

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2020-320-04-27
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court Special Session approving the filing of the March 30, 2020 minutes.

On Monday, March 30, 2020 the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Special 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 Webb led the Invocation.
 Commissioner Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Commissioner Fletcher 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 immediately recessed into Executive Session. The Judge reconvened into open session at 4:06 p.m. and adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

2. Public Comments.

1. Lauren Doherty, Allen, wrote “I understand you are accepting comments regarding the most recent order. I believe the order is contradictory and confusing. Please define the term essential. If everything is essential, then it is an unnecessary term. Define what is necessary and people will have a better understanding. The federal government already has a useful definition, so using that would be a simple solution. Also, if some businesses continue to operate that believe themselves essential, but are truly not, their employees are at risk unnecessarily. Those employees might still be receiving a paycheck, but they are put at risk of contracting COVID. Order non essential businesses closed so those workers can stay home and apply for unemployment. Business can recover if we lock down now, but not if there is a massive death toll because we waited too long. Please inform us how many respirators are available. We also need to know whether there are enough PPEs available for the expected hospitalizations. Finally, we need to understand the testing landscape. Is anyone able to get a test? Where do they

go? What is the cost? Testing is the primary method of understanding and therefore containing the virus's spread. Thanks for your attention, Lauren Doherty Allen, TX”

2. Tom Plunkett, Anna, wrote “Thank you for taking my question. It's no secret these are very hard times for us all. Our community leaders have a very difficult choice to make for our safety. Recently a nationwide company Best Buy has decided for the safety of their customers and employees to close any in-store traffic off. People can order online or in front of the store for pickup/order and pay. As of yesterday the President of Best Buy announced that all home installations have been halted. There are several other companies following suit for the safety of the employees and customers. I do like Best buy's innovative thinking of safety while keeping the doors open.. The commissioners and the County Judge have a very difficult decision. I pray for our County after a lawsuit was filed against one Mayor in Collin County, because it's reached national level. My question is that a minimum can we mandate gloves and mask to be worn by all employees of an open business to protect the employees for example Sam's alone has hundreds of people daily in their store.. I am unsure if you could make the customers wear them..but the employees are being exposed at a high level of risk.. Tom Plunkett 917 Calder Ct Anna tx 75409” and “I just saw I submitted my question late. I understand if it can't be stated. . I was just trying to find a solution to our problem while keeping businesses open and people safe.. Tom Plunkett”

3. Steven Wallace wrote “Why do you refuse to follow the rest of the surrounding counties and not put a shelter in place order? You are putting the life's of my family at risk and I just want to know what possible reason makes you think you are above this global pandemic where 700,000 cases have been reported and 33,000 deaths in less than a month. Not trying to be aggressive or sound resentful but am very worried about my family. Look forward to hearing from you”

4. Jolie Williams wrote “Dear Judge Hill and Commissioners, I understand everyone has good intentions, and no matter what you do there will be scrutiny. I think we can all agree people being employed, having income, having insurance, and the ability to keep a roof over their head is important. When stating that all businesses are essential, yet ordering residents to stay home except for essentials is causing great confusion. What are the essentials for residents to leave their home? If residents are ordered not to visit certain businesses as they are not essentials, why would they remain open? It remains an open invitation to residents to violate the order. I believe we have all seen some sort of violations of the order in one form or fashion. I ask that there be clarity, and assistance to residents, businesses, and our local municipalities in understanding what are essentials. I simply ask that we put politics aside, and clarify the confusion for the community health. Pointing fingers, calling names, and so forth are causing a greater divide at a time we should be working together. Thank you, Jolie Williams”

5. Brian Newman, McKinney, wrote “Judge Hill and Commissioners, Thank you for last week's Order. I agree that it protects the physical health and well being of our residents and those working in Collin. The order also respects our cherished constitutional Rights and I am grateful for that. Viruses kill people and Centralized decision making also kills people. Please keep your order as is. We don't need to compound the COVID-19 problem by removing peoples income. When folks can't put food on the table, rule of law breaks down real fast. **All our businesses are**

essential because everyone is essential. For generations, Americans have thrived and prospered by embracing personal responsibility. Your order encourages personal responsibility, and in the end, that principle will be what defeats this crisis, just like all the ones that have come previously to our shores. I pray for wisdom and health for you, the commissioners, all our brave emergency/medical personnel, those afflicted with COVID-19 and their loved ones. I also pray for a cure! Keep up the good work Commissioners! Brian Newman”

6. Kathryn Vargas wrote “My name is Kathryn Vargas and I’m a resident of the county and my husband is a firefighter here as well. Neither Judge Chris Hill, nor any of the commissioners consulted with a single major fire department regarding the current orders. We stand with the neighboring firefighters’ association of McKinney in calling Judge Hill’s orders that all businesses are essential as “reckless and dangerous to the health and well-being of first responders...Collin County, and the DFW metroplex.” Judge Hill’s refusal to close non-essential business has done nothing to mitigate the spread and instead has contributed to the shortage of PPE as non-essential employees seek to protect themselves, unable to stay home and qualify for unemployment or other aid until their employers are forced to close. Yesterday, Anna police and fire began requesting donations for PPE and we’ve seen similar pleas by North Texas Oncology in Plano and various other healthcare providers. The strain to our healthcare system is already here and there is no excuse for our first responders and healthcare community to not have the supplies they need in an affluent community such as this. Thursday night, I held a crying six year old who was terrified for his dad and uncle and it’s not a burning building he’s afraid for them to go into. I implore you to listen to our healthcare and first responder communities and take legitimate action to protect them and the families they come home to through a complete and full shelter in place order, closing all non-essential businesses immediately. I also ask that Judge Hill be moved from his statement to WFAA that he has “no plans” for county testing like our neighboring counties have. This is reckless action that prevents the community from actually tracking the spread and taking appropriate actions. Please do the right thing, Kathryn Vargas”

7. Cagnie Palmer wrote “Just in case you don’t here this enough, I think you are doing a great job and marking reasonable decisions.”

8. David Stoner wrote “Thank you for your diligence in balancing our immediate public health risks against the longer term economic (and resulting public health) risk inherent in restricting our individual freedoms and ability to work.”

9. Jeremy Menchaca wrote “On Sunday the 22nd of March, I decided to close my barbershop for 2 weeks for the betterment of our community and country. This will take a collective effort from the whole community/country to help flatten the curve of the covid-19 virus. How do we expect this to happen if Collin County officials worry about the economy over the health of the people? Our priority and focus should be on the health of the community. What is an economy with a fractured community? We have some in our communities scared to expose themselves to the virus and others downplaying the situation. Everyday that goes by, is an extra day that we spin the web of the spread of the covid-19 virus. Collin county officials should not fall to the cries of local businesses. Once we get past this, We have a community that will rally around us and help us strive to become an even stronger business

within our communities knowing that we did this together. We must sacrifice our financial gains for the betterment of our community. The longer we wait to engage in a more strict stay home order, the harder our economy will be hit tomorrow. Our officials need to do what's right and temper the frustrations of local businesses by explaining to all, that the health of our community today is more important than the financial hit our business may take tomorrow. If not, we will continue to see business slow as the virus spreads throughout our community. We are worrying about gaining pennies today over the loss of lives tomorrow. My clients were canceling due to their fears and I shared those fears with them. I understood why they wanted to take precautions. As for local businesses putting pressure on Collin county officials to keep their business from closing, its straight up selfish. I too, will share the same financial setbacks. But it's the sacrifice we must make for the betterment of our community, let alone our country. This is bigger than us. Collin county officials, Lead our community not our finances. Thank you for the time Jeremy Menchaca”

10. Al Perry wrote “I'm appalled at Judge Hill's lock-step with the Tea Party to promote a back-to-work effort that compromises the health of all in our county. Science is a thing and this court needs to listen when the smartest people in our country, the one's whose job it is to know these things, inform us of the scientific truths behind the very real threat of COVID-19. I am aware of the relationship that exists between Judge Hill, Commissioner Hale, Derek Baker, Jim Pikel and Paul Chabot and I believe the evidence will show this was a concerted effort by them to advance the ideals and policies of the Tea Party, placing the health and well-being of Collin County residents as a second priority. I call on Judge Hill to get the hell out of the way and let Collin County Mayors protect their citizens since he lacks the courage to do so. Al Perry 469.515.9892”

11. Sharron Albertson wrote “Please continue to give residents the ability and responsibility to take their health seriously. Gov Cuomo stated that he is "not sure if closing all businesses, keeping everyone home was the best public health strategy." Since we believe in limited government, more stringent rules trample on rights of citizens. A list of specific businesses that should be closed is not necessary if everyone follows the guidelines that are already in place. Thirteen cases in the hospital and one death out of more than one million residents should not be the cause for people to lose their businesses and their jobs as well as their ability to feed their families. We will continue to pray for wisdom for each of you and for our health care workers. We appreciate your concern for doing what is right. Sharron Albertson”

12. Carol Sewell, Plano, wrote “Regarding last weeks announcement by Judge Chris Hill: Very judicious and respectful. They treat us like responsible adults who can take responsibility for our families, our employees and businesses without destroying the counties business atmosphere for months longer than necessary. Those who rebel and are less than responsible they should be treated separately instead of punishing everyone. Have faith in We the People. Thank you, Carol Sewell, Plano”

13. Abby Bauer wrote “We should be following Dallas’ lead on shelter in place. The order you placed was too ambiguous and people need better direction during this time. The statistics they used during their press

conference were quite convincing and need to be used as a guideline for Collin County. Please make a stricter shelter in place so we can help contain the virus.”

14. Steven Spainhouer, McKinney, wrote “Please amend the current county order that will allow municipalities to have more restrictive measures put in place to protect the public safety of our citizens. Steven Spainhouer McKinney Certified Safety Executive, World Safety Organization”

15. Pam Holman wrote “While the loud and vocal anger emanating from some constituents is deeply disturbing, it is important for you to know that there are many people quietly supportive of all of your efforts. I appreciate the delicate balance being struck between health and economic considerations and also appreciate the daily presentation of data along with graphs. Thank you for your leadership in these truly tough times.”

16. Shelby Williams, Plano City Council, wrote “I thank Judge Hill and our Commissioner's Court for the hard work they are doing to address the unprecedented challenges we're facing in this pandemic. There is no playbook for this, and there is no net positive outcome. There will be loss of life and livelihood no matter what is done, whether actions taken are more drastic, less drastic, or exactly as they are. Our elected leaders are charged in this to fly in the dark, in uncharted territory, and to balance everything to minimize the cost of both lives and the vitality of our communities as much as possible. Stay strong, stay focused, and God bless each of you. Shelby Williams Plano City Council - Place 5”

17. Bill Gammill, McKinney, wrote “I just want to thank you, Judge Hill and Commissioners, for allowing Collin County businesses to remain open if they can comply with the CDC mandates. We need the services theses businesses provide to keep Collin county’s economy going. I have shared the order on Facebook and many of my friends who live outside of Collin County and Texas wish their officials would do the same. Businesses need the commerce and Collin county families need what they provide. Thank you for taking a responsible stand for Collin County. I believe we can comply with the current order in a responsible way. Thank you for your leadership. Sincerely, Bill Gammill McKinney”

18. Gregory Willis wrote “When will Collin County have a shelter in place? Mckinney listened to the medical experts and analysts and took a step to flatten the curve. Please order a shelter in place so more people don’t die.”

19. Gene Sera wrote “Economic health affects physical health. Please keep this in mind. A prolonged shutdown could cause more damage than good. Thank you, Gene Sera”

20. Wayne Coltrane wrote “Dear Judge Hill and Commissioners, I had to take my sick cat to the veterinarian on Thursday, March, 26, 2020 and while waiting outside in my vehicle while he was being treated I made the following observations in regard to compliance with the Order of the County Judge dated March 24, 2020 and Executive Order GA 08 by The Governor of the State of Texas dated March 19, 2020. I had spoken to the veterinarian the prior day by phone and provided him with a copy of the aforementioned orders including the YouTube Video of Judge Chris Hill’s Press Conference regarding his order. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the veterinarian now

requires pet owners to call the vet office on arrival at the clinic at the time of their appointment allowing a staff member to retrieve the pet at curb side check-in with the staff wearing PPE and payments made by credit card over the phone, so they are being safe and following the aforementioned orders. I can't say the same about my personal doctors who are still crowding large numbers of patients into their waiting rooms with no safety precautions and are ignoring the aforementioned orders. My primary care physician did not respond to my request for a telemedicine visit for a non-urgent medication follow up appointment, so I cancelled the appointment because I currently have enough medications and/or refills for a few weeks. I made the same request of my orthopedic specialist for a non-urgent medication follow up appointment but was denied so I had to keep that appointment and appear in person because I did not have an adequate supply of medication. I observed a crowded patient waiting area and no efforts by staff to disinfect or clean the waiting area creating a potential hazardous health environment especially for the spread of COVID-19. For my own protection I wore a homemade hazmat suit consisting of a full body rain suit with hood, dust mask with tissue insert, rubber gloves, clear shooter's glasses, and rubber boots to the appointment. I suggest that all medical facilities or any business with a public waiting room for clients, patients, or customers, etc. be required to stagger appointment times so that they can maintain the executive order requirement that every person be required to avoid gatherings in groups of ten or more persons. Patrons would be required to maintain the social distancing requirement of staying at least six feet away from other people while in the waiting room. Additionally, waiting rooms would be required to be sterilized on an ongoing basis during business hours. While waiting outside the veterinarian's office in my vehicle in my PPE, a Domino's Pizza Delivery driver went into the veterinarian's office but was not wearing any PPE. The driver noticed my PPE and told me Dominos does not allow their drivers to wear ANY PPE even if personally provided by the driver and does not provide hand sanitizer or any form of PPE for their delivery drivers. He also told me delivery drivers can't maintain the 6-foot social distance because they must take payment directly in the form of credit cards or cash from some customers. It doesn't seem right that a person must decide between their health or their job. Anyone put in this situation should be able to resign their job due to health and safety concerns and still receive unemployment. I suggest that Judge's Order allow/require employees/contractors of any business to wear PPE and if prohibited by the employer the business be required cease operations until they are compliant, or the Governor and Judge's orders are no longer in effect. For businesses that require direct contact with customers, require payments be made only by credit or debit by phone or electronic media such as a text, email, etc. As noted in the case of my veterinarian these are not overly burdensome requirements on business and as stated in the Judges order "extreme" care should be taken if social distancing is "NOT" possible. Businesses are not adhering to the spirit or details of the Judge's order and probably will test the limits until penalties for violation of the orders are enacted. The Order by the County Judge states "All businesses and employers are hereby ordered to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to increase social distancing in the normal course of business activities, and to provide for a safe and healthy work environment" and "Where social distancing is not possible in the normal course of business activities, extreme care should be taken to reduce the risk of exposure to, and transmittal of, germs and COVID-19." In Judge Chris Hill's Press Conference on March 24th, 2020 on YouTube, he stated "that any business that cannot operate according to these guidelines cannot operate. The Governor has said you may not have gatherings of more than ten people. Any business that cannot abide by that guideline because it supersedes of course all 254 counties, any business that cannot abide by that guideline can't

stay open in that same fashion unless they can make changes to their model of business to bring themselves into compliance.” As far as enforcement guidelines the Judge went on to state that “it’s the same enforcement tools here in Collin County that every other county here in North Texas has available to us. We have the ability to fine and the ability to jail.” Due to the lack of adequate testing for COVID-19, the Nation and indeed the whole World is sailing on the Titanic or Lusitania because we don’t the extent of the danger below the surface. Since I’m 66 and retired I’ve been sheltering in place except for food or other emergencies like the vet or doctor appointments. When I need to leave my home, I wear my aforementioned PPE hazmat suit. I also have a roll of paper towels with 409 cleaner and spray Lysol and hand sanitizer in my vehicle. When I return home, I change out of the boots at the home entry door in the garage and all my clothes go in the laundry room just inside the door. I’m doing all I can to keep me and my community safe and expect others to do the same. Thank you, Wayne Coltrane GOP Chair Precinct 85 214-215-8115”

21. Stephanie Patella wrote “Please, I ask that our county consider guidelines similar if not the same as our neighboring counties. No one wants a financial crisis, but please, all that is happening is this is being dragged out longer. Can we have a stricter Stay in Place? Proper enforcement of public play structures that are labeled as “closed”, and please have “Essential Business” more clearly defined. If you feel Real estate, which can very safely and effectively be preformed through virtual tours, is deemed “essential”, then please review ALL professions to allow fair consideration on who should be sacrificed. I appreciate your reviewing this, Warm regards, Stephanie Patella RN”

22. Aaron Wiser wrote “Hi all, I support the first order that was issued already. Please stay strong and don’t bend to political pressure from vocal detractors. Remember that, in addition to protecting vulnerable citizens from Covid-19, you must also protect vulnerable workers. It is possible to protect those who are physically vulnerable and those who are economically vulnerable as shown by South Korea. Please achieve a get-back-to-work strategy. There are more than 34 million people in this pool of the most vulnerable workers, or about a quarter of the private workforce. “Getting infected with the virus is not as much of an existential threat to my life as not having money for rent and food,” said Ali Tahir, of Austin, Texas, who operates a small catering business... “There’s a last-in, first-out problem,” Lisa Cook, an economist at Michigan State University, said. “The economic effects of this virus are going to have a substantial impact on low-wage workers, who are disproportionately women, African-Americans and Latinos, and it’s going to happen quickly.” <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.wsj.com/amp/articles/i-have-bills-i-have-to-pay-low-wage-workers-face-brunt-of-coronavirus-crisis-11584719927> <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/03/26/821688981/how-south-korea-reigned-in-the-outbreak-without-shutting-everything-down> In a press conference in Albany, Cuomo said the smartest way forward would be a public health strategy that complemented a “get-back-to-work strategy.” <https://www.foxnews.com/us/cuomo-closing-all-businesses-keeping-everyone-home-not-best-public-health-strategy>”

23. Michelle Pittard wrote “To whom it may concern: Please, for the health and wellbeing of the residents of Collin and surrounding counties, move to the stricter guidelines that Denton and Dallas have. EVERY BUSINESS is NOT ESSENTIAL! Also, PLEASE define clearly what an essential business actually is and reiterate that even if you are essential and CAN work from home that you should work from home. Best Regards Michelle Pittard”

24. Tristian Vick, Frisco, wrote “Dear Commissioners,

Please consider the following when creating your new order related to the COVID-19 pandemic in Collin County:

1) Your previous order issued last week mentioned the physical health of Collin County residents five times, but the financial health of residents six times. Please make sure that your order deals with specific guidance for the Collin County business community. The vagueness of your March 24th order and the ambiguity of your press conference last week has left the business community and the citizens of Collin County looking elsewhere for guidance. How many people were infected from frequently touched surfaces at non-essential businesses like clothing retailers or furniture stores that were open because your order didn't label them non-essential? Are the 2% of sales tax revenues local jurisdictions receive really more important than public health? 2) Please explicitly list the businesses that are considered essential. Our health care and hospital systems use a regional approach to being prepared for these pandemics. Don't be the weakest link in the chain of fighting a pandemic. 3) Please explicitly issue strict rules for group homes, senior living centers and nursing homes that will prevent an outbreak in our community amongst the most vulnerable. Tarrant, Denton and Dallas county show us that these centers are highly vulnerable populations and areas for infection. 4) Please put violation and enforcement mechanisms (i.e. fines or jail terms) in your next executive order for non-compliance. 5) Please announce a plan to prepare our county healthcare industry and workforce by coordinating between the different hospital systems to balance potential caseload and avoid a situation like what New York City, New Orleans and other hard hit metro areas are experiencing. Tristan Vick, CPA Frisco, TX tvick1988@gmail.com

25. Amy Sewell wrote “In light of the rapidly rising COVID count in Collin County, as well as the Governor's enhanced travel advisories and quarantine requirements, and the President signaling an extension of his social distancing recommendations, PLEASE take stronger steps to protect our community. The stay at home order does not go far enough to protect our community as well as our most vulnerable citizens. In the press conference last week, viewers were told that "Collin County is open for business." The majority of our residents do NOT want to Collin County open for business. This invites potential residents from other counties into our communities and increases are our risk. We do NOT need packed Home Depot parking lots. There is no way social distancing is occurring at hardware stores where people are planning their spring planting and remodeling their houses. Our residents are not taking this virus seriously and we are getting mixed messages from our leadership. Please take a firmer position on this topic. The message needs to be much clearer. Stay home! People should only be out for essential activities. People should not be flooding our parks and athletic courts. Collin County is currently behind the rest of Texas' metropolitan counties. The vague press conference and confusing guidance has invited a frivolous lawsuit that wastes taxpayer resources and funds. PLEASE take a strong position this topic. Eliminate the

confusion. Issue a solid shelter in place order with consequences for willful violations. The health and safety of our community depends on strong leadership. Thank you for taking the time to read and know that for every email you get, there are hundreds more Collin County residents that are in agreement. Sincerely, Amy Sewell”

Judge Hill said this is an opportunity for the public to make comments and not to ask questions. The Judge also said comments were taken after the 1:50 cut off. Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, read off the names of the people whose comments were received and submitted for the record.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

3. AI-48226 COVID-19 personnel staffing and compensation, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, gave an update on COVID-19. There is a new graphic style webpage on the Collin County website that displays all the up-to-date case information. The dots on the graph are in the center of the city and not based off the zip code of a positive test. The County is still operating and open for business by appointment only. Greeters are at all large buildings to direct citizens and answer questions. Mr. Bilyeu said many of the Collin County staff are working from home, and those who can are helping out the Healthcare Department. More positive cases are expected to roll in due to an increase in testing throughout the state. Most testing labs are still requiring a doctor’s note. The FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) drive-through testing facility does not require a doctor’s note but does require you to have symptoms.

Collin County has been getting the hospitalization numbers from direct contact with the individual or their family. Reporting is running four to five days behind testing. Once a positive test has been received, the lab contacts Collin County so the County can have first contact with the individual. The Epidemiology and Public Health Department reach out to the individual and gather demographic information, offer them advice and point them to the most frequently asked questions. Elected Officials are sending over employees to help in the Health Department. Once the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) requirements are met, each employee will be given a positive patient to track for 14 days.

Collin County has received close to five thousand emails regarding media requests and open records requests. The Texas Attorney General, Ken Paxton, has correctives out that furlough those requests. There are requests asking for information gathered by the new chat box on the Counties website, but there are personal items in there that would need to be pulled out. Open records requests are taking up a lot of extra time that can be used in other areas.

Mr. Bilyeu said the County employees have stepped up during all of this. Mr. Bilyeu gave Melinda Clancy, Telecommunications, a shout out and said she has worked seven days a week moving phone lines around and creating a phone bank for the County.

The region did receive a distribution from the State on Friday. These supplies are not an entire month’s worth, but are enough supplies for 72 hours.

Judge Hill commended the County staff for doing a great job during all of this. The court systems are meeting over video chats, and the Government Offices are open and doing business by mail, email and phone. The Sheriff, Jim Skinner, has done a remarkable job with the safety and the health of the inmates and officers. (Time 4:43 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

4. AI-48227 COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, County Judge.

Commissioner Fletcher said she would like the order cleared up because the public is confused. Judge Hill said he has heard that comment about being confused and he has also heard that some folks are just twisting his words. If a business can work safely, then they should. Judge Hill said Commissioners Court cannot dictate every single part of your life, and citizens need to make common sense decisions. Judge Hill said it has always been his intention to allow the cities and the mayors the room to implement their own guidelines in addition to his. Just like Governor Abbott has allowed counties to have room to implement their own guidelines. The Governor has laid out guidelines for the entire State of Texas, and Judge Hill has laid out guidelines for all of Collin County. The mayors of the cities within Collin County are able to lay out their own guidelines.

Commissioner Webb said he would like to see the Emergency Declaration tweaked to help protect the elderly and people with underlying medical conditions. The Commissioner said he would like to see businesses separate the asymptomatic people from the highly susceptible people. There should also be higher and reinforced restrictions for retirement homes to protect employees and residents.

Commissioner Hale said that doing a supplemental order may be the best way to make amendments to the order because they are just voting yay or nay today. It's a concern that certain types of operations would consume materials such as masks and gloves to stay open, and then those supplies are no longer accessible to the high-risk operations like hospitals or clinics.

Commissioner Fletcher said that Commissioners Court should give examples on appropriate and inappropriate things to do under this Order. Judge Hill said he thinks there are many in this community who are saying they don't know how to behave unless we give examples, and, if that is the case, then we are in trouble. They don't need an elected Commissioner to tell them what to do when the whole Country is saying stay home. Judge Hill also said he has had numerous people tell him to do exactly what Dallas County did, and he has had the same amount tell him to not do what Dallas County did. There are not enough people in Dallas County to enforce the regulations. If you ventured down to Dallas County, you would see people still leisurely shopping and gathering. We have said here in Collin County that if you can work safe, then work safe. If you need to go get something essential, go and get it but shop safe.

Commissioner Williams said those who want a stricter order probably live inside a city that has already adopted a stricter order. Judge Hill said within those cities that have a stricter order you will still find people out leisurely shopping.

Judge Hill wants it to be clear that the mayors of the cities within Collin County have the same executive authority as he does to make their own guidelines. They have done what they think is appropriate for their cities.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to extend Judge Hill's current order. Judge Hill asked what the time frame was on her motion to extend the order. Judge Hill would like to have a hard end to the order when the State Disaster Declaration is over. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 5:16 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 – 1 Passed

Nay: Commissioner Duncan Webb

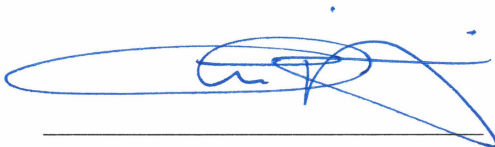
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Hill recessed Commissioners Court into Executive Session under 550.071 to consult with the County Attorney regarding item 3 on the agenda, COVID-19 personnel staffing and compensation. (Time: 1:30 p.m.)

NO ACTION

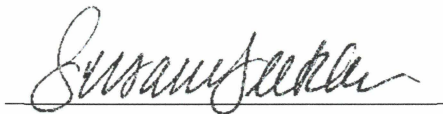
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge



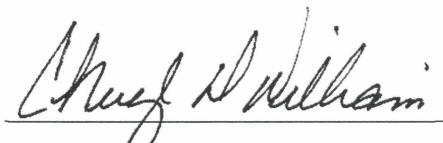
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ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk