

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2020-302-04-20
Commissioners Court	§	

**An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the March 23, 2020 minutes.**

On Monday, March 23, 2020 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 Chris Hill  
 Commissioner Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1  
 Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2  
 Commissioner Darrell Hale, Precinct 3  
 Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Fletcher led the Invocation.  
 Judge Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Commissioner Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

1. Judge Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 1:30 p.m. and recessed at 1:35 p.m. The Judge reconvened the meeting at 1:51 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m. The Judge reconvened the meeting at 3:35 p.m. to take a vote on having a special meeting on Monday, March 31, 2020 and adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:34 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 3:34 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

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

1. AI-48174 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
2. AI-48175 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

**FYI NOTIFICATION**

1. AI-48144 Intra -County account transfers transmitted on March 5, 2020, Auditor.
2. AI-48124 Change Order No. 2 to Construction, Collin County Justice Center, Replacement of Chilled Water Actuators and Valves (IFB No. 2016- 084) with Expert Services, LLC to add install new insulation in the existing HVAC units to the contract, Construction Projects.
3. AI-48118 County overtime for the pay period ended March 8, 2020, Human Resources.
4. AI-48117 2019 Annual Pre -Trail Bond Office Report, Sheriff.
5. **Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s), Auditor:**
  - a. AI-48094 \$41,559 utilizing State Forfeiture Funds to purchase equipment for the CEU Unit, Sheriff.

**2. Public Comments.**

Judge Hill said the Texas Governor and Attorney General have permitted the Court to close meetings to in-person visitors so long as an opportunity to participate is provided for the public. This means watching the meeting online but also being able to provide public comments to this body before taking votes on issues. The Judge said the meeting will be recessed for 15-20 minutes until 1:50 p.m. to allow any member of the public to submit their comments via email. Once the meeting is reconvened, the public statements received by email will be read into the public record.

Judge Hill recessed the meeting at 1:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, read the email comments.

1. Kim Brand, Prosper, wrote "Collin County needs to be on lockdown. Please for the sake of all the residence of Collin County, orders to shelter in place need to be executed. Why wait for more people to contact COVID-19??? If Dallas County and Denton County deem it necessary, Collin County should too. PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS!!!! Thank you"
2. Sharon Hill-Watts, Frisco, wrote "Hello, my name is Sharon Hill-Watts. I have been a resident of Frisco for nearly 9 years. My husband and I both work in Plano, TX. Our employers made a decision to allow us to work from home. We have been home a week now. However, my daughter's, employer is not providing the same public safety service based on the location of her employer which is in Frisco. Since there is not a Shelter in place here in Frisco, she must leave for work daily. This is an extreme risk factor for my entire family, considering the line of business my daughter is in (BCBA Therapist). These are children with special needs whom cannot control their body fluids (without it being a crisis). Departing and returning daily defeats the purpose of the safety of my family! I also heard there are

31 cases here in Collin County, which is substantial considering the census number of Collin County. I am appalled! We should align with Dallas County, until this crisis is contained for the safety of all. I can be reached by phone at 302-740-1429, or mail from the message you have received. Please, consider this in your decision! Thank you! Sharon Hill-Watts 302-740-1429”

3. Heather Ayyob, Collin County, wrote “Please make the county shut down, I have seen too many people not follow the self-isolate order. My kids just want to play but we are keeping them inside.”

4. Amanda Haggerty wrote “I am seeing countless families and people around me not complying with staying at home. A mandatory lockdown needs to happen as it has in Dallas so that everyone will have to comply. Please take action now. The longer people don’t comply the longer it will go on.”

5. Aaron McKinley wrote “Dear Collin County, We all want to get back to normal but unless every county shuts down we are only extending this disaster. Please order Colling County to SHUT DOWN! We have been in self-isolation for over 10 days but it is useless unless everyone is too! Please!! Aaron McKinley 972-330-3893 – cell”

6. Meagan Daniel wrote “Please call for a shut down. The longer people can be out and about, the longer the rest of have to stay in. We’ve been on a self shut down for two weeks now, and it’s frustrating to see others not doing their part. Call it for everyone in our county. Set the standard! Thank you, Meagan Daniel”

7. Kristin Franks wrote “Hello, I understand you’re having a meeting today to discuss shutting down the county. I will vote against anyone in favor of this. We do not live in a communist country. People die from the flu every year and nothing is shut down. Please take a look at the numbers. A couple weeks ago, people were saying half the country would be sick by now and that is not happening. You cannot destroy people’s livelihoods for a few sick people. Please find a news source other than the MSM to get your information from. I’ll leave you with this. Sincerely, Kristin Franks”

8. Amy Ali wrote “Please shut down.”

9. Tricia McDonald wrote “Please shut us down! Nobody is going to stay inside until you do, and this is just going to continue to drag out longer and longer until everyone gets on the same page. How are we supposed to flatten the curve if we are waiting until the problem gets worse before we do something? How many lives need to be at stake?”

10. Meg Weitzman wrote “Without an actual command for people to STAY HOME, this will last even longer. Most people I know are staying home, but some people will just not “Get it”, unless they’re told what they can and cannot do, unfortunately. As frustrating as lockdown has been, I think that it will shorten the quarantine. All of my mommy friends here in Collin County agree. Thank you for hearing my opinion. Meg Weitzman 972-670-5734”

11. Taylor Collins wrote “Dear Collin County, Our home (2 preschool aged children) have all been in self-isolation for A LONG time, Collin County please shut down or this is going to drag on. My husband is even out of work

already due to this mess. Would love to keep my town, home and neighbors safe! Please shut down so we can all go back to normal sooner than later! Sincerely a mama and wife and member of this county. Taylor Collins”

12. Lindsey Wortham wrote “Hello, Please consider putting in place a 30 day lockdown. I have a very high risk 5 year old that likely would not survive covid-19 due to his 5 birth defects to his airway. Our country is not taking this seriously.”

13. Tonni Callan wrote on specific agenda item AI-48142 “As the seller, I am available to answer any questions you have during the meeting. [Tleacall@gmail.com](mailto:Tleacall@gmail.com) 469-982-2469 Thank you P. S. I had several interested buyers I talked to, one group wanted to build an RV Park, and offered a little more money. Lennar was my choice because it seems the best for everyone concerned. I have lived in this community for many years, and want to see the area grow even though I have to leave.”

14. Caroline McGregor, Collin County, wrote “Dear Sir/Madam As a resident of Collin County I am begging you to please put in a Stay in Place order to try to help flatten the curve. We are running out of, if not already run out of, time to make a difference for our community and nation. Please, enforce a stay in place order or even more stringent orders if possible to try to help our community! Kind regards, Caroline McGregor”

15. Emily Wilson wrote “To Whom it May Concern: It was brought to my attention that there is a meeting today to discuss a possible shelter-in-place for Collin County, following behind the announcement from Dallas County. I implore you to strongly consider a lockdown/shelter-in-place. My family, along with many others, has remained “socially distant” (except for the grocery store and doctor’s office) for that past 12 days. Unfortunately, I know first-hand of many families that are still participating in play dates, gatherings, etc. From a personal perspective, I am currently 31 weeks pregnant and, although the risk for pregnant women is not completely known, I have genuine concerns for my health and family, as do countless other citizens. I fear that until restrictions are enforced, some will continue with life as usual without consideration of others. Please consider a shelter-in-place to keep your citizens safe! Thank you for your time. Emily Wilson”

16. Lesley Jones, Prosper, wrote “To whom it may concern, My name is Lesley Jones. I live in Prosper. I am a wife, mother and a RN. I am contacting you in the hope that you will make Collin County “Shelter in Place” as Dallas County has done. There are more and more positive cases popping up everyday in Collin County and the surrounding areas. This will only increase if people do not stop gathering even in small groups. The virus needs hosts to spread. Take away the hosts, and it stops. Please consider making Collin County shelter in place. Thank you! Lesley Jones”

17. Mindi Norris, Prosper, Please implement a Lock Down for Collin County so that we can get this over with!! Thank you for taking care of us! Mindi Norris Prosper TX”

18. Jen Frohne wrote "Please, for the sake of our entire community. We need to shut down. It's the only way. Once this is over, our communities will rebuild. Be safe and healthy, Jen and Tom Frohne, Light Farms"

19. Mackenzie Berglund wrote "Hi there, As a mom and someone who is impacted, DO NOT SHUT DOWN COLLIN COUNTY. Please just leave it as it or open it back up. It is time to just let the chips fall. We need to get back to life otherwise this whole world is going to crash. PLEASE KEEP COLLIN COUNTY OPEN! Let's get back to life! Best regards, Mackenzie Berglund"

20. Angela Taylor wrote "To whom it may concern, I, nor my husband or kids have left our home in 9 full days, with the exception of the store for (non hoarding) essentials. I even canceled my maids (that one hurt- not gonna lie) though I am continuing to pay them! No hair, no nails, no brows, no Botox. In a few weeks I'm going to resemble a Sasquatch, and my poor catfished husband will know what I actually look like without all the things. Well, so be it. I tell myself my very disheveled appearance will save lives. I see waaaaay too many people still acting like nothing has changed (see pic below- sorry for bad language) and I just feel like I'm gonna lose it on these jerks that are willingly NOT social distancing. Please issue a county wide "Shelter in place" so we can all move on with our lives sooner than later!! Collin county resident, Angie Taylor (Please pardon brevity, sent from Angela's iPhone.) "

21. Karen Mejia, Collin County, wrote "Hello, I am writing you because as a citizen of Collin county my family, my community, and my city needs a mandatory shut down. We need to get to the root problem of this and until a mandatory stay at home rule is not passed on to the citizens we are just going to keep spreading this invisible enemy. Let's work together to stop this before it is too late. Thank you,"

22. Steffanie Stafford wrote "I am a 33 year old with 6 autoimmune/autonomic diseases. I am running a fever, have a cough and several other symptoms. I am scheduled to get tested on Tuesday or Wednesday because I am considered high risk. (I am waiting to hear an exact day today.) Both of my children are sick. Fevers, cough, diarrhea. One even has a rash that the teledoc doctor says is for sure a sign of a viral infection. Yet, they cannot be tested because they don't fit the criteria enough. Meanwhile neighborhoods in our city are having cookouts. Walking clubs. Playdates. Etc. Merely suggesting to stay home is not working!! We done have time to see if that improves!! - Please, follow Kansas City's approach. (See image below) - Please go on mandatory lockdown. - Please legally enforce that lockdown with fines and jail time for those that refuse to comply. - Please save lives. You have to power to truly impact the number of cases here. You have such a great responsibility AND such a great opportunity to make such a large impact. Please, make the right decision for our city and for families like mine that are very much facing the reality this virus presents."

23. Janel Duvall wrote "Please follow Dallas County and shut it down!! Janel Duvall McKinney, TX 75071"

24. Vianca Baca, Prosper, wrote "I don't understand how you can look at these numbers and not act. I understand people have to work but it'll be hard to work when you're in the hospital or forced to be in quarantine because you've contracted COVID-19."

25. Susan Weaver, Prosper, “Please, please order a mandatory quarantine. I promise you there are TONS of high school kids having parties, sleep overs, etc and we want to get this all over sooner, rather than later!

Susan Weaver Prosper, TX”

26. Francis Giaccardi wrote “Hello, As a resident of Collin county I am asking government officials to please enforce a mandatory Shut down so that we can cut this virus from the root. There are still thousands of businesses open out there at a time where we need to be staying safe for our families and keeping others safe. I appreciate your attention in this matter.”

27. Melissa Roden wrote “Collin county needs to be shut down ASAP, it’s the only way to contain it. I’m a medical professional and have seen what it is doing!”

28. Holly King, Celina, wrote “Please shut Collin County down so that we can get this over with!!! Please, please, please. Holly King Resident of Celina”

29. Todd A Hensley, in regards to agenda item AI-48142, wrote “I am available to answer any questions, should they arise. Thank you,” Mr. Hensley also wrote “To elaborate on this; Project is the adjacent property to Bridgewater, also under contract by Lennar Homes, in which Phases 1-3 have all been previously approved as well as the early grading variance due to the large amount of dirt required for the project. Similarly, this site requires fill, which Bridgewater has generated and due to the proximity of the project, we are hoping to move the fill from Bridgewater to this site at this time. This will prevent large trucks from traveling along the FM 982 roadway to the east as they can just run short hauls across both sites.”

30. Sarah Mitchell wrote “Wondering if you will be closing non essential business as the city of Sachse, Dallas county and Tarrant county have already done so”

31. Torrie Levins wrote “Please consider more restrictive measures for our county to shelter in place or stay safe at home. This will help our families, those at risk and ultimately the economy the sooner we can stop the spread of COVID. The longer we wait the higher the toll. Thank you for your work to service the community, Torrie Levins”

32. Kristin Rodee wrote “Please place Collin County on mandatory stay in place. I am the mom two toddlers and pregnant with a high risk pregnancy. We have been home except for the grocery store for over a week but are shocked but the number of friends still doing play dates, people at various non essential stores and groups of kids at the park.

33. For the good of the economy, please mandate a stay in place so we can get past this before we head into major financial troubles as a community. Kristin Rodee”

34. NO name wrote "Please put Collin county on lock down!!!"

35. Amanda Adamson wrote "Shelter in Place Please Amanda Adamson 303-912-2202 [laempire@msn.com](mailto:laempire@msn.com)"

36. Amanda Pollard wrote "I am a business owner in Collin County and despite the detriment it may cause to my business, I implore you to place business and public restrictions in Collin County. Every single one of us either knows someone at high risk or is high risk themselves. Every interaction, every moment we are out with the general public serves to spread this virus. Please do the right thing and place restrictions. Amanda Pollard"

37. Karen Mejia wrote "Mandatory Shut down request!"

38. Jennifer Noonan, Prosper, wrote "Judge Hill, It is my strong feeling that the Collin county should issue a mandatory shelter in place order. Many businesses are still requiring employees to work at the office. I saw a work truck on Friday with at least six hispanic laborers crammed inside. This kind of behavior has to stop! It's behavior like this that will continue to jeopardize all our efforts to flatten the curve. We all want this it be over sooner than later - I believe that means get serious and strict NOW. Sincerely, Jennifer Noonan Prosper Resident"

39. Amanda Connelly wrote "I know you are incredibly busy working on this but PLEASE shut down Colin County to flatten the curve! PLEASE encourage the entire state to be closed! Our kids are already missing out on so many life events (i.e. my PHS Senior) and more importantly others are battling their lives while we have inconsiderate people still going to get their nails done!!!!!! Your most important role now is to keep us safe from those that don't understand the valid math behind what's happening. We are begging you to protect our families and our healthcare system by instituting a strict lockdown immediately. Why are Dallas County and entire states ahead of us in this thought process? I'm doing my part to protect my family-you have the power to influence the same for all of us! Lockdown for 5 weeks then we recover better than ever! If not this life and economic hardships will be exponentially worse...listen to the experts! Sincerely, Amanda Hogan (Collin County Taxpayer)"

40. Jessica Camehl, Allen, wrote "Good afternoon, With every county surrounding us doing their part to put a shelter in place order in... why I Collin county not? We have so many residence that are being told by their employers that they have to work until it is mandated that they shut down. People are not staying in or taking this seriously and we have one of the higher count Covid19 cases in our metroplex. I feel Collin county is not taking this seriously. Please look at your Facebook pages. The citizens are begging you to please shut this county down before it gets worse and we have no room for people in our hospitals. Thank you Jessica Camehl Allen resident"

41. Kristin Holloway wrote "I am a single mom of 4 and I am begging you from the bottom of my heart to please shut down or put mandatory lock in, in place. I cannot loose one of my kids to this deadly virus."

42. Sarah Moris wrote "Praying for you all at this time that whatever choice is made dealing with Covid19 that Collin County understands that it's for our well being. You will make the right choice for us all. GOD IS WITH US DURING THESE HARD TIMES."



43. Joan Teng, Celina, wrote “Hello, I am a resident of Collin County in Celina 75009. My address is 1712 Hollyhock Drive Celina YX 75009. I am writing and hoping you will do what’s best for our city, county, state and nation by issuing a shelter in place. We have been doing all we can to support local businesses and support our local economy by buying their extra food stock, ordering meals for curbside pickup and buying gift cards and goods from small businesses. Many of us in Light Farms are already essentially sheltering in place so we can slow the spread and help our frontline healthcare workers. We are baffled as to why the nation has not already issued a mandatory lockdown. We know this will continue to spread out of control and we are already beyond the point where Italy issued their lockdown. The confirmed cases of today were set in motion 2 weeks ago. If we issue a shelter in place now, we will still see two or so weeks of rising cases before our shelter in place makes an impact but we’re ready to do this to save lives. Please issue a shelter in place to protect our citizens and residents and our health care workers. Italy issued their lockdown well before the point we are at now and they still experienced so much devastation. Time is of the essence. Please do not let this get more out of hand than it already is. In these unprecedented times, we are looking for leaders to do what is best in times of uncertainty and to have courage to lead the way to protect the community at large. Thank you for your time ! Joan Lapiratanagool”

44. Holly Natale wrote “To Whom it May Concern, Please issue a Shelter in Place order for our county. With so many new cases this will ensure that people will stay home and not feel the need to socialize and possibly spread this further. Thank you. Holly and Mark Natale”

45. Sandra Medley wrote “Wanted to show my support for making us like Dallas county and shutting down the county. Please make us stay at home so we can get through this quicker. People here are still doing play dates and gatherings putting us at risk. We need it to be shut down. Thanks we appreciate what you have done to make us safe ! Sandra Medley”

46. Tammy Hooker wrote “I am mostly worried about those who are at risk and have no insurance in our community. Where do they go in Collin County - and how do we mitigate risks to the homeless within our County and others who are perhaps indigent? Are churches and non profits ready to help?” Carolyn Moebius, Murphy, wrote “What parameters is Collin County Commissioners waiting for to implement Shelter in Place Order?”

47. John Helmer wrote “Will Collin County provide any property tax relief to homeowners during these difficult times. Failure to pay the escrows would push most owners into mortgage default. Private sector workers face significant uncertainty and I think our gov’t agencies should scale back, especially schools while shut down. Thanks. John Helmer 708 Pearson Ave. McKinney, Tx 75069 214-504-9935”

48. Laura Sanchez-Titko wrote “As a wife to a fireman, as a citizen who knows way too many people who are dependent on us to be vigilant, as a friend to nurses who are afraid to go to work, I beg of you to please follow the lead of Dallas County and order a shelter in place. We do not have enough ventilators and enough staff or protective gear to do anything else.”



49. Robin Benyak wrote “Good afternoon! In the interest of getting through this Coronavirus, I am respectfully requesting that you shut Collin County down so we can help lower the spread of this virus. Thank you!”

50. Brooke Mudd, Prosper, wrote “And specifically call out NO Playgroups, NO kids meeting in groups, NO adult gatherings! Insist parents keep kids at home and only socialize with their own family members. This is going to drag on so long if we can’t get people to stay home. The local news took a poll last night and over 70% are in favor of a statewide order to Shelter In Place. Sincerely Brooke Mudd Prosper resident”

51. Chelsea Thomason, Prosper, wrote “It is evident people cannot follow common sense measures to help mitigate this virus!! Please mandate a temporary order for all of Collin County to shut down all non-essential business operations. The firm I work for in Frisco has all attorneys and paralegals (anyone with capabilities to work from home) working from home, but there are still a handful of us who are required to come in or take PTO. I have three kids, one of which has terrible asthma. I am running the risk of bringing home the virus to him due to the work schedule our firm has in place. I don’t have enough PTO to cover my time off while my kids are doing e-Learning with Prosper ISD. Please, let’s get ahead of this virus!!! Please, since it is clear people cannot act sensibly, let’s get this new order in effect!! Thank you. Chelsea Thomason Prosper, TX (325) 203-7700.”

52. Ilze Van Niekerk wrote “Good afternoon, I would like to comment that it is irresponsible for Collin County to not issue the same order that Dallas did IN LIGHT OF THE FACT that Collin County's positive cases are rising steadily day by day. If all adjoining cities and counties don't pull together, what use is ONE such stay-at-home order? It will be pointless... Thank you. Ilze Van Niekerk (tax resident in both Dallas AND Collin Counties)”

53. Carrie Carter wrote “Please hurry up and issue the shelter in place order. This is reckless and endangering lives by waiting. Please stop dragging your feet on all these decisions in general. I’m on the Frisco Mom’s board with literally thousands of member and I can tell you that the general consensus is that you aren’t doing enough fast enough. PLEASE ACT!”

54. Ali DeMuria wrote “To whom it may concern, My family and I implore you to place a shelter in place for Collin County. So many individuals are not taking this seriously and continue to go about their lives. Help us flatten the curve and demand everyone shelter in place! Ali Marciano”

55. Alissa Dare wrote “Please shut down Collin County. It doesn’t make sense to shut down Dallas County and not the neighboring counties. My husband works in Dallas and we live in Collin County. He must work as he is in a job that is considered essential. I am immunocompromised. We are taking all the precautions that we can. By not shutting down Collin County, you are not protecting our most vulnerable who must work, our essential employees, and our immunocompromised and older residents. Thank you  
Alissa Dare”

56. Sylvana Monge Villafane wrote "SHUT DOWN."

57. Kerri Lillestol wrote "As a mom of an infant and toddler, I am extremely concerned that we aren't doing enough to slow the spread of covid-19. I hope to see a shelter in place order come through to protect all of our vulnerable populations. Thank you, Kerri Lillestol"

58. April Varney wrote "Please do what is best for the people of Collin county and shut down all businesses like Dallas did so that we can get back to normal. Half of us are suffering and doing what a best for humanity while the other half are going about life as usual. It sickening and you have the power to stop it!! April Varney"

59. Kim Brand, Prosper, wrote "Collin County needs to be on lockdown. Please for the sake of all the residence of Collin County, orders to shelter in place need to be executed. Why wait for more people to contact COVID-19??? If Dallas County and Denton County deem it necessary, Collin County should too. PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS!!!! Thank you, Kim Brand Prosper, TX Collin County"

Judge Hill thanked everyone watching and participating by providing comments.

### **3. Presentation/Recognition.**

**4. Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Hill asked for comments or concerns on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled item 4d2. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 2:16 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. AI-48122 Disbursements for the period ending March 17, 2020, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-232-03-23**

b. AI-48123 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-233-03-23**

c. AI-48120 Tax refunds totaling \$ 1,279,461.80, Tax Assessor-Collector.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-234-03-23**

**d. Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-48133** Construction, North Employee Door Repairs, Steindam Courts Building (IFB No. 2020-208), Construction & Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-235-03-23**

2. **AI-48086** Temporary Personnel Services (RFP No. 2020-214), Human Resources.

Commissioner Webb said there is an inconsistency with the deadline date listed and it should be 4/16 instead of 4/9 on both pages. The Commissioner made a motion to approve this item with the amendment to the deadline date. (Time: 2:17 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-236-03-23**

**e. Award(s):**

1. **AI-48139** Construction, Door Replacements at Adult Detention and Minimum Security Facilities (IFB No. 2020-089) to Sweeper Metal Fabricators Corp. and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the construction contract, Facilities.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-237-03-23**

2. **AI-48116** Reconstruction - CR 317, 318, 324, 325 (IFB No. 2020-087) to Reliable Paving, Inc., Public Works.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-238-03-23**

**f. Miscellaneous**

1. **AI-48132** Reject all bids received for Construction, North Employee Door Repairs, Steindam Courts Building (IFB No. 2019-202), Construction & Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-239-03-23**

2. AI-48143 2019 Storm Water Management Program Report for the Phase II MS4 Collin County Storm Water Program and Notice of Change, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-240-03-23

3. AI-48142 Preliminary plat and subdivision regulations variance to grade site ahead of final plat for Branch Village, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-241-03-23

4. AI-48140 Grant application and resolution for the FY2020 UASI DFWA LETPA through the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-242-03-23

5. AI-48208 Grant application for the FY2020 Election Cybersecurity through the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-243-03-23

6. AI-48176 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-244-03-23

7. AI-48177 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-245-03-23

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-48189 Coronavirus (COVID- 19) briefing and discussion, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, gave a brief update on the COVID-19 status. Through Friday there were a total of 5,277 tests given in the whole state of Texas. An estimated four out of five of those tests were from private labs because the public health labs don't have the capacity. There have been technological changes that can increase the capacity of testing. The County does not call for tests. Private doctors write testing orders, and they are limited on how many they can order. Many providers, doctors, and nursing homes have asked if the County has extra supplies. The County does not have extra supplies and is at its minimum. The NCTTRAC (North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council) handles all supply distribution and is set up by the State to prevent entities from combating each other over buying supplies. The NCTTRAC ensures the supplies get distributed on a priority basis. Dallas County did open drive-through testing, and Judge Hill did offer to have Collin County host drive-through testing as well. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) worked with the State and placed these drive-through testing sites within the larger entities. The Dallas County drive-through testing location is available for anyone who needs to be tested, and the criteria for who can be tested is on their website.

Mr. Bilyeu said the Collin County website now has a box for help desk information coming directly from the County's healthcare site. This is where all calls and questions are being directed. There has been great feedback about this tool. Many employees have been able to work from home and assist with this new live-response service.

Mr. Bilyeu said Judge Hill issued a declaration closing all County operations, though some services are available by appointment. All the doors have been closed and staffed to give the public direction on how to get an appointment. Each door has a table with a hand sanitizing station. Facilities and Public Works are staffing these operations. There are many employees who have been able to work from home, and IT found solutions for more people to work from home.

Judge Hill said the disaster declaration issued a week ago is valid under state law for seven days. Once the seven days elapse, the governing body will need to decide if the disaster declaration will be continued. This week an additional executive order was issued closing all Collin County Government offices for unscheduled walk-up traffic. Collin County remains open and is continuing to serve its constituents in creative ways. The Judge explained the current procedure used to handle unscheduled public visitors.

Judge Hill said he has been talking to the mayors in Collin County about a potential shelter-in-place order for the County, and a press conference has been scheduled for tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. This is an important moment for us to come together to demonstrate the collaboration occurring behind the scenes. During the conference, there will be a discussion on the next steps appropriate for Collin County.

The Judge said the disaster declaration expires after seven days unless this body chooses by affirmative vote to continue the declaration. The Court was provided with a draft order that would continue the local declaration for as long as the state-wide declaration is in effect. The first thing this would do is align the County with the State for operational purposes, reimbursements and FEMA costs. If at any point this declaration is continuing longer than needed, the Court could decide to stop the order earlier than the State if necessary. Alternatively, any Commissioner could bring forth a motion with another idea. Commissioner Fletcher asked if it's only the timeline the Court has discretion over. Judge Hill said the State statute dictates that one person in every entity shall be the emergency management coordinator. The governing body has the opportunity to affirm and continue the declaration.

Commissioner Hale said this order references public gatherings of fifty people. At this point, would it be possible to entertain another order lowering the number to ten people. The Judge said the disaster declaration is what is being continued, and under that, specific powers are given to the chief executive to make decisions on behalf of the County. Commissioner Fletcher asked if the Court would need to amend the declaration if the Governor's state-wide order was for ten people. The Judge said that if the Governor's order is stricter than the County order, it will supersede. The Judge asked, if a specific order were to be changed, would it need ratification. Mr. Bilyeu said, if there is a change to an order, it would need to come back for ratification. Commissioner Webb said the problem with having an order differ from the Governor's order is the public can argue the order states fifty people and not ten. The Commissioner

does not want an inconsistent document that people can point to. After hearing the comments, there seems to be an enforcement issue, and the Court needs to find a better way to enforce these orders. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the orders.

Judge Hill said there are two legal questions to which the Court needs answers. First, can the governing body move to adopt part of a disaster declaration and can the declaration be divided. Second, if the governing body decides not to continue the declaration, does the County Judge have the authority to reissue an identical or amended copy at his discretion over the decision of the governing body to not continue the disaster declaration.

The Judge said he understands the comments and respects what is meant by the discrepancy between the Governor's guidance and his own. Commissioner Webb said the solution may be to add a footnote stating this declaration was adopted prior to the Governor's pronouncement of ten people. A brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Webb said he is comfortable voting to support this declaration if a notation is added on the physical face or website that says this was superseded by the Governor's declaration. A notation could also be added if the Judge makes another declaration using stronger language with regards to gatherings of fifty people and correcting the reference code. Judge Hill said at tomorrow's news conference he is ready to make a new executive order for Collin County subsequent to the disaster declaration. The declaration could easily be amended into a new disaster declaration that supersedes and sets aside all previous declarations. Commissioner Webb said he is worried the press would say the Court let the declaration expire. The Judge clarified he would still want the Court to continue the current declaration, but once the new disaster declaration and the executive orders are put in place tomorrow, it will be made clear that they supersede and set aside any previous orders. Commissioner Webb said his motion is to approve what is currently drafted and extend it beyond the seven days. Moving forward, he hopes the Judge will find a way to modify his declarations so that it makes the language a lot stronger. The Commissioner also hopes all the mayors meeting tomorrow will sign the declaration because their support is needed to enforce the orders. Many of the comments received are in regards to enforcement issues of gatherings greater than ten people, and all of the cities will need to help implement that. Judge Hill asked if the motion is to approve the draft presented on page 739 with an amendment to correct the date to March 16. Commissioner Webb said that is his motion. (Time: 3:01 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

#### **COURT ORDER NO. 2020-246-03-23**

Judge Hill said there are employees who are currently furloughed at home and are using their paid time off or comprehensive time off. The question has come up about also being able to use catastrophic time off. The current County policy has very strict guidelines for when an employee can use catastrophic time. The question before the Court is if it is their pleasure to increase the guidelines by providing new provisions for employees to use their catastrophic time. Commissioner Webb said the provision should also say "or similar declarations subsequently

declared” so that if a modification is made to the declaration, the Court would not have to redo this again. Judge Hill said “remains under” would need to be added and the date should be March 16th. Judge Hill said the executive order needs an affirmative continuance vote, and it would need to be done today. Commissioner Webb made a motion to extend the executive order. (Time: 3:05 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-247-03-23**

Judge Hill said there have been many questions from department heads regarding the proper use of time off because we are in unique situations every day. Some employees are necessary to work in the office and must be here. Some are choosing not to work in the office even though they are determined to be necessary. They have made it clear they don’t feel comfortable and would like to be home. We are moving into separating our essential departments into platoons where some are at the office and some are remote and alternate each week. If the IT department had all of their employees working together in the office and one employee comes down with the Corona Virus, they would all have to quarantine leaving no staff. By dividing the offices into teams, if one has to quarantine and is unable to work, the other team would be able to stand in their place. Another scenario is when some employees are asked to work from home and other departments don’t have work but employees are being asked to stay home. The employees who don’t have work to do at home are having to use their paid time off. In a short period of time we have generated several different scenarios for our workforce. It will fall to this body, collectively, to determine how to handle the payroll issues and give guidance to Mr. Bilyeu and Ms. Jacobson beyond what the handbook accounts for. Commissioner Williams said it would be helpful to have examples of these scenarios and some recommendations on how to handle.

Mr. Bilyeu said, if the Judge would like to amend the declaration to go from fifty down to ten, the Court could vote on that. Secondly, if the Court turns down the order, the Judge has the ability to immediately issue his own order afterwards. Mr. Bilyeu reminded the Court there currently is no Commissioners Court Meeting scheduled for next Monday.

Commissioner Webb said the Court has been building consensus with all of the cities on what their declarations are so we can all work together. The media and many people don’t understand this, and believe we are doing nothing. The hope is tomorrow the same thing occurs, and all the cities and their law enforcement reach consensus on how best to protect our citizens. We should also be doing everything we can to protect those who are most vulnerable. The Commissioner said he is considering health, safety and financial consequences with everything he votes on. Any decision made has repercussions on one of those three things. There is a lot of misinformation out there, and everyone needs to get their information from the County’s website, the CDC website or the Texas Health and Human Services website. Currently, there is only one person in a Collin County hospital that is being treated for COVID-19



symptoms. Commissioner Hale said eight have recovered. This information has to be put into the equation. A brief discussion followed regarding misinformation and critical data needed during this time. (Time: 3:29 p.m.)

**6. Boards/Commissions Appointments, Commissioners Court:**

a. AI-48184 Collin County Transit Planning Study.

Commissioner Webb said he has been working diligently over the last year trying to get a comprehensive transit study in place to look at transit and public transportation within the County. Collin County is very unique in that it has competing transit authorities. For example, Richardson, Plano and Dallas have DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit), McKinney has its own transit, and Frisco primarily uses DCTA (Denton County Transportation Authority). As a result, the County has a disjointed system. The Commissioner has been pushing for this study since the County is projected to have approximately 3 million people in about thirty years. The County cannot build enough roads to handle that kind of traffic. The NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) will fund this study. It has finally gone out for RFP (Request for Proposal), and a consultant has been selected. At this point, two committees are being put together to work with the consultant. They are the Collin County Project Advisory Committee and the Irving to Frisco Corridor Project Advisory Committee. We have two positions open on each of these committees, and generally one member would be an elected official and the other would be staff. Clarence Daugherty, Engineering, has been involved since it has been up and running. (Time: 3:35 p.m.)

1. Collin County Project Advisory Committee.

2. Irving to Frisco Corridor Project Advisory Committee.

A motion was made to appoint Duncan Webb and Clarence Daugherty to the Collin County Project Advisory Committee and to appoint Susan Fletcher and Clarence Daugherty to the Irving to Frisco Corridor Project Advisory Committee.

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5- 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-248-03-23**

7. Future agenda items without discussion.

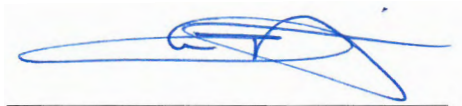
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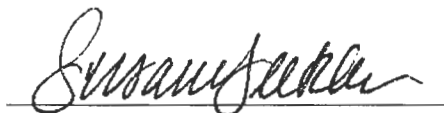
An order of the Collin County Commissioners Court approving the acceptance a scope and fee proposal.

The Collin County Commissioners Court hereby approves the scope and fee proposal from BGE, Inc. for Professional Services, Engineering: Alignment Study, Environmental Analysis and Preparation of Design Schematic for FM 546 from Bridgefarmer Road in Lowry Crossing to CR 400 in Princeton and from 2300 feet east of FM 982 to Baron Drive; and at the intersection with US 380, and further authorizes the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, as detailed in the attached documentation.

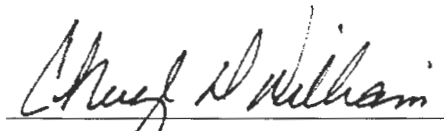
A motion was made, seconded, and carried by a majority of the court members in attendance during a regular session on Monday, April 20, 2020.




Chris Hill, County Judge



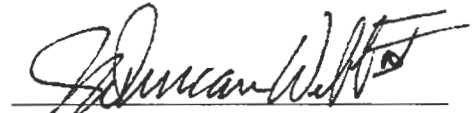
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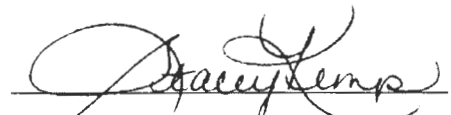
Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk

The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Judge Hill reconvened Commissioners Court at 3:35 p.m.

The Judge made a motion to hold a special meeting one week from today on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. (Time: 3:35 p.m.)

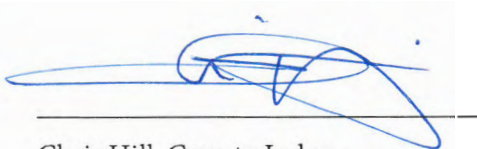
Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

Commissioner Fletcher said she would like to add to the update anything that NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) is doing on the COVID efforts.

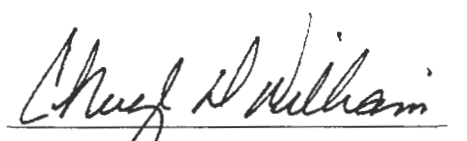
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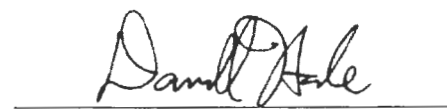
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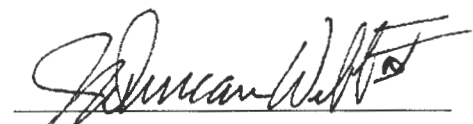
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ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk