

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2015

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, January 26, 2015, 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 Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1

Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

Commissioner Chris Hill, Precinct 3

Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Fletcher 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 9:00 a.m. and immediately recessed into Executive Session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss Personnel (551.074) regarding the appointment of a Constable for Precinct 2. Commissioners Webb and Williams were not in the courtroom when Court was recessed into Executive Session.

Judge Self reconvened the Court at 10:08 a.m. and immediately recessed for the Military Order of the World Wars ceremony. The Court was reconvened at 12:04 p.m. Judge Self then recessed into Executive Session at 12:04 p.m., reconvened at 12:55 p.m. and recessed for lunch at 12:55 p.m. Commissioner Williams was not in the courtroom when Court was recessed for lunch.

Judge Self reconvened Commissioners' Court at 1:30 p.m. The Court was recessed into Executive Session under LGC 551.071 Legal to discuss burn permit requirements. Judge Self reconvened Commissioners' Court at 5:09 p.m. and adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the **Collin County Health Care Foundation** at 3:22 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the **Collin County Toll Road Authority** at 4:28 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the **Collin County Housing Finance Corporation** at 4:42 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss Personnel (551.074) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

AI-39473 Constable, Precinct 2.

Judge Self asked the Court for discussion and reminded the Court it is up to the applicant whether or not to have any further discussions in open court or in Executive Session. Commissioner Williams asked Billy Meeks to expand on the position of his current business and what his options would be. Mr. Meeks agreed to answer in open court and said he had talked to his legal staff and was told, if he sold his business to his children and his partner, that would take care of the conflict of interest. If this was not satisfactory, then his partner would purchase the business. Commissioner Williams expressed support for Mr. Meeks noting his extensive resume and respect in the community. Commissioner Hill commended all six candidates. With no further discussion, a motion was made to appoint Gary Edwards to the position of Constable for Precinct 2. (Time: 1:39 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 4 – 1 Passed
Nay: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-040-01-26

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. **AI-34688** Outstanding Agenda Items, Commissioners Court.
2. **AI-39418** P-Card Disbursements, Auditor.
3. **AI-39501** LIRAP withdrawal update, Administrative Services.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item to ask what the termination fee referenced on page 79 of the Court packet would be. Judge Self believes it is not a monetary fee, but rather the date we stop collecting the fee. Commissioner Webb agreed with the Judge and then mentioned there is a possibility the County will not get any of the money back from this program. The Judge agreed with the Commissioner and mentioned there is a state representative working on a bill to require a mandatory minimum distribution of these funds. (Time: 3:48 p.m.)

4. Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s), Auditor:

a. **AI-39450** \$12,719 to establish the budget for the 2015 CoServ Bulletproof Vest/Body Armor Donation.

b. **AI-39455** \$48,214 to establish the budget for the FY 2015 WIC (Women, Infants and Children) grant.

2. Public Comments.

3. Presentation/Recognition:

a. Service Pins, Human Resources.

Greg Willis, District Attorney, presented Lisa Gonzalez, felony prosecutor, with a 15-year pin. Judge Willis thanked Ms. Gonzalez on behalf of the elected officials and citizens of Collin County for her dedication and hard work. (Time: 1:35 p.m.)

4. Consent agenda to approve: Judge Self deleted items 4d2, 4g1 and 4g2 and then asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled item 3 from FYI Notification and items 4i1 and 4i3. Commissioner Hill also pulled 4i1. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 3:46 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. **AI-39469** Disbursements for the period ending January 20, 2015, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-041-01-26

b. **AI-39454** Tax refunds totaling \$1,076,386.22, Tax Assessor Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-042-01-26

c. Advertisement(s):

1. **AI-39448** Herbicide Treatment of Roadside Right-of-Ways and Encroachments (IFB No. 2015-076), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-043-01-26

d. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-39472** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Emergency Medical Services Coalition with the City of Lavon, City of Parker, Town of St. Paul and City of Wylie and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-044-01-26

2. **AI-39468** Professional Services Agreement with LifePath Systems to provide services for Teen Court participants for treatment of substance abuse and mental health disorders, exemption from the competitive bid process per V.T.C.A. Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4) and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Teen Court.

HELD

e. Amendment(s):

1. **AI-39452** No. 13 to the Lease Agreement with Collin County Homeland Security for property located at the Collin County Courthouse, 2100 Bloomdale Road, McKinney, Texas 75071 to provide 1,086 square feet of storage space for use by Public Health Emergency Preparedness at no charge per Court Order 2014-873-11-10, effective November 10, 2014 through and including August 31, 2015 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-045-01-26

f. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-39462** No. 1 to Supplies: Veterinary and Animal Care Supplies (IFB No. 2013-337) with C. Specialties, Inc. to add Food Trays and 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. 2015-046-01-26

2. **AI-39461** No. 1 to Supplies: Veterinary and Animal Care Supplies (IFB No. 2013-337) with MWI Veterinary Supply to provide various changes and 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. 2015-047-01-26

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

1. **AI-39440** \$1,252 to return the unspent amount in the grant fund to the general fund for the Title IV-E Child Welfare Services, Auditor.

HELD

2. **AI-39457** \$5,619 to return the unspent amount in the grant fund to the general fund for the Title IV-E County Legal Services, Auditor.

HELD

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

1. **AI-39459** January 5, 2015.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-048-01-26

i. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-39456** Acceptance of the FY 2015 Veterans' Assistance Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for Texas Veterans Commission Series XV-A Fund and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item and referenced page 279 which states the County will be expected to share in the operational costs for the funded projects. The Commissioner wanted to make sure these costs were the general expenses for the staff that run the program and nothing more. Jeff May, County Auditor, said he spoke with Pam DeVault, Court Administrator, who said there will be no additional budget requests and this is referring to funds that were already budgeted. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 3:49 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-049-01-26

2. **AI-39474** Reject the bid received for Construction, Canopy At Juvenile Detention Center (IFB No. 2015-042), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-050-01-26

3. **AI-39449** Reject all bids received for Road Materials: Cement Treated Subgrade (IFB No. 2014-232), Public Works.

Commissioner Webb pulled this because these are materials that the County has bought every year since he has been on the Court. The Commissioner wanted to know what has changed to cause only one partial bid. Michalyn Rains, Purchasing, explained the way the specs were written was unclear. They were looking for the materials and a service. The only responder was providing just the material and not the service. The specs have to be cleaned up to reflect exactly what is needed. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 3:50 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-051-01-26

4. **AI-39458** Acceptance of a rebate check in the amount of \$8,502.03 for participation in the State of Texas Procurement Card Program and budget amendment for same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-052-01-26

5. **AI-39489** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-053-01-26

6. AI-39491 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-054-01-26

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-39391 Creation of new District Courts, 296th District Court.

Judge Scott Becker, 219th District Court, came forward as the new LAJ (Local Administrative Judge) and expressed his appreciation for the way the Court and the Board of District Judges have been working together to decide how to best address this issue for the citizens of Collin County. It is the unanimous opinion of the Board of District Judges that the data supports the need for three new district courts. It is also the Board's unanimous opinion that the three courts be general jurisdiction which would allow for local control to specialize the dockets as needed. As the needs of the county change, having local control would allow us to adapt more quickly without having to go to Austin. It is also the unanimous opinion of the Board that all three new courts come on line as soon as possible which would be September 2015. If the legislature were to approve this, it is the consensus that we could have three of the twelve courts focus on family law matters.

Judge Self asked how large is the issue of handling family and civil cases filed in the county so they don't fall behind the criminal cases. Judge Becker said we need to handle all cases, civil, family and criminal, in a way that is the most expeditious and efficient for the county and specialization may be the way to accomplish that.

Judge Self said there was some reluctance by the Board of District Judges to specialize the current courts. Judge Becker said they can't determine which courts would specialize until they know who is appointed to those benches and who is still on the bench when those courts come on line. Specialization is not limited to the three new courts.

Commissioner Fletcher referenced a comment made by Judge John Roach, Jr., 296th District Court, stating that the courts would need to specialize when the population reached 1 million. The Commissioner said we are not far from that and could we migrate towards that now. Judge Becker said it is the unanimous opinion of the Board to do what is in the best interests of the citizens, and if specialization is the best way to do it, then that is what the Board wants. Judge Becker added it could be dangerous to assume that just because we get bigger we will automatically specialize. Larger counties have done that and their efficiency is not as good as Collin County's.

Commissioner Webb said we are the largest county that does not have specialized courts or specialized dockets. This implies we should go in that direction. However, without supporting data this does not mean they will be more efficient. Testimony from the last meeting was that the biggest problem was the length of time it took to get hearings on temporary orders. The Commissioner would be interested to know how long that takes because he feels strongly that if a trial or hearing is needed, it should occur within a certain period of time. How many cases are heard is not as important as the timeframe to get a hearing. Specialized courts will alleviate that problem. Commissioner Webb is disappointed that the judges aren't willing to look at this as a way to migrate towards a better model.

Judge Self said the numbers justify adding 1.3 more courts. The Judge feels if we had three more courts we could handle current cases and into the future without specialization. There was an extensive conversation regarding the courts being specialized versus general jurisdiction.

Judge Becker said we do have a unanimous Board of District Judges thinking if the three new courts come on at the same time, we can migrate towards specialized courts. Three of the twelve courts would give specialized focus on family law. Commissioner Fletcher would argue that we have local control now and could decide how to stock the docket for the nine courts. When a current judge leaves, we could decide how we wanted to treat that court. The Commissioner said there will be more than three courts' worth of family court cases.

Commissioner Williams said once we get the new courts and some become specialized, we can then start collecting data. Judge Self said the governor appoints the judge for the new court. If that judge does not want to specialize, the LAJ has already said he will not dictate to a sitting judge what their jurisdiction is. Judge Becker said there are current judges who will do family law in the event the new judges are strong criminally. Judge Becker feels confident that the district judges can solve the problem. It has shown that when courts begin to specialize their dockets, it requires more courts to handle the same caseload. In order for us to have enough courts to begin to migrate towards specialization, we would need three new courts. Commissioner Webb thinks that trying specialization at a certain level and generating stats to see if it were more effective would be a good idea.

Judge Chris Oldner, 416th District Court, said there are at least three judges who would commit to family law. This is a transitory step and a complete change in our system. Specializing now with the current nine courts would not work. Judge Self said adding three courts would be expanding the District Court's capacity by 33%. Courts can be added every two years. Judge Oldner said we have to look down the road and there is no guarantee that the legislature would give us new courts.

Commissioner Williams said she has not heard resistance from the judges regarding specialization especially with the addition of new courts and there is no guarantee that we will get three new courts just because we ask for them. Judge Self said he has not heard a guarantee that we will have specialization regardless of how many courts we have.

Commissioner Webb was willing to consider adding three new courts and the costs associated with that which is over \$1 million per year per court if they would go with a specialized docket of five family courts and seven criminal courts. If the system needed to be tweaked down the road, we would have the flexibility to do that. But if the Board of District Judges is not willing to do that and prefers to take smaller steps, then the Board can collect data and come back to the Court in two years to show that the specialized docket does or doesn't work. Right now the Commissioner is willing to support only one new court because that is what the data shows is needed.

Commissioner Fletcher asked for a clarification on the costs. Greg Willis, District Attorney, came forward to answer. If a new court is a family court that does not handle any CPS (Child Protective Services) or criminal cases, then it doesn't have an effect on the District Attorney's operations. However, if it does handle criminal cases regardless of the number of cases, we would need to have staffing available for that court. Judge Self asked if it would help if the court operations were staggered. The DA said his staff that are in the various courts don't get to decide what time the cases go – the judges decide that. Judges, to some degree, are at the mercy of the jurors and there is a lot of uncertainty as to how long a case will take. Judge Self asked the DA if he was comfortable not staffing a court that would not be hearing any criminal or CPS cases. The DA was comfortable with that because his staff would not be needed.

Commissioner Webb said that is one of the efficiencies of going to specialized courts. The Commissioner asked the DA, from a budget perspective, why wouldn't we put all of the criminal cases into certain courts thereby needing fewer assistant prosecutors? The DA said we can save money by having fewer criminal courts until the jail gets overcrowded and more pods need to be built. It is complicated and there is no panacea or it would have been discovered by now. Commissioner Webb said if we have seven criminal courts and five family courts, we have increased capacity on those seven courts by taking away the civil and family cases. The five family courts do not need assistant DAs or investigators and there is the efficiency with going to specialized courts. Judge Self said about two thirds of the caseload is civil and family cases. A lengthy discussion on specialized courts followed.

Judge Self asked for comments from the Court. Commissioner Hill is ready to add another district court and possibly a second court. County Court at Law also would like another court so the Commissioner said we could add a district court this year and a county court next year in order to stagger the costs. We can ask the legislature for one district court now and see how that changes the justice system in the county before asking the legislature for another court.

Commissioner Webb would like to save the half-million dollars per year in DA personnel costs and make the new court a specialized jurisdiction court and monitor it for efficiencies.

Commissioner Williams said the caseload indicates we need additional courts. If the new courts were specialized they would not cost as much and she is comfortable with seeking two courts in this session and another court in the next legislative session. The Commissioner does not want to dictate to the judges how they will handle their dockets and would prefer the judges make that determination. She would ask the legislature for general jurisdiction and then allow the judges to determine which of the courts would specialize. Judge Angela Tucker, 199th District Court, said the judges are committed to doing what is best and there are members of the Board of District Judges who will step up to handle specialized courts even if it's not the particular area they want.

Commissioner Fletcher would prefer to see specialized family courts. If we can control those costs at a local level, she would be comfortable with asking for general jurisdiction courts. The Commissioner feels we need a minimum of two courts right now. Judge Self would like to ask for two courts and to stagger them. The Judge would like a general jurisdiction court in 2015 and another district court in 2016.

Judge Self asked Judge Becker and the Board of District Judges to take a vote to tell Commissioners' Court, if the Court approves two courts in this legislative session, if they will specialize. Judge Becker said they will absolutely discuss it and give feedback. The Board meets the first Friday of each month, but they will try to get together before then. Judge Self recommended the Court wait until the vote of the Board of District Judges. (Time: 3:11 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

Judge Self recessed Commissioners' Court at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

Judge Self recessed Commissioners' Court at 3:22 p.m. and convened Collin County Health Care Foundation. Judge Self reconvened the Court at 3:45 p.m.

6. AI-39493 Creation of new County Court at Law Courts, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, informed the Court there was no additional data. (Time: 3:22 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. AI-39412 Presentation of Constable, Precinct 4 monthly/quarterly statistics, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, explained the statistics reflect what is being collected now. Budget is working with the Constable and his Functional Analyst to gather additional stats. Constable Joe Wright, Precinct 4, and Mike Missildine, Chief Deputy, came forward to present the quarterly statistics for Precinct 4.

Constable Wright said many of the policies and procedures implemented in the last year and a half are beginning to show positive results. Papers received, papers served and papers served per deputy are all trending up. Papers unserved and active are trending down due to a new program which helps to locate individuals who have moved or have a bad address and from working with attorneys and clients. Papers cleared are also trending up due to new policies and procedures and increased communications with clients. These statistics are for civil papers and do not include warrants. Miles driven has decreased mainly due to the use of technology. A combination of full-time deputies and reserve deputies are used to cover the bailiff hours and these vary depending upon the courts' needs.

Judge Self asked Ms. Arris to focus on out-puts rather than in-puts on the charts. Commissioner Webb asked for tables showing an annual breakdown by quarters of the citations received and served as well as forcible received and served. Constable Wright said each of those categories is trending up. Chief Missildine explained the upward trend is due to Precinct 4 being the fastest growing precinct in the county. Also as the economy improves, more people are willing to file cases and incur the court costs.

Commissioner Hill asked Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, to have future presentations for department statistics put into a PowerPoint. (Time: 4:00 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

8. AI-39451 FY2016 Budget process, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, came forward to explain the FY2016 budget calendar. March 26th and 27th are the dates for the kick-off budget meetings. Budget requests from departments are due on March 28th. These will be reviewed by not only the Budget staff, but also by IT staff, HR staff and the Auditor. The current plan is to distribute the recommended budget to departments by July 31st and then have Budget Workshop the week of August 10th through August 12th.

There are a few options on the tax rate. Under the local government code, the Notice of Proposed Property Tax Rate must be published no later than September 1st. Any change made after September 1st would require switching over to the Tax Code which requires additional public notices. This notice would state "Notice of Increase of Tax Rate" even though the Court may not be increasing the tax rate. The calendar in the Court packet showed the Budget Workshop at the beginning of the week and the Tax Rate Workshop at the end of that week. There are two more courts after that week if further discussions were needed on the tax rate. Ms. Arris discussed the options and requirements for public hearings if the tax rate workshop were moved to a later date. The Court preferred the earlier date with more flex time. (Time: 4:06 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

9. AI-39319 Status update on Juvenile Director Search, Human Resources.

Judge Self was informed by HR that the meeting with the District Judges was not held. The Judge said the clock is ticking on this and the Court needs to be aware that at some point there will be some impetus to forego this process that the Court has asked to be conducted. The Court needs to keep the judges focused on the need to go through the nationwide process.

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, said the meeting with the judges is rescheduled to February 6, 2015. Commissioner Webb asked if there was any downside to having this position vacant for this length of time and what is the Court or county's exposure for having an interim in that position. Ms. Jacobson said the Court's exposure would be from a litigation standpoint if there were a situation due to the interim's not having the necessary skillset to deal with the situation. (Time: 4:08 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

10. AI-39475 Conference of Urban Counties update, Commissioner, Precinct 3.

Commissioner Hill attended the conference in Austin and explained the Policy Committee was looking to adopt policy statements for a joint legislative agenda. Item 9 of the CUC (Conference of Urban Counties) meeting agenda regarding *the authority to regulate weapons on county premises* was adopted though Commissioner Hill voted against it. The Commissioner also opposed item 11, *Consider penalties of enforcement of federal laws and regulations*, and this was tabled for the staff to revise. The recommended resolution was to oppose any statutory provision that would financially punish a county for actions other than those of the county's Commissioners' Court. The idea was to press upon the legislature that they didn't want to be responsible for the actions of any other elected official or anyone not under Commissioners' Court control. The next item the Commissioner opposed was item 12 which originally read *Oppose amending the State Constitution to protect religious rights unless governmental entities are not subject to new liability for actions resulting in insubstantial burdens on a person's exercise of those rights*. This item came up because there are cities in the

State of Texas that are passing ordinances that would limit an individual's rights in the city. This item was tabled for the staff to revise.

Next were Collin County's legislative items which the CUC discussed. All of the items except one were adopted. That item was *Provide counties with the ability to adopt and enforce a noise ordinance in the same manner as cities*. The other counties did not want to have that authority. Lastly, Travis County supported a motion to begin a statewide program for a deposit on beverage containers that are returned. There was wide opposition to this and it failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Williams stated her concerns that item 5 on the agenda could be used to suggest that the CUC is supportive of the state entering into a Medicaid expansion through Obama Care. Commissioner Hill said that point was discussed and the staff tried to make this a generic statement. Commissioner Fletcher was also in Austin for training and spoke with Don Lee, Executive Director of CUC. Mr. Lee spoke up for these issues and shared our legislative agenda, especially regarding the district courts and having open benches. Commissioner Fletcher said it is important that someone from the Court attend those conferences to hear the impact Collin County is having in Austin. Judge Self feels Commissioner Williams is correct and we should ask Mr. Lee about item 5. Commissioner Hill said he may push for a revision in the way that item is drafted. (Time: 4:18 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

11. AI-38983 North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board monthly update, County Judge.

Judge Self said they did not have a nominee for the Aging Advisory Committee. Pat Hatchell was termed off and the Judge asked the Court if they had someone who would go down to the COG (Council of Governments) to represent Collin County.

The Judge did not vote against any agenda item and the 2040 Forecast update was the most interesting item. In 2040 the COG believes this region will have 10.6 million people and Collin County will have more than 1.5 million people. Our population will double and we will have 60% job growth to 750,000 jobs. (Time: 4:20 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

12. AI-33858 RTC monthly update, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Webb said everything was approved and the item of interest to the Court was Proposition 1 and Funding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. We had two recommendations under the Prop 1 funding both for US 75 in the north portion up to Anna and the interchange in Anna.

There was a staff recommendation that everyone on the RTC (Regional Transportation Council) agreed with which was every county will get a project in a four-year period. What that means to Collin County is, other than US 75, we don't have anything engineered or ready that would merit Prop 1 funding. We need to push to get strategic planning and engineering started. Every county, including the smaller ones, will get funding though it won't be equal between the counties. The RTC is projecting \$1 billion for the region over four years and are trying to get everything let by December 2015. They will be looking for additional projects for years two, three and four. Dallas, Tarrant and Denton Counties will each have several projects on the list. The Commissioner said the Court needs to make decisions this year. The good news is that some of this money can be used for engineering.

Lastly, the Southern Gateway did not get funded and the deadline for comments on the Public Participation Plan Revisions is February 11, 2015. (Time: 4:27 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Judge Self asked Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, to prepare for the Court a briefing on the impact of expanding the existing intern program to the Commissioners' Court and an update on Live Here, Give Here. Commissioner Hill said the City of Lucas has asked the Court to have a discussion on the status of the fire service that is currently provided to the Seis Lagos community. (Time: 4:27 p.m.)

Judge Self recessed Commissioners' Court at 4:28 p.m. and reconvened at 4:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:42 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss burn permit requirements under Paragraph 551.071, Legal.

Judge Self reconvened Commissioners' Court at 5:09 p.m. Commissioner Williams was not present in the courtroom.

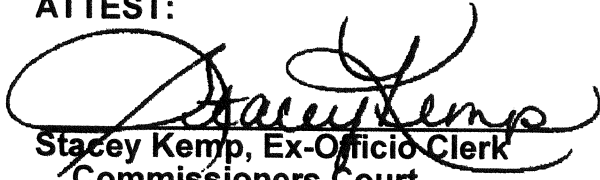
AI-39509 Burn Permit Requirements.

NO ACTION TAKEN

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.



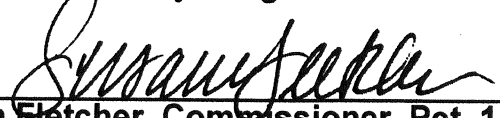
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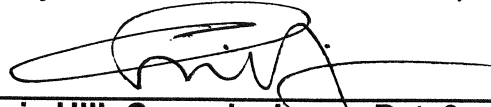
Keith Self, County Judge




Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Not Present

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4