

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2015

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, April 6, 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 Chris Hill, Precinct 3  
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent: Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

Commissioner Hill led the Invocation.  
Judge Self led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Commissioner Webb 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 2:14 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 2:14 p.m. and immediately recessed into Executive Session. The meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:14 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 2:14 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

**DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:**

1. AI-39726 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

**FYI NOTIFICATION**

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

2. AI-39718 Addendum No. 1 to Medical Examiner Case Management System (RFP No. 2015-116) to make various changes to the Request for Proposal, Purchasing.

3. AI-39691 Change Order No. 1 to Detention Center Repairs and Renovations (Contract No. 2014-392) with Gomez Floor Covering to add to install County supplied VCT in 12 locations (previously approved by the County Administrator per Court Order No. 2007-180-02-27), Construction Projects.

4. AI-39720 Pre-Trial Release Bond Office 2014 Annual Statistical Summary, Sheriff.

5. AI-39660 P-Card Disbursements, Auditor.

6. AI-39721 Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.

## 2. Public Comments.

## 3. Presentation/Recognition:

Judge Greg Willis, District Attorney, presented Connie Rader with a 15-year service pin and thanked her for her hard work and dedicated service. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

a. AI-39737 Proclamation designating April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Collin County, Commissioner, Precinct 2.

**HELD**

b. Service Pins, Human Resources.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self held item 3a, deleted item 4h1 and then asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing no comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:34 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

a. AI-39708 Disbursements for the period ending March 31, 2015, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-168-04-06**

b. AI-39699 Tax Refunds totaling \$1,740,561.53, Tax Assessor Collector.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-169-04-06**

## c. Advertisement(s):

1. AI-39717 Installation of Detention Center Walk-In Freezer (IFB No. 2015-154), Construction Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-170-04-06**

2. **AI-39713** Construction, Bridge, County Road 317 over Wilson Creek (IFB No. 2015-156), Special Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-171-04-06**

**d. Award(s):**

1. **AI-39673** Indigent Defense Design Consultant (RFP No. 2014-364), Information Technology.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-172-04-06**

**e. Agreement(s):**

1. **AI-39611** Order providing for the delegation of authority to the Director of Homeland Security to execute Interlocal Agreements, Memorandums of Understandings and similar instruments for sharing data with other local jurisdictions; imposing conditions to such delegation of signature authority, Administrative Services.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-173-04-06**

2. **AI-39695** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Allen for engineering and construction of right turn lanes at various intersections (Bond Project No. 07-00-34), budget amendment in the amount of \$450,000 (County's participation NTE \$450,000) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-174-04-06**

3. **AI-39679** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Farmersville for Child Abuse, Investigation Services and Law Enforcement Services for an annual amount of \$6,000 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-175-04-06**

**f. Budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**

1. **AI-39690** \$3,000 to reallocate funds from Inmate Transfer Uniforms to Inmate Transfer Travel Reimbursement, Sheriff.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-176-04-06**

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

1. **AI-39694** March 9, 2015.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-177-04-06**

2. **AI-39697** March 16, 2015.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-178-04-06**

## **h. Miscellaneous**

1. **AI-39671** FY2016 TIDC Competitive Discretionary Grant application and resolution through the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the Collin County Mental Health Managed Counsel Program and further authorized the County Judge to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

**PULLED**

2. **AI-39701** Determine the most qualified firm and begin negotiations for Professional Services, Various Drainage Structures (RFQ No. 2015-088), Engineering.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-179-04-06**

3. **AI-39655** Purchase printers for the Justice of the Peace offices utilizing the JP Court Technology Fund and budget amendment in the amount of \$13,367 for same, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-180-04-06**

4. **AI-39657** Timeline for the Parks and Open Space Project Funding Assistance Program, 2007 Bond - Sixth Series, Special Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-181-04-06**

5. **AI-39727** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-182-04-06**

6. **AI-39728** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-183-04-06**

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

5. **AI-39687** Addition of Meals on Wheels to the Juror Option, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Webb asked Ray Ricchi, Chairman of Meals on Wheels Collin County, to come forward and explain why they should be added to the juror option. Mr. Ricchi introduced Dora Murphy, a client of Meals on Wheels, and asked her to give a background of the program from her perspective. Ms. Murphy, Westminster, said Meals on Wheels delivers a warm meal every day that she would not otherwise have. They also take care of other needs Ms. Murphy may have. Meals on Wheels cooks and delivers over 1,000 meals a day and she would like to do her part to help bring in donations. They also provide wheelchairs, walkers, toilet extenders, clothing, blankets, fans and heaters for people that have no other help. Ms. Murphy will be 81 years old, and Meals on Wheels is her life and her family.

Mr. Ricchi then introduced Arlo Rolandson, Plano, who used to volunteer with Meals on Wheels and is now a client. Mr. Rolandson said Meals on Wheels is keeping him alive by providing nutritious meals. Not only are the meals good and healthful, but they are delivered by people who care.

Jack Lodge, a volunteer, came forward next to thank all the people who work in the office and the kitchen of Meals on Wheels. His route consists of nine people, and they are very thankful for Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Ricchi introduced and thanked the kitchen staff, social workers and case workers who came to Court to support this agenda item. There is no cost or minimum income required for clients to participate in Meals on Wheels. This is an organization that tries to get people back on their feet and many times clients become volunteers when they have recovered from an illness or medical procedure. Shelf-stable meals are also provided for emergencies when weather prevents the volunteers from delivering meals. They also work with local municipalities to check on at-risk clients. Meals on Wheels not only provides meals, but is also a full-service senior operation.

Mr. Ricchi thanked the court for its help with funds from the general fund and asked to be one of the new boxes on the jury selection sheet as an option for a juror to donate their daily stipend. Judge Self said the county's annual support for the Agency on Aging and Meals on Wheels is close to \$50,000.

There was a brief discussion regarding using up 50,000 jury selection forms recently printed and making the change when the form is reprinted in approximately six months. The on-line option to make the selection could be made available almost immediately. With no further discussion, a motion was made to add Meals on Wheels to the form at the next printing as a possible choice for donating a juror's stipend. (Time: 1:54 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-184-04-06**

**6. AI-39601 Presentation of Teen Court monthly/quarterly statistics, Budget.**

Julie Monge, Teen Court, came forward to present the monthly/quarterly statistics. The biggest case load and most community service hours assigned are from the Frisco Municipal Court with whom the County has an interlocal agreement. The biggest caseload in Frisco is theft under \$50 which is due to the retail area in that city. The most common offense in JP 1 is truancy while the most common offense in JP 3-1 is middle school truancy and speeding. JP 3-2 offenses include a variety of general offenses but the majority are speeding and truancy.

There is a steady volunteer base with most of the kids volunteering four times a month. The total event hours is relatively steady and includes training, competition, teen court and the banquet. Ms. Monge gave a brief update on some of the past teen attorneys. Scholarships awarded to these students since 2012 total \$13,700 and Judge Payton and Judge Baxter have provided internship opportunities. The total number of volunteer hours towards Teen Court since 2011 is 848.

The cases are received from the JP offices and Frisco and Little Elm Municipal Courts. They are all Class C misdemeanors and, since this is a diversion program, state law requires the case to be dismissed upon successful completion. The JPs have determined a range of hours to be served for each type of offense and there is a jury of their peers. Teen attorneys are trained and it resembles a real court process. The student is sworn in and there is a defense and prosecution. The jury decides the verdict which is community service hours or a written essay. Sometimes they qualify for counseling and drug testing. Each defendant takes a survey which is provided by COG (Council of Governments). If they qualify, they are sent for counseling and drug testing at no cost to them. They have 90 days to complete all the requirements that the court gives them. Ms. Monge follows up to make sure they are current on their community service and counseling. It's a positive experience and parents are glad their teens got to experience what court is really like.

Commissioner Webb asked what needs to be done to get this program out to more JP and city courts because the numbers are going down. Ms. Monge said statewide there is a decline in cases due to bills that were passed making it more difficult for school resource officers to issue citations. Ms. Monge also feels if more JPs would come to a teen court session they would be more likely to send cases. Commissioner Fletcher thanked Ms. Monge for her work and feels this program is reducing the number of people who may later end up in our jails. (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

## **7. Board/Committee Appointments, Commissioners Court:**

### **a. AI-39740 Child Protect Services Board.**

Judge Self nominated John Myers and Commissioner Hill nominated Steven Bell to the CPS (Child Protective Services) Board. With no further discussion, a motion was made to accept the nominations. (Time: 2:03 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb  
Section by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher  
Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-185-04-06**

**b. AI-39645 North Texas Groundwater Conservation District.**

Commissioner Webb is working on this.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

Judge Self said there were a few items of interest that he wanted to discuss with the Court. The first was regarding approximately \$1 million left over in the Texas Workforce Development Board budget. Fifty percent of the budget goes toward childcare. There are 800 providers and 80 of these are considered top tier providers (Texas Rising Star Providers). It was decided to spend these funds on these 80 providers. While this item passed, Judge Self did not vote for it because he felt the money should be used to raise the level of all of the providers, not just the top 80.

The second item, which was not voted on, is regarding the 911 fees for large urban areas that are being held at the state to balance the budget. Funds for a city 911 entity or small rural districts, however, are not held. There is a bill trying to form a district in our area to get more money back. The Judge has asked Greg Hudson, Legal Counsel, to review the bill.

If the bill passes the legislature, before the district can be formed, every single entity, including this Commissioners' Court, would have to agree. The issue is there is no way to get out until the district is dissolved. The Judge asked Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, to make this bill a future agenda item after the Court has had a chance to look at it.

The last item is a bill that states that every legislator whose district is touched by the NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) would be an ex officio member of the Executive Board and would count toward the quorum. This means there would be 42 members, with only 16 being elected officials, and it would be nearly impossible to get a quorum. This is a dramatic change to the makeup of the Executive Board. (Time: 2:09 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, stated the Omnibus Bill to create the district courts has a hearing tomorrow with Representative Smithee who is the Committee Chair. The bill as drafted does not have a reference to family law. A fax has been sent to Representative Smithee's office to get this preference inserted into the bill. Commissioner Hill spoke with Representative Laubenberg and she is aware of this and prepared to advance that substitute tomorrow. (Time: 2:11 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

a. **AI-39559** Bills of Interest

b. **AI-39754** NorthStar Redesign Update, County Judge.

Judge Self said everyone knows the redesign is going to happen and NorthSTAR will end on schedule. The issue is the funding. We are trying to get a figure that would make us viable and there is disagreement. Dr. des Anges Crusier spent time with the Dallas County representative, Ron Stretcher, this morning and a conference call with Danette Castle, Texas Council, is scheduled for tomorrow. Everyone is trying to find a model that works. There are people that believe if both the Dallas and Collin County LMHAs (Local Mental Health Authority) get funded at a level that would make us viable, then the other LMHAs across the state will lose some funding. The rider that we submitted will be addressed in the conference committee. (Time: 2:13 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

Judge Self asked that the Lucio Bill be a future agenda item. (Time: 2:13 p.m.)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Judge Self recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 2:14 p.m. under Paragraph 551.074, Personnel, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, specifically the appointment of a Chief Felony Prosecutor, and under Paragraph 551.071, Legal, for attorney advice on permitting in the ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction).

#### **Personnel (551.074)**

**AI-39739** Appointment of a Chief Felony Prosecutor, Human Resources.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

#### **Legal (551.071)**

**AI-39627** Attorney advice on permitting in the ETJ, Administrative Services.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

Judge Self reconvened Commissioners' Court at 3:12 p.m. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.





Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Not Present

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

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