

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2016

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On Monday, May 16, 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

Commissioner Fletcher led the Invocation.
Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Hill 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 2:45 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:45 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 2:45 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Housing Finance Corporation at 2:46 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

FYI NOTIFICATION

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

2. Public Comments.

Jeff Blackard, McKinney, came forward to address the Court regarding the Ken Paxton case. Mr. Blackard compared the expenses for this alleged Failure to Register case which is currently at \$354,000 to capital murder cases which totalled from \$50,000 to \$80,000. Mr. Blackard would like to know what the special circumstances are for this and asked the Court for the bills as they come in so he can fight them in a courtroom. The Collin County taxpayers should know what the special circumstances are and why it is costing so much. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

3. Presentation/Recognition:

a. **AI-41497** Representatives from Laserfiche and MCCi will present Collin County with the Run Smarter Award for Best Records Management Initiative, Information Technology.

Representatives from Laserfiche and MCCi came forward to present Collin County with the Run Smarter Award which recognizes innovative and creative ways to utilize the software. Collin County won for Best Records Management Initiative. (Time: 1:34 p.m.)

b. Service Pins, Human Resources.

Tim Nolan, GIS, presented Aaron Obrien with his 10-year service pin. Aaron is the only person working for Collin County with a Professional ScrumMaster certification. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

James McCrone, Homeland Security, presented Brandi Norton Roberson with her 20-year service pin. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Self asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled items 4e3, 4f2 and 4i1. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:42 p.m.)

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

a. **AI-41527** Disbursements for the period ending May 10, 2016, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-318-05-16

b. **AI-41479** Tax refunds totaling \$320,528.96, Tax Assessor Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-319-05-16

c. Advertisement(s):

1. **AI-41548** Digital Imaging Services (RFP No. 2016-158), Information Technology.
COURT ORDER NO. 2016-320-05-16

2. **AI-41522** Construction, Bridge: County Road 604 over Elm Creek (IFB No. 2016-197), Special Projects.
COURT ORDER NO. 2016-321-05-16

3. **AI-41524** Construction, Bridge: County Road 664 over Branch of Arnold Creek (IFB No. 2016-221), Special Projects.
COURT ORDER NO. 2016-322-05-16

d. Award(s):

1. **AI-41543** Services and Materials: Erosion Control and Hydro-Mulch (IFB No. 2016-021) line items 1-14 for all services to Southwest Erosion Control, Inc. and further reject bids from all vendors on line items 15-25 for materials, Public Works.
COURT ORDER NO. 2016-323-05-16

e. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-41542** Memorandum of Understanding – Closed POD (Point of Dispensing) Site Agreement with State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company to dispense medical countermeasures to State Farm employees and family members in the event of a public health emergency, Homeland Security.
COURT ORDER NO. 2016-324-05-16

2. **AI-41471** Re-enrollment in the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Program (AGR No. 2016-225) for the Elections Office beginning July 1, 2016 through and including June 30, 2019 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.
COURT ORDER NO. 2016-325-05-16

3. AI-41547 Software License and Professional Services Agreement and Amendment to Existing Software Maintenance Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for consulting services, hardware and software licensing for Odyssey Biometric Fingerprint Scanners and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item to ask if there was any benefit to doing it now as opposed to next year or even leaving the current system in place. Caren Skipworth, CIO, said this will replace the current inmate tracking system which uses a wristband and a barcode. This is going to biometrics and will use fingerprints instead of a wristband. Ms. Skipworth explained this was part of the CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Systems) funding and the Evergreen Plan for Odyssey with new features as part of the integration process. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:44 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-326-05-16

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

1. AI-41555 Budget amendment in the amount of \$60,000 to reallocate funds for additional waterproofing, environmental remediation and furniture moving for the 900 Building repairs, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-327-05-16

2. AI-41545 Termination of the lease agreement with the City of Wylie for property located at 2000 Highway 78 North for the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 and Constable, Precinct 2 offices, effective April 20, 2016, Construction & Projects.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item to question the termination of the lease using the force majeure clause. The first question is whether they would contest the force majeure clause. The second question is if we terminate the lease what will we do?

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said he has had extended conversations with the City Manager of Wylie and the County's preference is to cohabitate with their municipal court. They are not challenging the lease cancellation and they are early in the process of deciding what they will do with the municipal complex. Mr. Bilyeu's recommendation is to wait until the City of Wylie makes their decision.

The County's construction department has looked at leasing or constructing, and Mr. Bilyeu is waiting for an estimate on those. The City of Wylie has an engineer looking at the damage and should know their plans within the next month or two. All of the County's equipment that was salvageable has been removed from the building and is in storage. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:46 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-328-05-16

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

1. **AI-41530** \$60,000 to allocate county match funds for After Hours Crisis Clinic provided by LifePath, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-329-05-16

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

1. **AI-41537** April 25, 2016.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-330-05-16

i. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-41552** Final Plat for Lone Star Ranch Subdivision, Engineering.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item because the final plat dedicates the roadway to the County making the County responsible for the maintenance of the road. The Commissioner would like to change the policy since this roadway does not enhance County mobility. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:47 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Chris Hill
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 4 – 1 Passed
Nay: Commissioner Duncan Webb

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-331-05-16

2. **AI-41517** Re-plat of The Hills of Lone Star (Phase 4/East Fork North) lot 1 and CA2 into lot 1R and CA-2R, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-332-05-16

3. **AI-41569** Resolution supporting the FM 2551 from FM 2514 to FM 2170 Widening Project Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-333-05-16

4. **AI-41561** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-334-05-16

5. **AI-41562** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2016-335-05-16

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. **AI-41526** Advertise for Professional Services, Engineering, US 380 from Airport Dr. to CR 458 (RFQ No. 2016-227), Engineering.

Judge Self explained he moved this item to General Discussion because this is a major section of US 380 from Airport Drive in McKinney to the eastern portion of Princeton. This is the first opportunity to discuss how serious we are about LARs (Limited Access Roadways) in Collin County and this is our top priority road. Clarence Daugherty, Engineering, explained this project was approved by the Court in August 2015. TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) indicated they had no plans for this and said the County could initiate this project to determine what is needed.

Mr. Daugherty showed a map depicting the LARs adopted in February roughly showing the limits of a corridor. A brief conversation followed regarding the possible need for an Environmental Impact Statement which could take five years. Mr. Daugherty is concerned about putting off these improvements which involve changing the roadway from a four-lane divided to a six-lane divided road. This is not a rebuild of the road but a widening of it. He suggested taking several weeks to continue to confer with TxDOT and the staff at COG (Council of Governments) to get a better idea on what would be the steps and timeline for both this project and implementing the LARs project along the eastern half of the County. Once they have this information the Court could decide whether it wants to go ahead with this project. It will also give the Court insight into the other LARs projects. With no further discussion, the Court agreed to hold this item. (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

HELD

6. AI-33858 RTC monthly update, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Webb said there were a lot of action items at the last RTC (Regional Transportation Council) meeting including modifications to the Unified Planning Work Program. There was an increase in 4.02 monies which would allow an increase to the budget for hiring a consultant(s) to identify the impact transportation corridors have on tax revenues and the economy. The Commissioner spoke with Clarence Daugherty, Engineering, about the Court hiring a consultant to look at the difference between the tax revenues of a six-lane divided roadway versus LARs. This information could be given to COG (Council of Governments) with a request to pay for a large portion of it.

The most interesting item was public transportation service and funding for Collin County. COG became the direct provider for the McKinney UZA (Urbanized Area) and Toyota gave a \$1 million donation to DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) to help with Collin County public transit funding. DART then went to the RTC to leverage that million dollars and use the status that the RTC has to end up requesting \$3.87 million of additional federal funds which are identified for Collin County. These monies would fund the program until September 2017 and provide disability and healthcare paratransit services to the metro areas that are not in rural Collin County or in DART. The RTC made it clear to the cities that this is the last of the monies they can request if they are not willing to put money in themselves. The \$1 million from Toyota is being used as the match. This is a DART initiated request and was approved.

Next the RTC approved acting as a backstop on a short-term loan to FWTA (Fort Worth Transportation Authority) to provide up to \$80 million in the event the funding does not come through in time for the TEX Rail corridor construction. The note provides for 1.4% interest, and these are Dallas RTR (Regional Toll Revenue) funds being lent. The FWTA does have other revenues in case they do not receive the FFGA (Full Funding Grant Agreement) grant.

Also approved were all of the 2017-2020 TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) project listings.

Lastly, the RTC made recommendations of several grants to the ATCMTD (Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment) Initiative. Of interest to Collin County is part of those requests are monies to expand the DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) Red Line platforms. (Time: 2:11 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. AI-41554 Fee Structure for Myers Park & Event Center, Special Projects.

Judy Florence, Myers Park & Event Center, came forward with a PowerPoint presentation showing an overview of the revenues generated by venue for Myers Park. The numbers showed the County is not subsidizing private uses of Myers Park. It is covering its costs. Total revenues generated in FY2015 were \$299,584 which is a 5% increase from FY2014. Ms. Florence explained the types of public and private events held at Myers Park. Agrilife Extension Service hosted 127 programs, classes and meetings last year, and other County departments hosted 12 trainings and parties. They've had several graduation parties, banquets and proms from the smaller schools. The public and private events for FY2015 totaled 378 events. Fees to rent The Landing are comparable to similar venues and the Show Barn and Stall Barn fees have stayed consistent over the years. Pole Barn fees have varied over the years as the demand has changed and special events fees are set as needs arise.

Myers Park is open seven days a week, and the weekend is the busiest time. In addition to events there is routine maintenance of the facility. This includes mowing, edging, watering, fertilizing, picking up tree limbs, checking and repairing irrigation, inventory orders, fuel logs, and equipment maintenance. The parks crew is scheduled to cover events and day-to-day operations seven days a week while keeping comp time to a minimum.

Commissioner Fletcher asked why the Show Barn and Stall Barn fees have not increased even though upgrades have been made to those venues. When improvements are made and 75% of the events are private, the Commissioner would like those fees to cover the costs of the improvements. The Commissioner doesn't feel the public should cover the cost of these improvements.

Commissioner Webb said the areas that have the most improvements also show the most growth. The Commissioner asked if there were no private events, what would it cost to continue to operate the park and provide services? Ms. Florence said it would cost at least \$250,000. Judge Self asked how much of the total budget of \$600,000 is spent supporting private events. Ms. Florence will get the information and inform the Court.

Commissioner Hill would love to see Myers Park's potential as a park and open space maximized. That is a public good and a valid use of tax dollars. The Commissioner does not want to spend tax dollars to build up the facilities for private events. Commissioner Fletcher said it is wonderful as a public venue for public events, but would not want to see it sit empty when we could be offsetting costs. Commissioner Hill is concerned that we are trying to make Myers Park more competitive and does not want to spend more tax dollars to better support private events. Judge Self said private events provide one third to almost one half of the revenue for this facility.

Commissioner Williams would like to know the number of public events that have no admission fee. She assumes they have a higher turnout of citizens than the private events. Ms. Florence said a typical dog show brings in approximately 300 people who are mostly participants. The livestock shows can bring in 700 people, and the garden show and cross country meets are even bigger and require mass gathering permits. Commissioner Williams said this shows there is a lot of public participation which makes her comfortable with some of the upgrades being discussed. When looking at improvements, the Commissioner would prefer to support those used for public events. She is also glad to see we are recouping our costs on private events. (Time: 2:44 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Judge Self asked Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, when the Court would hear about rural transit again. Commissioner Webb is checking with COG (Council of Governments) to see if Collin County can become the provider without establishing a rural transit district. Mr. Bilyeu will have that put on the agenda for one of the next two Courts. (Time: 2:45 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Self adjourned the meeting at 2:45 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
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