

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

On Monday, February 9, 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 Webb led the Invocation.
Judge Self led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Fletcher 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 4:06 p.m. Judge Self reconvened the Court at 4:06 p.m. and immediately recessed into Executive Session. The Court was reconvened and adjourned at 5:24 p.m. Commissioner Webb was not present in the courtroom.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 4:06 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 4:06 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-39536 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
2. AI-39537 Elected Official Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. AI-34688 Outstanding Agenda Items, Commissioners Court.
2. AI-39551 Proposed City of Frisco Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 5, Budget.

2. Public Comments.

Roy Serpa, Fairview, wanted to make sure the Commissioners and county employees knew that, through their efforts and those of other public servants, the Chief Executive Magazine has chosen Texas as the best state in which to do business for more than three years in a row. (Time: 1:34 p.m.)

3. Presentation/Recognition:

a. **AI-39528** Proclamation recognizing February 22–28, 2015 as Engineers Week, Engineering.

Judge Self read a portion of the proclamation to the Court and then proclaimed the week of February 22-28, 2015 as Engineers Week in Collin County and encouraged the appropriate recognition of the professional engineers working and living in our community. Commissioner Webb will be one of the honorary chairs at a luncheon on February 24, 2015 at the Plano Centre in honor of Engineers Week. (Time: 1:32 p.m.)

b. Service Pins, Human Resources.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self deleted item 4f8 and then asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled items 4e1, 4f4 and 4f7. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 3:52 p.m.)

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

a. **AI-39518** Disbursements for the period ending February 3, 2015, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-074-02-09

b. **Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-39510** Image Archive Solution (RFP No. 2015-110), Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-075-02-09

2. **AI-39495** Cement Treated Subgrade (IFB No. 2015-108), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-076-02-09

c. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-39517** Interlocal Agreement with the Town of St. Paul for Fire Inspections and Fire Plan Review Services for Commercial Buildings and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-077-02-09

d. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-39516** No. 3 to Printing: General Office Forms (IFB No. 05249-12) with Data Flex to revise pricing on Meal Tickets and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-078-02-09

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

1. **AI-39530** Discretionary exemption to the bid process per VTCA LGC 262.024(a)(3) "an item necessary because of unforeseen damage to public property", Construction & Projects.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, asked to hold this item until Executive Session under Chapter 551 of the Government Code. (Time: 3:52 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

f. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-39540** Acceptance of a private offer from the City of Josephine upon the payment of \$300 for property located in Reece Addition, City of Josephine, Texas (Lot 20, Account No. R-1015-000-0200-1) as recorded in the Collin County Deed Records and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute the associated documents, County Judge.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-079-02-09

2. **AI-39541** Sale of property located in Windmill Estates Addition, McKinney, Texas (Lots 49 and 50, Volume 4370, Page 1117) as recorded in the Collin County Deed Records to Earl Holloway upon the payment of \$33,900 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute the associated documents, County Judge.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-080-02-09

3. **AI-39525** Grant application for the FY 2016 Animal Friendly Grant with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for funding to spay and neuter cats and dogs owned by the general public in Collin County and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-081-02-09

4. **AI-39503** Utilization of the Bloomdale Courthouse for the annual Teen Court Competition on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Teen Court Association has agreed to pay for security and housekeeping services and further request waiver of fees and insurance, Facilities.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item because the court order did not include waiving of the fees. The Commissioner made the change to the proposed court order and asked that the court order be approved with his changes. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item with the changes made. (Time: 3:52 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-082-02-09

5. **AI-39535** Amend the FY2015 Fee Schedule to remove the agriculture exemption and burn permit fee, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-083-02-09

6. **AI-39511** Re-designation of Rockhill Road to Rockhill Parkway between City of Frisco and Coit Road (with associated address updates), GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-084-02-09

7. **AI-39499** Eleven (11) Justice Court Clerks to attend the Tyler Technology Conference utilizing the Court Technology Fund and budget amendment in the amount of \$4,031.83 for same, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item to discuss the precedent setting nature of this request. The policy states if you are in a contiguous county, you cannot stay overnight. The Commissioner felt if this was approved, other departments would want approval to stay overnight. He also wanted to know why JP2 was asking for five clerks to attend this conference.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said this is not an exception to the policy but a requirement of the policy. Other department heads or elected officials would have to come to Court each time to request this also. Mr. Bilyeu explained these conferences have a lot built around the evenings with dinners, receptions and vendor receptions. The conferences generally end at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. and then there is a gap of a few hours before the dinner and reception begins. The employee would therefore be accruing comp time as opposed to staying overnight where there is no comp time. Mr. Bilyeu also said this is the only conference the JP clerks would be attending this year. Judge Self asked if this was required education for the clerks. Mr. Bilyeu said the clerks have to have a certain number of hours per year and this is the only conference they can go to. They may be able to attend an online class.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Technology fund and Commissioner Hill wanted to emphasize that those funds are taxpayer dollars. Monika Arris, Budget, said this request was not for funding since this was requested during the budget process.

Commissioner Webb said he is fine with changing the policy so other departments can do the same thing if the need is there. The Commissioner has an issue with the JPs using the Technology Fund for this when other departments have to work with the General Fund. Judge Self agreed the policy needs to be changed. Mr. Bilyeu will bring the policy back to the Court. (Time: 4:06 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

8. **AI-39533** Grant application and resolution for the FY2016 Juvenile Drug Courts Grant through the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to provide substance abuse treatment services for participants in the Juvenile SOAR Program and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Juvenile Probation.

HELD

9. **AI-39538** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-085-02-09

GENERAL DISCUSSION

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

A motion was made and seconded for the creation of one new County Court at Law in 2015. Commissioner Webb referred to pages 396 and 397 of the Court packet showing that Collin County is on the lower end of the spectrum for criminal cases filed per court when compared to other counties. Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, explained he was not comparing Collin County to other counties but was basing it on the backlog of cases and getting the cases cleared. Mr. Bilyeu said the criminal backlog has grown faster than the population. (Time: 2:39 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-086-02-09

6. AI-39391 Creation of new District Courts, 219th District Court.

Judge Self said state law requires criminal cases be heard before civil cases. The Judge feels we should change some of the current courts to be civil courts and more specifically family courts. There are three options. The first is to continue to add general jurisdiction courts. However, this option will not address the current problem which is moving civil/family cases faster. The second option is to add specialized courts. The third option is to add specialized courts and change some existing courts to civil/family courts. Judge Self recommended adding a civil court this session and changing two existing district courts to civil courts.

Commissioner Webb's concern is if the decision made is not unanimous with the Court, the district judges and the District Attorney, there is a risk of getting nothing. The Commissioner feels the discussions are a waste of time if the decision is not unanimous. Judge Self explained in FY2007 the Court voted to add one court in FY2009 and the Board of District Judges wrote a letter to a state senator asking them not to do what the Court had voted on. The legislature said the Commissioners' Court is the fiduciary agent of the county and a new court was added.

Commissioner Webb had proposed a plan to add three courts of general jurisdiction with specialized dockets similar to other big counties. When the Commissioner could not get a consensus on this plan, he suggested adding one specialized court. After two weeks of discussions with the district judges and the clerks, the Commissioner is comfortable with asking for two courts to be added this year and one court added next year. The three new courts would be specialized dockets for civil cases only. When the third court is added, the district judges would immediately appoint two more of the current nine courts to be specialized civil dockets. That would be a seven/five split with one court being a juvenile criminal court, six would be adult criminal courts and five civil/family courts. The DA staff that would come from the district court once it changed to a specialized court would become floaters and would be used to support the other courts.

The Commissioner said specializing the dockets of the three new courts would save the county approximately half a million dollars per year per court. This savings would pay for the additional third court. This is a major restructuring of the district court system and the district judges have agreed with this concept.

Judge Self said he does not see the numbers to indicate a 33% increase in district courts' capacity and feels this is a burden on the taxpayers. Commissioner Fletcher said in October of 2014 the OCA (Office of Court Administration) indicated the need for 12 courts. The Commissioner is not willing to go below two new courts. She would like to see two family courts come on line whether they are specialized locally or through the legislature.

There was a brief conversation regarding the new corporate headquarters moving to Collin County and the affect that will have on the court system.

Commissioner Williams said a minimum of two courts are needed and she is open to two now and the third coming on in FY2016. Commissioner Fletcher informed the Court that State Representative Jodie Laubenberg who sits on the Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee is willing to advocate for more courts for Collin County but not at the expense of cutting staff in the DA's office. Also according to the OCA's numbers from FY2003 and FY2004, in order for Collin County to keep up with projected growth, we would need to add a court every legislative session and we have added only two since then. Judge Self said those figures were not complete and were refuted.

Commissioner Hill said he would support adding two courts now as long as they were specialized civil courts. This would address the current issues and save on criminal prosecution expenses. The Commissioner said the district judge he spoke with said the judges will support locally specialized dockets provided they get three new courts. Since the Commissioner supports only two new courts and wants them specialized, he will have to ask Austin for them to be specialized. The Commissioner said it is more important to have specialized courts than to have local control.

Commissioner Webb said one of his attorneys had a hearing in one of the courts here and the earliest the attorney could get a temporary hearing was seven weeks without declaring it an emergency. Commissioner Williams said this is a clear problem. Commissioner Webb made a motion to add two general jurisdiction courts in FY2015 and one general jurisdiction court in FY2016 with the understanding that the district judges will make the two new courts specialized dockets and the commitment to make three more specialized dockets in FY2016. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hill said Commissioner Webb's motion goes beyond common ground. Commissioner Webb said Commissioner Hill's concept does not have the support of the district judges so it too is not common ground. Commissioner Williams said if we end up with no courts we are not serving the citizens. Judge Self said Commissioner Webb would have to choose common ground with the judges or common ground with the Court.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, was asked why there is a discrepancy between our numbers and the OCA's numbers. Mr. Bilyeu explained his numbers were based on how many cases were handled, backload and the length of time to clear a case. The OCA's numbers did not take into account all of the County's resources. There was a brief conversation on the complexity of cases and the backlog.

Following a lengthy conversation regarding getting unanimous support from the district judges, Judge Self said Commissioners' Court is charged with the constitutional duty to fund the county offices. The Board of District Judges does not have veto power over the Court's fiduciary responsibility.

Judge Scott Becker, 219th District Court, said there has been a great deal of discussion among the judges and with the Commissioners and he had nothing more to add to the information that was already provided to the Court. Judge Self said that means the Court will have to ask for legislative specialization.

Commissioner Webb repeated his motion to add two general jurisdiction courts in FY2015 and one general jurisdiction court in FY2016 and added there would be no DA staffing associated with these courts to ensure they became specialized civil courts. (Time: 2:35 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 2 – 3 Failed

Nay: Judge Self and Commissioners Susan Fletcher and Chris Hill

A new motion was made to add two new district courts in September of 2015 to be specialized by the legislature as family/civil courts. (Time: 2:36 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 4 – 1 Passed
Nay: Commissioner Duncan Webb

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-087-02-09

7. AI-39524 Amend the Project and Financing Plans of the Frisco Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1, Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, introduced Nell Lange, Frisco Assistant City Manager, who gave a Power Point presentation on this item. The proposed projects in the amendment include a multi-use sports and event center including infrastructure, basketball flooring for the arena, façade and aesthetic improvements to the parking facility, Chapter 380 Grant Agreements, improvements to the AA minor league baseball facility and a 40,000 square foot conference center with a 1,000 space adjacent parking facility.

These projects will be funded by the City of Frisco, the Frisco ISD, contributions from the Frisco Economic Development Corporation and the Frisco Community Development Corporation as well as funding from Blue Star Stadium. Collin County and Collin College Frisco TIRZ #1 contributions will not be affected by these changes. Judge Self stated there is no tax impact because it is city owned. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:56 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-088-02-09

8. AI-39539 Consideration of discontinuing acceptance of future subdivision roads for maintenance, Engineering.

Clarence Daugherty, Engineering, explained a legal opinion was requested to determine the authority of the County to change policy so the county does not accept future subdivision roads for maintenance. The legal opinion states the county does have such authority and the Court was provided with a list of advantages and disadvantages of discontinuing accepting subdivision roads for maintenance.

Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, said the county has 347 individual subdivision roads. This equates to approximately 110 miles of the 770-mile county road inventory or 15% of the total county road inventory. Since FY2009 the county has spent \$2.45 million on maintenance of subdivision roads which is roughly 10% of the maintenance portion of the budget.

Commissioner Webb thinks this is a subsidy because these subdivisions don't have an adequate structure in place to support their roads. The Commissioner feels the county is responsible to maintain the connector roads but not the local neighborhood roads. In Commissioner Webb's precinct the city supports the roads and the taxpayers in that city pay to maintain the neighborhood roads.

Commissioner Williams disagrees with one disadvantage which suggests developers would not continue to develop in the unincorporated areas of Collin County. The Commissioner said this would not harm the developer but would harm the people who live in the development and may have no knowledge that their streets have no maintenance. Eventually it would be a public safety issue if the county allows streets to deteriorate to a point that it would affect emergency vehicle access. Millions of dollars have been spent to have the rock roads asphalted and this would reverse that effort. Commissioner Williams opposes this item.

Commissioner Webb found out the county is not required to provide fire services to the rural counties and yet we spend \$1 million for that. The residents of the urban areas are subsidizing the people in the rural areas. Commissioner Williams said there are taxpayers in the rural areas as well. Commissioner Webb said the rural residents are not paying city taxes.

Commissioner Fletcher said the partnerships with cities need to be considered. The city's emergency vehicles will be using these roads and deteriorating roads will damage their equipment as well as the county's equipment.

Judge Self said it is a legitimate issue but the developers are paying for the roads. Those are costs the county does not incur plus there is a tax base from the new homeowners. Judge Self and Commissioner Hill agreed with Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Webb wants the citizens in the urban areas to know that part of their taxes are going to subsidize the developers and the people who live in those subdivisions.

Mayor Brian Loughmiller, City of McKinney, explained the city's annexation policy. The city will not pursue annexation without an agreement from the developer or landowner as to what they are bringing into the city. Cities don't make the decision on what they will annex based on this issue. The Mayor's comment was prompted by one of the disadvantages listed which stated that cities hesitate to annex subdivisions with streets in poor condition or streets that are not built to city standards.

C. Kent Adams, Celina, came forward. Mr. Adams is a developer and understands the reasons for the concern but stated this is not a subsidy. He showed two maps: the first was undeveloped land Mr. Adams owned with a tax base of \$15,000. The second map was the same location partially developed with a new tax base 50 times that of the former tax base. When this area is fully developed the tax base will be 100 times the original tax base. (Time: 3:14 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

9. AI-39446 Public Hearing – Placement of regulatory signs on various County Roads, Public Works.

Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, came forward to request a public hearing for the placement of regulatory signs on various county roads. Judge Self opened the public hearing at 3:14 p.m. and asked for comments. Hearing none, the Judge closed the public hearing at 3:14 p.m. A motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 3:15 p.m.).

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-089-02-09

10. AI-39486 Presentation of Road and Bridge monthly/quarterly statistics, Budget.

Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, presented a Power Point presentation on Road and Bridge monthly/quarterly statistics. Roads graded and roads rocked are trending down. Since the inception of the asphalt program, the number of health letter requests has gone down from 800 per year to 19 so far this year. The impact of this reduction in health letters is a savings of \$235,000 annually just for materials. That amount doubles when labor and equipment are included. There are 80 miles of road remaining to be asphalted out of 776 miles. Mr. Kleinheksel will break down the slides to differentiate between construction and maintenance of roads the next time he presents Road and Bridge statistics.

The ROW (Right of Way) mowed and brush cut slide is reported in road miles as opposed to lane miles so the number should be doubled. If a five-mile road is mowed on both sides that would mean ten miles were mowed. There are three moving cycles per year but that can vary depending on the weather. There are six employees who mow year round.

There are approximately 16,000 signs in the unincorporated areas of Collin County. When the Federal Highway Administration came out with new reflectivity standards, the county started transitioning to high-intensity prismatic signage. This project should be completed in two more years. (Time: 3:22 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

11. AI-39447 GPS presentation, Public Works.

Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, and Jeff Bond, Fleet Manager, came forward with a Power Point presentation on the GPS analysis. All 181 Network Fleet GPS units which were installed in non-emergency county vehicles went live in April 2013. Of the 181 units, 119 were in Public Works vehicles. An internal GPS policy was created and all Public Works personnel were notified. Meetings were held with department heads whose vehicles had GPS installed. Every Monday morning all department heads receive violation alerts. Some of the system's features are geofencing, drive time summary, fleet utilization, fuel usage, seatbelt alert, idle time and speed violations.

The GPS provider offers free towing for vehicles within 25 miles of the service center. This has resulted in a savings of nearly \$5,000 in towing fees over the past two years. GPS monitoring has recorded decreases in idle time, miles driven and speed violations resulting in a reduction in operating expenses. It has also made personnel more efficient. They now can locate the closest vehicle to a designated location which saves time, fuel and labor charges. Speed and seatbelt violations have gone down dramatically resulting in fewer accidents and citizen complaints of reckless driving.

Commissioner Webb asked about the impact on idle time since this has been an issue in the past. Mr. Kleinheksel explained some of these vehicles are at mandatory idle and some are weather related. There was a brief discussion on idle time and Commissioner Webb asked to see the idle time for trucks versus other vehicles.

The cost of the system is \$467 per unit per year which is approximately \$84,600 per year. This will go down to \$56,364 when the county owns the equipment. The GPS system's live tracking feature helped recover a stolen vehicle within minutes of being reported. It has also assisted in the identification of multiple instances of misuse of property and equipment involving county vehicles and material. The system also has the ability to receive real time diagnostic trouble codes which has prevented thousands of dollars in damage by identifying issues before they result in a catastrophic failure.

Commissioner Webb asked about utilizing the free towing since he has seen towing several times on the expenditures. Jeff May, County Auditor, does not see when the county gets the free towing and he will check into it. Mr. Kleinheksel said the towing charges the Commissioner is referring to could be the Sheriff's department which does not have the GPS units.

Mr. Bond gave a brief explanation of geofencing which allows users to quickly pinpoint vehicles that venture into or out of unauthorized areas. Users enter the address of a location and radius parameters to create a circular geofence. When a vehicle enters or exits the area, Networkfleet records the date and time it crossed the geofence. (Time: 3:45 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

12. AI-39576 Preliminary Local Plan for Indigent Behavioral Health Services pursuant to the report and decisions of the Sunset Advisory Commission study of HHSC, Administrative Services.

Des Anges Cruser, Ph.D., came forward to give a progress report and request a decision regarding the proposed LMHA (Local Mental Health Authority) for Collin County. The focus was on the Sunset Advisory Commission Issue 9. NorthSTAR was found to have an outdated approach and the Commission recommended the NorthSTAR waiver be discontinued and converted to the 1115 waiver by establishing LMHAs similar to the existing 39 Texas LMHAs.

A local plan will shape the system for local needs and priorities. Indigent care funding would be made available and allocated to new authorities as determined by appropriative committees. Medicaid would be rolled into Managed Care Organizations for contracts and the LMHA would be able to acquire additional funding independently. A local plan will require the integration of behavioral health services into primary care services and provide for continuing with existing providers to ensure continuity through September 30, 2019. The local plan must be agreed to by a majority of the Commissioners and the Board of Trustees of the Local Mental Health Community Center. The new LMHA must be experienced with or have a plan that meets certain criteria such as providing and coordinating integrated care and having payment mechanisms in place to ensure a competitive and adequate network of providers.

Dr. Cruser explained the decision points and timelines involved starting with determining what organization will serve as the Local Behavioral Health Authority for Collin County. The target date for implementing the new system is October 1, 2016. The essential functions of the authority include: local planning; managing local provider network, funds and resources; contracting and payment mechanisms; making policy; determining eligibility for clients; credentialing and training for providers; addressing stakeholder and consumer input and complying with reporting requirements for the state and federal government. Dr. Cruser reviewed the current status of the preliminary plan which has received approval by HHSC (Health and Human Services Commission) and DSHS (Department of State Health Services).

LifePath Systems is the Collin County MHMR (Mental Health and Mental Retardation) authority and serves as the local authority for intellectual and developmental disabilities services. LifePath provided approximately \$8.6 million local matching funds for the 1115 Waiver for programs with a total value of \$17.3 million over four years. LifePath Systems is well established financially and positioned to be a natural choice for the new LMHA in Collin County.

Commissioner Williams said there have been numerous meetings with LifePath Systems and other local authorities and she concurs that LifePath Systems is the most logical agency to recommend as Collin County's LMHA. They have successful experience with the 1115 Waiver, the support of the trustees and an understanding of the requirements of the HHSC for making this change. They also know and work well with providers in the community and have communication with providers in other counties. This is important if another county chooses to join us.

Judge Self agrees with Commissioner Williams and said the Court needs to create a strong LMHA Board and it will have authority under the Court. A motion was made to nominate LifePath Systems as the LMHA for HHSC purposes. (Time: 2:52 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Judge Keith Self

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-090-02-09

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

Commissioner Williams would like to talk about the next steps on NTBHA (North Texas Behavioral Health Authority). The Court has two things to focus on when talking with the legislators. The first is that the Sunset Commission's recommendations still have to go through both the Senate and the House so we need to continue to have support in place and tell people why this is important. Second is the question of funding, and per capita funding would be the most beneficial to Collin County. The Commissioner stressed the fact that the Court doesn't want the funding structure based on per capita of indigents in the system. Commissioner Williams suggested the Court, Dr. Cruser and Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, come up with some talking points to focus on this. Judge Self said this would be a future agenda item as well.

Judge Self wants to look at the appraisal and revenue bills as a Court. Commissioner Webb said he is not going to support a court resolution. (Time: 3:48 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

a. AI-39559 Bills of Interest.

Commissioner Webb recommended the Court read Senator Van Taylor's bill which would require any elected official to disclose to the Commissioners' Court anything that they request. This bill would allow anyone on the Court to ask another commissioner or the judge for all of their confidential communications. This goes beyond what is covered by Open Meetings law and Open Records law. Commissioner Webb said the senator needs to understand the broadness of this bill because it is going after both privileged and confidential information. (Time: 3:50 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Commissioner Fletcher would like an update on Frontier Parkway. Judge Self would like to give an update next week on an Outer Loop meeting. (Time: 3:50 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Self recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 4:06 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss GT Construction and the 900 East Park Boulevard Building under Paragraph 551.071, Legal.

Judge Self reconvened Commissioners' Court at 5:24 p.m. Commissioner Webb was not present in the courtroom.

AI-39527 GT Construction and 900 East Park Blvd. Building, Administrative Services.
NO ACTION TAKEN

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.



Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Not Present

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

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