

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 13, 2015

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, April 13, 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 Hill led the Invocation.  
Commissioner Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Judge Self 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.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:31 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Housing Finance Corporation at 2:31 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

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

1. AI-39758 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
2. AI-39759 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

**FYI NOTIFICATION**

1. AI-34688 Outstanding Agenda Items, Commissioners Court.
2. **Public Comments.**

### 3. Presentation/Recognition:

#### a. Service Pins, Human Resources.

Andrea Thompson, District Clerk, came forward to present Suzanne Davis, Lead Criminal Clerk, with a 25-year pin for her dedicated service to Collin County.

Ms. Thompson presented Kristi Wells, Deputy District Clerk II, with a 20-year pin for her devoted service to Collin County.

Caren Skipworth, CIO, presented Michael Jenkins, Business Analyst, with a 30-year pin for his dedicated service to Collin County. (Time: 1:38 p.m.)

**4. Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self deleted items 4b1 and 4c2 and asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled item 4e3. Hearing no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:38 p.m.)

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

#### a. **AI-39751** Disbursements for the period ending April 7, 2015, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-186-04-13**

#### b. Award(s):

1. **AI-39715** Cement Treated Subgrade (IFB No. 2015-108) to Martin Marietta and PaveCon, Public Works.

**HELD**

#### c. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-39731** Grant application for the FY2015 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-187-04-13**

2. **AI-39730** Consent to Assignment and Assumption for Supplies, Janitorial (IFB No. 05263-12) to change name from Janpak, Inc. to Supplyworks and further authorize Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

**HELD**

3. **AI-39725** Memorandum of Understanding with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to provide reimbursement of overtime and other law enforcement expenses relating to joint operations (at no cost to Collin County) and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-188-04-13**

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

1. **AI-39732** March 23, 2015.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-189-04-13**

**e. Miscellaneous**

1. **AI-39734** Acknowledgment of the issuance of the Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation Revenue Bonds (Texas Health Resources) Series 2015 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute associated documents, Administrative Services.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-190-04-13**

2. **AI-39724** Trade-In, one (1) UPS/Serial #AS0945224015 per Local Government Code 263.152(a)(2). Trade will go toward the purchase of one (1) APC Smart UPS x1000VA Rack/Tower LCD 120V, Facilities.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-191-04-13**

3. **AI-39723** Grant Application for the FY2015 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Ebola (CPS/EBOLA) Supplemental Funding Grant through the Texas Department of State Health Services, Homeland Security.

Commissioner Webb pulled the grant application for a new Epidemiologist and required equipment to ask if the equipment will be taken into account when budgeting for the County's refresh plan. Candy Blair, Health Care Services, stated at the close of the 18-month grant term an evaluation will be conducted to determine what equipment is of critical use. When Ebola funding was received Health Care Services was asked what things would make the job more efficient or effective if the same type of outbreak were to happen again. Ms. Blair said the listed items would have made the job more efficient and will bring the department up to standard.

The Commissioner questioned the request for iPads because they do not work well with the County's system. Ms. Blair said it is possible the state will give leniency to substitute the iPads for tablets. The tablets will be used in the field to constantly monitor the health of individuals. The epidemiology team has cases every day of major disease; therefore, investing in epidemiology is investing in the county's economic structure. Judge Self asked where the wall mounted televisions will be placed. Ms. Blair stated the televisions will be mounted in the lobbies and exam rooms.

They will play DVDs to provide education to patients on disease symptoms and where to report symptoms. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:48 p.m.)

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

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-192-04-13**

4. **AI-39760** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-193-04-13**

5. **AI-39761** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-194-04-13**

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. **AI-39719 Public Hearing** - Consideration and any action for the issuance of a "Mass Gathering" permit for the Vintage Market Days event on May 8-9, 2015 at Myers Park & Event Center in accordance to the Health and Safety Code 751, Special Projects.

Judy Florence, Parks Manager, came forward to request a public hearing for the consideration and issuance of a "Mass Gathering" permit for the Vintage Market Days event on May 8-9, 2015. Ms. Florence said this is an upscale vintage-inspired indoor/outdoor market. The event is expected to bring in a large crowd as it was featured in County Living Magazine as one of the seven flea markets and barn sales not to miss in 2015.

Judge Self opened the public hearing at 1:50 p.m. and asked for comments. Hearing none, Judge Self closed the public hearing at 1:50 p.m. A motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:50 p.m.)

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

**COURT ORDER NO. 2015-195-04-13**

6. **AI-39766** Collin County Adventure Camp annual update, Administrative Services.

Neil Rosenbaum, Executive Director, came forward to update the Court on the CCAC (Collin County Adventure Camp). Current programs include outdoor education, adventure guides, conference and retreats, scouting, day camp, family camp, community days and resident camp. Mr. Rosenbaum said last year approximately 25,000 people came through the camp gates. Outdoor education continues to be the camp's primary program bringing in 59% of the revenue followed by conference and retreats with 34%. Day camp brings in 6% and family camp brings in 1%.

Outdoor education is a program for school districts in which Collin County schools make up 77% of program participants. The 3-day program allows fifth graders to explore trails, study the pond and participate in hands-on activities. The 1-day program features Texas living history for fourth graders. Both programs participate in the CCAC's team building exercises.

Last year the family camp program had 800 participants spread over three weekends and the day camp program had 25 communities represented. The day camp children were able to swim, fish, canoe, zip line and enjoy theme weeks. The conference and retreat program has grown to include groups from the YMCA, other civic and religious organizations as well as Camp iHope and the Epileptic Foundation.

During 2014, twelve out of fourteen Collin County school districts participated in the residential or day outdoor education programs. The two that did not participate were Celina ISD and Farmersville ISD. Celina ISD has participated in the past and Farmersville ISD is scheduled to participate in 2015. School districts outside of Collin County also visit CCAC. Those include schools from Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Grayson, Fannin, Hunt and Rockwall counties.

The overall guest feedback regarding the program and facility for 2014 was 95.62% giving a rating of good to excellent. Scholarships provided by the CCAC for 2014 included \$2,500 for conference and retreats, \$10,237 for day camp and \$134,745 for outdoor education totaling \$147,482. CCAC works hard to help schools through price reduction for the Title 1 schools and working with school districts to provide scholarships so the kids can enjoy the same education experience as their peers. The CCAC goals for 2015 are utilization by 100% of Collin County school districts, provide TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) trips, increase family usage, increase corporate retreats, add additional community events and increase conference usage by 25%. CCAC marketing efforts are done by cross marketing to all camp users, direct mailing and phone calls to schools and childcare centers, personal meetings, word of mouth, Plano ISD open house, the website and through the Texas Education Agency.

Commissioner Hill asked of the school districts listed, are 100% of their students coming to the camp or is it groups of students representing a district. Mr. Rosenbaum stated groups from each school district attend camp, but 100% of Plano ISD's fifth grade attends. The Commissioner asked if the revenues received are revenues to Collin County or the YMCA. Mr. Rosenbaum said the revenues that come in stay with the CCAC which is a division of the YMCA. The Commissioner also asked what expenses are paid to the County for the use of the facility. Mr. Rosenbaum stated there is no payment to Collin County for use of the facility. Mr. Rosenbaum was asked what benefit there is to Collin County in building participation from school districts which are outside the County. He stated the benefit is the ability to keep the staff, which lives in the County, employed on a permanent basis. Also the added revenue helps to keep the camp maintained and helps to provide scholarships to school districts in Collin County. (Time: 2:08 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

### **a. AI-39645 North Texas Groundwater Conservation District.**

Commissioner Hill appointed Joseph Helmberger to the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District Board. (Time: 2:08 p.m.)

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

### **COURT ORDER NO. 2015-196-04-13**

### **8. AI-33858 RTC monthly update, Commissioner, Precinct 4.**

Commissioner Webb updated the Court on the last RTC (Regional Transportation Council) meeting. The majority of the meeting was related to the legislative session. The RTC is monitoring HB1 which is a \$1.6 billion increase in transportation spending, a Senate Bill which proposes a \$1.3 billion increase in transportation spending over and above funds coming in from the constitutional amendment, and SB5 and SJR5 which have been passed by the Senate for an increase of \$2.5 billion in transportation spending.

There was concern regarding managed lanes and the possible cease of CDAs (Comprehensive Development Agreement) by legislation. The cease of CDAs will cause the LBJ Freeway East project to be put on permanent hold causing much concern with area officials and citizens. A compromise was suggested to trade in two of the three current CDAs in the metroplex for the one LBJ Freeway East CDA. The suggestion passed and now RTC will present the offer in Austin.

Mobility 2040 has begun which is very critical for the area. Commissioner Webb said it will be important for the County to have some of the preliminary planning in place by the end of this year to be included in the 2040 plan. The Commissioner said he and Clarence Daugherty, County Engineer, are working on timetables and meetings to push the strategic plan, to integrate it enough with Mobility 2040, in order to move forward in line with Proposition 1. Judge Self asked if there are enough funds to make the planning go far enough. The Commissioner said most of the money should be coming from the COG (Council of Governments) as \$1 million has been allocated for planning.

There was a presentation showing DFW as the 32nd most congested city in the region. The Commissioner said this does not seem so bad with DFW being one of the largest metropolitans in the country. This says a great deal on what has been accomplished in DFW transportation when compared to regions of similar size. (Time: 2:15 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

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

Judge Self asked the Court to look at SB538 which would allow the state to declare a health emergency taking over all health authority functions during future health emergencies. The bill could place restrictions on the local area. Candy Blair, Health Care Services, recommends the Court oppose the bill in the sense that it is not full and complete in detail as there are huge financial implications to it. The state says it will take action by testing and quarantining but does not specify where the financial responsibilities of those actions lie. Ms. Blair feels working hand in hand with the state is the best direction as opposed to the state being in charge putting restrictions on the local level. That action could have a huge impact on families and businesses in the County.

Judge Self asked the court to study SB1108 in order to take a position on it. The County's action will be important because the bill reads that every county has to agree before the district can be created. The Judge added SB1108 to next week's Court agenda for discussion.

Judge Self said HB3167 will continue to be monitored.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, asked the Court for feedback on the stat sheet regarding tax caps and implications. The current stat sheet includes Maintenance and Operation, property tax revenues, population and Consumer Price Index.

Mr. Bilyeu also said there has been a change in strategy on the creation of new courts. Because local bills are not working well this session the County Court at Law bill will be folded into an omnibus bill. Representative John Smithee, Chairman of the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence committee, has agreed to put all County Court at Law bills from across the state into his omnibus bill. He will have control and oversight of the bill. The first draft did not have the preference to family law as requested, but the final outcome of the bill will have the preference stated.

Judge Self added HB3332 to the list. This bill will allow a county hospital district to build and operate a facility outside their county. (Time: 2:26 p.m.)

With no further discussion on the legislative agenda, Judge Self updated the Court on the NorthStar management actions. A meeting was held with the Dallas County Judge, the NTBHA (North Texas Behavioral Health Authority) Chairman, Judge Self, Commissioner Williams and Bill Bilyeu to try find a way forward for the two counties to agree on a funding matrix. There are risks involved for both counties. The risk for Collin County is funds may not be allocated by the legislature. It has been said Collin County will allow past spending to be the basis for the entire process moving forward. Dallas County is trying to become comfortable with the fact they will be short from what they are used to while Collin County would be ahead should the money come through.

However, if the money does not come through the legislature a different plan will have to be made. For the time being the counties are moving toward a solution. Commissioner Williams said coming to an agreement is a good strategy because if the legislature views contention and disagreement in this region they may likely do nothing in the way of funding. This is a greater risk as Medicaid dollars are being separated from Indigent Defense leaving a funding hole for the region. (Time: 2:30 p.m.)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.



Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

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