

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2016

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, February 8, 2016, 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

Judge Self led the Invocation.
Commissioner Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Judge Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners' Court at 1:30 p.m. and Commissioner Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Trustee Fletcher called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:22 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Director Fletcher called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 2:23 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-41118 Contract and Agreement for Secure, Residential, Post-Adjudication Treatment Services for Adjudicated Juvenile Offenders with G4S Youth Services, LLC, Juvenile Probation.

FYI NOTIFICATION

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

2. AI-41132 Addendum No. 1 to Installation of Walk-In Freezer at Justice Center (IFB No. 2016-086) to make various changes to the Invitation For Bid, Purchasing.

3. AI-41133 Budget amendment in the amount of \$4,979 from the DA Apportionment Fund for salary supplement, District Attorney.

2. Public Comments.

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. Consent agenda to approve: Commissioner Fletcher asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing no comments, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 2:22 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

a. AI-41128 Disbursements for the period ending February 2, 2016, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-091-02-08

b. AI-41122 Tax refunds totaling \$854,294.34, Tax Assessor Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-092-02-08

c. Award(s):

1. AI-41126 Design and Fabrication of Election Supply Carriers (IFB No. 2016-061) to Election Works Inc., Elections.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-093-02-08

d. Amendment(s):

1. AI-41113 No. 2 to Fire Alarm/Fire Sprinkler Inspections, Testing, Maintenance and Repairs (RFP No. 2015-052) with Convergent Technologies, LLC to add Fire Sprinkler/Fire Alarm Inspections and Testing for the Frisco Sub-Courthouse to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-094-02-08

e. Miscellaneous

1. AI-41148 Sale of property located at 902 Anthony Street, McKinney, Texas (Lot 15A, Block 10, Russell #01 Addition, Volume 674, Page 449) as recorded in the Collin County Deed Records to North Collin County Habitat for Humanity upon the payment of \$20,500, County Judge.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-095-02-08

2. **AI-41127** Amended Early Voting Calendar for the March 1, 2016, Primary Elections, Elections.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-096-02-08

3. **AI-41114** Award and trade-in 70 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) utilizing the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Contract No. 2016-139 to First Aid & Safety of Texas Inc., Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-097-02-08

4. **AI-41116** Grant application and resolution for the FY2017 General Victim Assistance Grant through the Office of the Governor (OOG), Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for a full time Collin County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-098-02-08

5. **AI-41141** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-099-02-08

6. **AI-41142** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-100-02-08

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. **AI-41146** After Action Report on the December 26, 2015 Tornados, Administrative Services.

Jason Lane, Homeland Security, briefed the Court on the After Action Review meeting stating Collin County's Emergency Management Plan worked. There were 34 attendees at this meeting which included first responders, Collin County departments involved in the response and recovery activities and some of the volunteer groups. An After Action Review meeting is conducted after every major incident to identify what worked well and what areas need improvement. Areas to sustain are life safety response, situational awareness, and spontaneous volunteers. The incident was stabilized within two hours and there were only two requests for assistance – one for lights and the other for the MICP (Mobile Incident Command Post).

Areas for improvement include better coordination among first responders; developing and conducting tabletop exercises for first responders; utilizing the Fire Marshal staff as liaisons with local command; updating and developing cadre of MICP-trained first responders; public information and the use of social media; communications and the use of dispatchers to relieve congestion; volunteer management; and debris management. A new radio system is currently out for bid which will increase capacity and reduce busy signals. On the debris management side, agreements and contracts with NTMWD (North Texas Municipal Water District) will need to be updated.

Collin County will not meet the \$2.7 million threshold to get reimbursed for the County's expenses; however, the County is included in the request for individual assistance. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has two types of disaster declarations. Public assistance is used to reimburse state and local agencies for their costs. Individual assistance is the financial assistance which goes directly to those impacted by the disaster. The federal government will open a disaster recovery center on the east side of the County for those impacted by the storms. Individuals will register and sign up for financial assistance and other services. There are still a number of individuals who need help with debris clean up but the number of volunteers has declined. Mr. Lane asked the Court to direct any potential volunteers to his office. In summary the response was stabilized quickly. There were adequate resources which were used effectively.

Judge Self asked for public comments. Dr. Bart Barber, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Farmersville, thanked the County and the citizens for the help given to Farmersville. There has been an amazing outpouring of generosity that is noble and good. Dr. Barber is grateful to the citizens for the way they stepped up to help and the Court for providing the infrastructure. (Time: 1:45 p.m.)

Commissioner Williams also said she received several comments from people who called the emergency number on the website and were not routed correctly. There may be some internal issues with the routing of that number. Mr. Lane will follow up on that.

In summary Judge Self said the Court needs to move on the contact with the water district because five cities have to approve it at the city council level. Caren Skipworth, CIO, the Sheriff's Office and Mr. Lane are working on the upgrade of the MICP. The request for grant funding for this must be done by February 12, 2016. The Judge also asked Ms. Skipworth and the Sheriff's Office to look into a command channel that only chiefs and assistant chiefs can use for higher level communications. Lastly, Judge Self asked the COG (Council of Governments) for an update on CASA (Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere) radar which can accurately follow a funnel cloud. The Judge would like to get the community to fund CASA radar for Collin County. (Time: 1:59 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. AI-41117 Adoption of an Order authorizing the sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day and Memorial Day, Fire Marshal.

Lonny Hardcastle, Rockwall, came forward to address the Court. Mr. Hardcastle has been in the fireworks business for 41 years and his business is located at SH78 and SH205 in Lavin. Last year Texas Legislation passed HB1150 authorizing the sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day and Memorial Day. Mr. Hardcastle will have to come to Court for approval for each of the three days. The first is Texas Independence Day which would allow sales from February 25 through March 2, 2016. Mr. Hardcastle asked for the Court's approval.

Jason Browning, Fire Marshal, said HB1150 gives the County the ability to adopt three new selling seasons. Marshal Browning talked with a majority of the fire chiefs in the county who oppose this measure. They are opposed because of the staffing traditionally required during fireworks seasons and the increased propensity for fire. There is a direct correlation between firing times and the occurrence of wildfires.

Commissioner Fletcher pointed out this is not a constitutionally protected liberty and said the Court has an obligation to look at public safety issues and the increased costs to the County, cities and ultimately the taxpayers for increased insurance rates and the costs associated with responding to calls and fires. The Commissioner has received letters from many Fire Marshals regarding the increase in the amount of calls they will have to respond to.

Commissioner Williams said there are a lot of costs associated with this including traffic issues and road closures and this legislation does not allow the county to make the seller bear those costs. These costs should be borne by the sellers or users and not the citizens.

Commissioner Webb is not opposed to this except for the fact that the County is already spending \$1 million for fire protection in the rural areas that the County is not required to spend. The Commissioner asked if this is a blanket approval for all three holidays or does it need to come before the Court for each holiday. Marshal Browning said it needs to be done per season. The Court can have a blanket approval for all three new holidays but it will need to be done each year. Judge Self said if the Court does not approve this, it cannot be revisited. The Judge recommended approving this for the Texas Independence Day and collecting data to determine what the Court will do for the other holidays. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the sale of fireworks for only the Texas Independence Day. (Time: 2:20 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Keith Self

Second by: Commissioner Chris Hill

Vote: 3 – 2 Passed

Nay: Commissioners Susan Fletcher and Cheryl Williams

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-101-02-08

Judge Self left the meeting at 2:20 p.m. and Commissioner Fletcher presided.

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

Commissioner Williams would like to add a discussion on what level of traffic control and public works will be provided for any fireworks sales. (Time: 2:22 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Commissioner Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.



Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

ATTEST:

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

Not Present

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4