

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Support Legislation, Resolution–Texas Opposition to re:SearchTX – Commissioners Court

On **January 9, 2017**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

**Keith Self
Susan Fletcher
Cheryl Williams
Chris Hill
Duncan Webb**

**County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4**

During such session the court considered adoption of the following resolution opposing re:Search TX

WHEREAS, the Collin County Commissioners Court recognizes that the Texas Office of Court Administration (OCA), under The Supreme Court of Texas's direction, has created re:SearchTx, a web portal to allow access to a consolidated database of case information that has been e-Filed; and.

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of the e-File system developed by the OCA was to provide a delivery system for attorneys to file documents electronically to the courts and that the information would only be retained for thirty days; and

WHEREAS, the OCA is now retaining information filed within the e-File System and plans as to make it available to attorneys and the public (for a fee) through re:SearchTX in the near future; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Texas Constitution and state statutes, the county and district clerks of each Texas county are the designated custodians of court records, responsible for the management, preservation and access of court records, and

WHEREAS, Texas counties are responsible for providing resources to clerks for the management, preservation and access of court records by the public including having the option of offering county records through an electronic information system and may provide (on a contractual basis) direct access to the public, by statute;

Now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COLLIN COUNTY, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby state that for the foregoing reasons, it is in the best interest of Collin County and our taxpayers to oppose any change to current statutes regarding care, custody and control of records held by the county and district clerks and to any actions that would result in those records being centralized within any other entity, be it public or private.

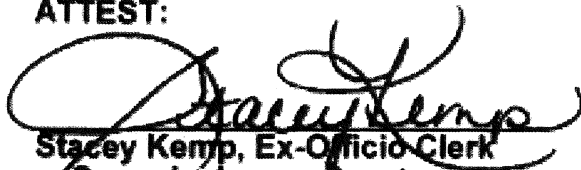
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we are opposed to the amendment and/or repeal of any current statutes or rules that authorize local control by commissioner's court in the administration of our duties concerning records held by the county and district clerk or how the county chooses to offer those records to the public.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, finally, we oppose any diversion or existing County revenue to any other government entity concerning records held under local control or statute.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9TH day of January, 2017.



ATTEST:


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


Keith Self, County Judge


Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1


Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2


Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3


Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4