

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2015

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, April 20, 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 adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:12 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 3:13 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

FYI NOTIFICATION

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

2. Addenda, Purchasing:

a. AI-39762 No. 1 and 2 to Fire Alarm/Fire Sprinkler Inspections, Testing, Maintenance and Repairs (RFP No. 2015-052) to make various changes to the Request for Proposal, Purchasing.

b. AI-39769 No. 1 and 2 to Juvenile Detention Door Repairs (IFB No. 2015-100) to make various changes to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.

3. AI-39763 Purchase Insurance for underground storage tanks from McGriff, Seibels and Williams through Liberty Surplus Insurance Corporation in the amount of \$21,506.55, Human Resources.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item due to a cost increase of over 100% for this insurance and because it went from having four bids to only one. These tanks, which have a lifespan of 30 to 50 years, are 27 years old now which explains why the insurance company has raised the premiums and increased the deductible. The Commissioner asked if a cost analysis has been done to replace the tanks. Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, said the cost to replace both tanks is between \$750,000 and \$1 million. Mr. Kleinheksel said he has not done a cost analysis but, by using these tanks, the County saves approximately \$100,000 per year in the purchase of fuel. He met with the owners of the truck stop at US75 and Wilmeth and the most they will go down is 2 cents a gallon. Currently the County is saving between 25 and 29 cents per gallon on diesel and unleaded.

Commissioner Fletcher asked Mr. Kleinheksel if he has checked into a cooperative agreement with other governmental entities in the area. Michalyn Rains, Purchasing, said they have checked with other governmental entities and, if we get a bid, she will check to make sure we are getting the best price. Commissioner Webb would like to start the cost analysis to determine whether the County should replace the tanks or go with a negotiated fuel contract since it won't be long before we cannot get insurance coverage for these tanks. Commissioner Williams would like to find out from the insurance carrier what kind of reduction we would see with new tanks to make sure that amount is substantial. Judge Self asked for the analysis to be done before budget. Mr. Kleinheksel will begin the analysis. (Time: 2:22 p.m.)

4. AI-39765 Budget amendment in the amount of \$3,500 to establish the budget for the FY 2015 MRC (Medical Reserve Corp) Capacity Building and Challenge Awards grant, Auditor.

2. Public Comments.

3. Presentation/Recognition:

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

Commissioner Williams presented Lynne McLean, CEO of Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County, with a proclamation from Commissioners' Court designating April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Collin County. Commissioners' Court, the Sheriff and the District Attorney work closely with the CAC (Children's Advocacy Center) to help children impacted by this kind of crime. The Commissioner expressed the Court's appreciation for the CAC and what they do to make it easier for the children to get through the process.

Ms. McLean thanked the Court and said there were 1,400 confirmed cases of child abuse last year and it takes all of us to help keep them safe. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

b. AI-39770 Proclamation recognizing April 19 – 25, 2015 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, District Attorney.

Judge Greg Willis, District Attorney, presented a proclamation recognizing April 19 through April 25, 2015, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Collin County. This reaffirmed Collin County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime this week and throughout the year and to express the sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice and peace. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

4. Consent agenda to approve: Judge Self pulled item 4e2 to make changes. Commissioner Hill pulled 4f1 and Commissioner Webb pulled items FYI 3 and 4g1. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 2:15 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. AI-39750 Disbursements for the period ending April 14, 2015, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-197-04-20

b. AI-39753 Tax Refunds totaling \$347,305.60, Tax Assessor Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-198-04-20

c. Advertisement(s):

1. AI-39716 Road Maintenance, Microsurfacing (IFB No. 2015-077), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-199-04-20

d. Award(s):

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-200-04-20

2. AI-39755 Vehicles, Police Motorcycles (IFB No. 2015-101) to Harley Davidson of Dallas, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-201-04-20

e. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-39757** Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with the City of Frisco for property located at 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Suite 2000, Frisco, Texas, to reduce the current square footage of leased space from 5,477 square feet to 3,624 square feet commencing on April 1, 2015 through and including December 31, 2015 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-202-04-20

2. **AI-39744** 2015 Lake Patrol Contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth to provide additional Patrol of Lake Lavon from May 15, 2015 through and including September 8, 2015 and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

Judge Self said some of the figures on page 342 of the Court's packet needed to be changed. The retirement needs to change to \$2,427.15 and FICA needs to change to \$2,250.63. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item with those changes made. (Time: 2:22 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-203-04-20

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

1. **AI-39596** \$20,000 for utilization of a recruiting firm in the search for a Director of Juvenile Services, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hill pulled this because he was not able to attend Court when it was first on the agenda. The Commissioner spoke with Judge Cynthia Wheless, 417th District Court, and she is no longer opposed to using a search firm as long as the firm provides the type of value they are looking for and a strategic search.

Commissioner Fletcher has a problem with this expenditure since we haven't looked at the five qualified candidates we already have. The Commissioner realizes this is an important position to fill, but this could set precedence and we need to be careful moving forward with such a large expenditure. Commissioner Hill said Judge Wheless was clear that they had not yet vetted the internal candidates and that was intentional. While the Judge and other members of the Board think highly of some of the internal candidates, they wanted to vet all of the best candidates at the same time.

Commissioner Fletcher said relocation packages have not been addressed which could be an additional expenditure. Judge Self said the former long-standing Director of Juvenile Services, Joe Scott, was very clear that he wanted the Juvenile Board to hire an outside candidate. His agreement to the six to nine months for the acting director, Lynn Hadnot, was to have that time to find an outside candidate.

Commissioner Webb agrees with Commissioner Fletcher and is only willing to spend the money after we have exhausted our resources here. We should look in-house first, then look within the state and finally expand to a nationwide search. Commissioner Webb said \$20,000 is a lot of taxpayer money and he does not want to spend it unless we have to.

Commissioner Williams agreed with Commissioner Webb but feels this is one of those positions that is worth a search. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:29 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 3 – 2 Passed

Nay: Commissioners Duncan Webb and Susan Fletcher

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-204-04-20

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

1. AI-39746 Grant application and resolution for the FY2016 General Victim Assistance Grant through the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to provide victim advocacy services for violent crime victims and their families, District Attorney.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item because he originally thought this was to fund a current position for the upcoming year. After researching it the Commissioner found that this was to fund a second position. He questioned the need for this position since the output for adding a second position will only go up 15%.

Judge Greg Willis, District Attorney, said the Victim's Assistant Division has been limping along for several years since the previous administration gave up one of the Victim's Assistance Coordinators. Last year the DA's Office asked for two additional coordinators. Denton County has six coordinators and Williamson County, which is much smaller than Collin County, has four. Judge Willis said this is incredibly important work and briefly explained the role of the coordinator. There are victims that are being missed and the DA's concern is that we are not carrying out our statutory duties with only one coordinator. Since there is grant money available, this would be a way to bring someone in and collect data to support the need for the second position.

Bill Dobiyski, First Assistant District Attorney, addressed Commissioner Webb's question regarding how many more people can be served with the addition of one Victim's Assistant Coordinator. The goal is to bring in the victims sooner, increase their participation in the criminal justice system and provide the victim with the services necessary to help them recover. We would also like to see a decrease in the number of victims that are re-victimized. There are many services provided both pre-adjudication and post-conviction. Commissioner Webb said they would need to show a larger number of victims served so as not to affect the grant application and the position would still have to go through the budgetary process to be added. He is willing to ratify the grant application but would like more data to show what one person has been able to accomplish versus what two people can accomplish. Mr. Dobiyski will provide the Court with that information. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:44 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-205-04-20

h. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. **AI-39745** Monthly Financial Report for January 2015.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-206-04-20

2. Final Audit Result(s):

a. **AI-39700** Animal Services (4th Quarter FY2013).

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-207-04-20

b. **AI-39702** Fire Marshal (2nd Quarter FY2014).

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-208-04-20

c. **AI-39703** Development Services (2nd & 3rd Quarter FY2014).

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-209-04-20

d. **AI-39704** Medical Examiner (3rd & 4th Quarter FY2014).

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-210-04-20

i. 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.

Alyse Ferguson, Attorney Director MHMC (Mental Health Managed Counsel), presented an FY 2014 update on the program. The mission statement remains the same which is to seek systemic solutions to get and keep mentally ill defendants out of the criminal justice system. This is done by improving the quality of representation to indigent defendants with mental illnesses, streamlining the coordination of competency cases, and coordinating a case manager to assist attorneys with mental health case management.

Some of the activities for FY 2014 included the first Collin County Mental Health Symposium, initiating in-custody enrollments for NorthSTAR, providing training on mental health related topics, developing a cooperative network with local law enforcement and local providers, serving as a state hospital liaison and hosting a Tarrant County delegation interested in our mental health program.

In FY 2013, 4,108 of the 17,200 inmates booked into the Collin County jail received early identification of mental illness. Of those identified, the program served 1,220 individuals. In FY 2014, 2,444 individuals received early identification and were served by MHMC.

The average number of days spent in jail for competency cases was 271 in FY 2012. This number dropped to 184 days in FY 2013 and again dropped to 160 days in FY 2014. This equates to a cost savings of \$103,219 in FY 2013 and \$255,641 in FY 2014. This is a minimum savings because it is calculated at \$69.79 per day and does not include the increased housing costs, medication or other services provided to mental health inmates. Other savings come from utilizing alternative programs versus state hospitalization for competency restoration.

In FY 2013 there were 23 inmates on mental health bonds which reduced days served by 1,150 days resulting in a savings of \$104,964. In FY 2014 there were 123 inmates which reduced days served by 5,997 resulting in a savings of \$419,610.

There are other savings that are not quantifiable. These savings come from sharing information between counties, sharing case management for cases involving multiple counties, expedited disposition and release, hospital liaison, court liaison and community networking.

The total cost for operating the program in FY 2013 was \$124,392. The TIDC (Texas Indigent Defense Commission) Grant match was \$99,533 which was 80% and the County match was \$24,860. The total savings in FY 2013 against the County match of \$24,860 was \$176,133. These savings include the mental health bond jail days savings and competency savings.

In FY 2014 the total cost of operation was \$189,000 with a 60% match from TIDC of \$126,847 and the County match of \$62,153. The total savings in FY 2014 against the County match of \$62,153 was \$630,406. This shows the minimal amount of savings to the County while providing the best possible services to these inmates.

Judge John Roach, Jr., 296th District Court, came forward to thank the Court for believing in the program and hopes the Court sees the successes that were predicted for the program. Judge Self asked Ms. Ferguson how the savings increased in FY 2014 even though the TIDC grant cost percentage was reduced. Ms. Ferguson explained she was not hired until December and the case workers were hired later which reduced the costs the first year. Judge Self asked for public comments.

Craig Pitman, Wylie, came forward to speak in favor of the program. As a parent of a 20-year-old son who is a part of the program, Mr. Pitman said he can't say enough about the good things that have come about from this program. It has been a tremendous help working with Alyse Ferguson and Toni Fawks (MHMC Case Manager). Without this program his son would have been in jail much longer. Mr. Pitman said, while his son is intelligent with a high IQ, he has struggled with mental health issues since birth and was recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder. This program has been a blessing and enabled his son to return home and get on the right path.

Shannon White, McKinney, also came to speak in favor of the program. Ms. White runs a substance abuse treatment facility in McKinney and has worked with the drug courts in Collin County and the juvenile drug court program. When this program started, she received MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) training which is a behaviorally-based therapy program used to teach skills necessary to make changes in one's life. This therapy helps reduce the gap between leaving jail and getting their life back on track. The benefits are incredible to Ms. White as a treatment provider because it gets them on the appropriate medication and then they can be treated for the substance abuse issues.

Katheryn Haywood, Plano, is concerned with how mental health issues are affecting society. There is no aspect in which mental health issues are not taxing us. Ms. Haywood has practiced law in ten counties and has never participated in a program like this. She has never worked in a county that has addressed mental health needs. In Collin County, since this program began, she can have access to Ms. Ferguson, or a judge, she can talk to a jailer about the needs and make sure a client is getting medication while in jail, but most importantly with the help of other counties, she is able to track the previous mental health care needs and backgrounds of these patients and clients and is better able to serve them.

Ms. Haywood asked the Court, even if Ms. Ferguson could not prove that the program was making a difference financially, at what point do we not have a moral obligation to make sure that our county and citizens are safe from people with mental health care needs that are not being addressed. Ms. Haywood asks that the Court continue the program and believes it is the only one in the state that actually addresses the mental health care needs of the defendants while they are in custody and helps provide them with some form of insurance and guidance when they are released.

Yoon Kim, McKinney, President of the Collin County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, came forward to address the Court. Mr. Kim spoke on behalf of the organization to encourage the Court to continue the MHMC program. This is in the best interest of indigent defendants with mental health issues and the county. As the attorneys on the mental health wheel get accustomed to how everything works, they become more efficient, have good communication and understand the need to make sure they are good stewards of the resources that the county awards them.

Dr. Kristi Compton, Dallas, said this is a program she has never participated in before. She does competency examinations for several counties and can attest that often times she has seen someone from one county show up in another county and there has been a transfer of the evaluation. Also, Ms. Ferguson has been able to streamline the entire process making it more efficient. Because of this Dr. Compton has been able to reduce her fees. During the three years that Ms. Ferguson has been running the program, there has been a savings to the taxpayers of \$19,500 from her end alone. Dr. Compton said there are individuals who come into the jail who are very mentally ill. It is a moral imperative to treat them humanely and get them out of the jail system quickly and where they need to be. Lastly, Dr. Compton said this program continues to grow in efficiency.

Judge Self said Sheryl Adams, Erin Melsheimer, Vanita Parker and Maria Tu also advocated for the program but did not wish to speak. The Judge then asked the Court for comments.

Commissioner Webb appreciates the data and presentation. The Commissioner was skeptical when the program was first presented to the Court, but he is very pleased with the effectiveness of the program and the benefit to the taxpayers. Commissioner Williams said it has proven to be a good program, a good value to the taxpayers and a great value in human terms. It affects not only those individuals impacted by mental health issues but also the community as a whole. County jails are not the proper place for warehousing the mentally ill and this is something that should be addressed across the country. Commissioner Fletcher also supports the program and is very impressed with the results so far. The focus on rehabilitation has made a huge impact on the long-term solution to the problem.

Judge Self commended Judge Roach for hiring Ms. Ferguson and said she is probably the reason this program is so successful. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:07 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-211-04-20

2. **AI-39773** Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, Auditor.

Jeff May, County Auditor, recognized and thanked his staff for their hard work and then introduced Todd Pruitt, CPA, with the auditing firm of Pattillo, Brown & Hill. Mr. Pruitt said his firm has issued an unmodified opinion, also known as a clean opinion, which is the highest form of opinion they can issue. This means the financial statements have been audited and are free of any material misstatements and were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Also there were no material weaknesses or deficiencies in internal controls identified during the course of the audit.

Commissioner Webb referred to page 508 of the Court packet under Expenses by Functional Area. This showed Public Facilities expenses increased by \$3.4 million due to an increase in depreciation expenses from adding historical buildings. Mr. May explained the old post office was not in the fixed-asset ledger so it was added and was caught up on depreciation. This had a net zero effect on the bottom line on the financials because it was fully depreciated. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 2:13 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-212-04-20

3. **AI-39772** Acceptance of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the year ended August 31, 2014, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-213-04-20

4. **AI-39771** Acceptance of the FY2014 Juvenile Probation Department Financial and Compliance Audit Reports for the year ended August 31, 2014, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-214-04-20

5. **AI-39775** Re-designation of Private Road 5619 to Wesley Lane (with associated address updates), GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-215-04-20

6. **AI-39774** Modification of Agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to amend the funding source to the Department of Health and Human Services, GRANT# 1 HITEP150026-01-00 CFDA #93.008; entitled "Promote, Support and Build Capacity in the Medical Reserve Corp" and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same, Homeland Security.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-216-04-20

7. **AI-39743** Amend the FY2015 Fee Schedule to establish a \$25.00 fee to cover the cost of parent workbooks provided by the Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Probation.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-217-04-20

8. **AI-39756** Replacement of the Citizens on Patrol vehicle (Unit No. 53508) with a surplus patrol SUV (Unit No. 55145), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-218-04-20

9. **AI-39780** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-219-04-20

10. **AI-39781** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-220-04-20

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. **AI-39748** Designation and ballot drawing of nine (9) public members (in lieu of nine elected officials) and four (4) alternate members from the 2014 Grand Jury members to be appointed and serve on the 2015 Salary Grievance Committee and any action, Commissioners Court.

The Court drew nine names from the ballot box to serve as public members of the 2015 Salary Grievance Committee as well as four names to serve as alternate members. The names of the nine individuals drawn to serve as public members were Jennifer Adams, Nancy A. Landry, Stephen L. Carter, Darlene Rabelo, Laurie Ballard, Penney Ondriezek, Linda Ellentuck, Matthew Spindel and Kristin Poligala. The four alternates drawn were Patty Biggs, Allen M. Feltman, Doyle Vaughn and James Jensen. (Time: 2:47 p.m.)

Judge Self returned to this item and a motion was made for approval. (Time: 3:12 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-221-04-20

6. AI-39785 Personnel Appointment, Chief Deputy Clerk, Tax Assessor, Commissioner, Pct. 1.

Kenneth Maun, Tax Assessor, addressed the Court regarding his candidate for Chief Deputy. She was with the Frisco ISD for 20 years and retired from that position two years ago. She has had all the courses necessary, was recognized with the credentials in the tax field both by the boards and associations in that field and has served on the boards of both the Texas Association of Assessing Officers and the Texas School Assessment Association. The pay range for the position is \$68,000 to \$110,000 with the midpoint being \$89,593. She was making \$68,000 at the Frisco ISD but that was for ten months of service per year. That would equate to \$81,600 for a full-year contract. Mr. Maun feels she is an extremely competent and qualified candidate and requests that she be approved for \$89,593 for the Chief Deputy position.

With the Chief Deputy leaving and Mr. Maun's potential retirement, Commissioner Fletcher wants to make sure we get the best possible candidate for this position. The Commissioner asked what the Chief Deputy's salary was at the time of his retirement. Mr. Maun said it was \$83,700. The Commissioner asked Mr. Maun to qualify the difference in the salary between the current Chief Deputy and the candidate. Mr. Maun explained the candidate has 20 years of experience, a good reputation and he does not know of another candidate that we would not have to relocate for less than that salary.

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, explained that instead of normalizing the salary for a full year, she compared the salary to other counties' Chief Deputy salaries. Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to have the same salary of the current Chief Deputy which is \$83,747.55 extended to the candidate. Judge Self asked Ms. Jacobson to normalize the candidate's previous salary with Frisco ISD. Commissioner Williams said this is a unique situation because the Chief Deputy is a critical position and she is comfortable with Commissioner Fletcher's motion. Commissioner Webb feels this is the key department within the county and competency in this position is critical. He is comfortable with the motion or with the midpoint of the salary range. With no further discussion, the motion was seconded. (Time: 3:04 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-222-04-20

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

Judge Self reminded the Court about the bill that would allow counties to increase their registration fee and we were told that it didn't have a chance of passing. That bill has been passed out of committee and given to the Calendar's committee. The Judge wanted the Court to know that the bill is moving. (Time: 3:05 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

a. AI-39559 Bills of Interest

NO ACTION TAKEN

b. AI-39790 SB 1108

Commissioner Webb's concern with this bill, which relates to the creation of regional emergency communication districts authorizing a fee, is currently our region collects a 50 cent fee and most of that money is sent to the state to balance the budget. The monies being collected from our taxpayers should be coming here to be used to upgrade the 9-1-1 emergency system. This legislation states if we establish this district, the district can impose a fee of 50 cents per phone line. The Commissioner is not sure if this is the same 50 cents already being collected or if it is another 50 cents and he cannot find anything in writing that answers this question. He is not in favor of creating a district that has another 50 cent fee for everyone that has a phone. Until the Commissioner can get clarification on this issue, he is not supportive of this bill.

Judge Self asked Commissioner Webb if he had looked at the Fiscal Note. The Commissioner had and believes it said neutral and there was no fiscal impact. The Judge said that was on the state budget so that means the state will continue to collect the 50 cents and this would be an additional 50 cent fee. Commissioner Hill confirmed that even if the bill passed, there must be a unanimous decision to form a district by everyone in the region. (Time: 3:08 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

c. AI-39791 HB 3332

HB 3332 relates to the authority of certain public hospitals to construct certain facilities and to provide certain services. Judge Self is very concerned with this because of past efforts and explained the total county tax rate for Collin County is \$0.235 while Dallas' three combined tax rates are over twice that at just over \$0.53. State Representative Jodie Laubenberg did suggest that public hospitals can now own and operate mental health and senior care facilities but the Judge is not sure if that spills over the district lines. With no further comments, a motion was made to oppose this bill. (Time: 3:10 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-223-04-20

d. AI-39793 SB 538

SB 538 relates to the control of infectious diseases. Commissioner Webb is opposed to this bill because it creates a lot of unfunded mandates that would be pushed onto the County and it also gives too much rule-making authority to HHS (Health and Human Services). With no further discussion, a motion was made to oppose this bill. (Time: 3:11 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2015-224-04-20

8. 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 3:12 p.m.



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

ATTEST:

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