a statement is made, it must be bold.

There was a brief discussion on citizen expectations. The County must make it clear to the citizens what direction they are taking with these funds and what it will take to overcome tolled lanes. There has to be a way to leverage local dollars. Ultimately the decision will be up to the legislature to support and add more money into transportation. Commissioner Williams would like to make the point that in the event the effort does not materialize, the funds could be used towards the County's required match for rights-of-way of the US75 reconstruction.

Commissioner Webb asked what the impact would be on the bond rating if \$100 million was committed. Ms. Arris stated this will take the number of fund balance days down because the uncommitted fund balance will be below 120 days. A AAA bond rating prefers 90-120 days of fund balance. Judge Self said committing \$50 million will keep the fund balance above the 120 days.

Judge Self moved to commit \$50 million to the US75 effort understanding citizen expectation must be managed.

Following the motion there was discussion on the security of the AAA bond rating. Ms. Arris stated the rating should be secure because this a one time project where funds are committed and not budgeted to spend. Next year if funds are added to the committed total the rating should not change; however, the fund balance days will need to be looked at in order to stay in the preferred range. The AAA bond rating is critical because it could affect bond efforts in the future. With no further discussion the motion carried. (Time: 2:31 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Keith Self
Second by: Commissioner Mark Reid
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

Ms. Arris stated a decision on the courthouse doors was required before record voting could begin. Judge Self recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:31 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Following Executive Session a motion was made to approve the Permanent Improvement Fund increase of \$22,500 for courthouse doors. (Time: 2:45 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

A motion was made to approve the badge project increase of \$75,000. (Time: 2:45 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Mark Reid
Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

Ms. Arris stated the new combined total budget of FY2015 is \$301,450,396 for an increase of \$833,327. (Time: 2:46 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

b. AI-38751 Adoption of an order setting and approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Elected Officials Compensation, Budget.

A motion was made to set and approve the FY2015 Elected Officials' Salaries. (Time: 2:48 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-703-09-22

c. AI-38752 Adoption of an order setting and approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, Budget.

A motion was made to adopt the FY2015 Budget at \$301,450,396. (Time: 2:49 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Mark Reid
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed by a show of hands

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-704-09-22

d. AI-38753 Adoption of an order setting the maintenance and operating tax rate for Fiscal Year 2015, Budget.

A motion was made to adopt the M & O tax rate of \$0.0177268. (Time: 2:50 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Seconded by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed by show of hands

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-705-09-22

e. AI-38754 Adoption of an order setting the debt service tax rate for Fiscal Year 2015, Budget.

A motion was made to adopt the debt service tax rate of \$0.057732. (Time: 2:50 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed by show of hands

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-706-09-22

f. **AI-38755** Adoption of an order setting the combined tax rate for Fiscal Year 2015, Budget.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to set the combined tax rate for FY2015 in the following statement: *"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.235000, which is effectively a 5.01% increase in the tax rate."*

Judge Self explained the required language of the motion. While the required verbiage set by the state legislature says this is an increase in the tax rate, the tax rate has actually been decreased. This is all based on the tax rate that would raise the same amount of money as last year. The taxpayer will see a tax rate decrease. (Time: 2:51 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed with a show of hands

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-707-09-22

g. **AI-38756** Adoption of an order setting and approving the County Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015, Budget.

A motion was made to approve the FY2015 County Fee Schedule. (Time: 2:52 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-708-09-22

7. **AI-38757** Restrictions on funds in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 54 for FY2015, Budget.

A motion was made to approve the restrictions on funds in compliance with GASB Statement Number 54 for FY2015. (Time: 2:53 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-709-09-22

8. **AI-38856** 84th Legislative Agenda for 2015, Commissioners Court.

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Commissioner Webb would like to look at Indigent Defense costs for contractual in-house or public defender representation. Judge Self stated the discussion on moving money between departmental budget categories will be put on a future agenda. (Time: 2:54 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 3:26 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Local Government Code to discuss FY2015 salary increases for the County Administrator, Elections Administrator and County Extension Agents under Section 551.074, Personnel.

Judge Self reconvened the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Personnel (551.074)

AI-38849 FY 2015 salary increases for County Administrator, Elections Administrator and County Extension Agents, Human Resources.

A motion was made to approve a 3% salary increase for the County Administrator, Elections Administrator and County Extension Agents for FY2015. (Time: 3:44 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2014-710-09-22

Judge Self recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:31 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Local Government Code to discuss security in the Courthouse under Section 551.076, Security. The meeting was reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Security (551.076)

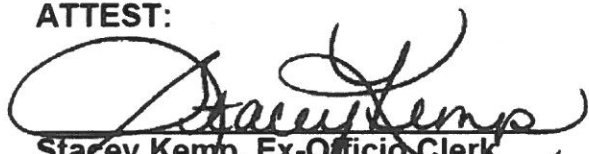
AI-38758 Courthouse Security, Homeland Security.

NO ACTION TAKEN

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.



ATTEST:


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



Keith Self, County Judge




Mark Reid, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4