

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2020-392-05-11
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the April 20, 2020 minutes.

On Monday, April 20, 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 Webb led the Invocation.  
 Commissioner Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Judge Hill 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 adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 1:50 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 1:50 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

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

1. AI-48310 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

**FYI NOTIFICATION**

1. AI-48280 Intra -County account transfers transmitted on April 1, 2020, Auditor.
2. AI-48288 P-Card disbursements, Auditor.
3. AI-48299 County overtime for the pay period ended April 5, 2020, Human Resources.

**2. Public Comments will be accepted at [comments@collincountytx.gov](mailto:comments@collincountytx.gov) until 1:30 p.m.**

Judge Hill said in Collin County the Commissioners Court Meetings are always open and accessible to the public, although, they have had to be creative in making it happen. The County continues the long practice of ensuring the meetings are always online live and taped. Public comments have been accepted from Collin County citizens electronically via email. Starting this week the comments have been accepted from the time the meeting was posted until the beginning of the meeting. There were several emails received and they will go onto the public record. The Judge said he appreciates everyone participating online and sharing their comments. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

Deidra Dennis wrote, "Judge Hill and Commissioners, I am deeply grateful for the conservative leadership by the Collin County Commissioners Court to keep as many businesses operational during this Wuhan Virus emergency. True governmental leadership/management does so with constitutional liberties in mind over that which is convenient or less burdensome to enact. While I understand you will have the recommendations from task force volunteers to consider on the reopening of the county, I encourage you to remember, you are the elected officials. It is you to whom we have placed confidence to make decisions with conservative principles and constitutional liberties in mind. I'm praying that you will have wisdom in your decision making and that you will have peace with the choices you make for the good of the county.

Please record these comments for the record. Respectfully, Deidra Dennis"

Zodie Christakos wrote, "My public comment: Re-open businesses NOW! Every single day re-opening is postponed is a crisis and travesty. No phasing, just open now as there are many dominoes falling NOW with more layoffs and businesses closing, not to mention all the people who have already been laid off and are desperately waiting to even be able to apply for jobs or be re-hired (if the company is able and not already out of money and out of hope). No customers, no business, no money, no work, no loans (but even loans while a short term loose bandaid are a burden). MANY more people will be tragically devastated by no work and crashing economy than were even sick much less a fatality. I'm hearing their stories and the tragedies are at this point are multiplying exponentially. Stop with statistics and look at the reality of where we are and where we are headed if change does not come NOW. Zodie Christakos Collin County Republican Precinct Chair"

Melissa Spence wrote, "Public comment for Commissioner's meeting. I want to thank the Commissioners and Judge Hill for their hard work to balance safety and allowing businesses to operate. Based on the real data coming in now on the virus, I believe that it is time to reopen Collin County and Texas. I would prefer a full reopen, but at the minimum I would request that Collin County open following the phase 1 guidelines set out last week. I would ask that the commissioners request that the governor move Texas to phase 1 immediately. We cannot continue to lose our small businesses and to keep such high numbers of people on unemployment. Our cities and counties cannot function without the tax revenue these businesses provide. Thank you. Melissa Spence Allen, TX"

Stephanie Casson wrote, "Good afternoon, I would like this entered into the record. Stephanie Casson, 5401 Westfield Drive, Parker, Tx 75002. I have studied your numbers for Collin County each day, and I thank you for those figures and breakdowns. Judging from the latest numbers it is obvious that Collin County businesses should be reopened. This shutdown will be monumentally worse economically and mentally than anything this virus has done. Please give the citizens credit for being able to carry out our lives in a sensible way. We are not children and the heavy handedness of our government has gone too far, and frankly is a little scary. When the Australian flu hit a couple of years ago, it killed thousands and I contracted it and it was absolutely awful but there was no distancing, masks, shut downs, isolation etc. Why now? None of this makes any sense at all. It is time to let the citizens decide how they want to proceed with their lives. Having an unelected large group of business leaders making the decision is ridiculous. We didn't vote for them we voted for you. It is time to stop kicking the can down the road, our livelihoods and families deserve better. Reopen the economy and let us start this economic engine now before it is too late.

By the way, look at the Sweden model, they did it right. Regards, Stephanie Casson"

Cindy Meyer wrote, "County Judge & Commissioners, I urge you to open Collin County businesses now. With each day that passes, more and more small businesses are unable to sustain the mandated closures and will fail. With that, they suffer the loss of their investment, their livelihood for themselves and employees, not to mention the economic impact at the city, county, state and federal levels. We'll find ourselves in a depression based on fictitious numbers and panic. How un-American, not to mention unconstitutional (which you all took an oath to uphold)! It is time to demonstrate the leadership you were elected to provide. If businesses choose to stay closed, let it be their decision. If employees or our residents are fearful of catching the virus, they also may choose to stay home. It's called personal responsibility. We don't need or want a nanny state. We don't need a large committee of business leaders to make decisions for us as individuals or for other businesses. You have taken your responsibility and handed it to a group. But in fact, the decision is not theirs to make. The words of Benjamin Franklin, "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety" never rang as true as it does presently. Thank you for your consideration. Cindy Meyer 6618 Estados Dr Parker, TX."

Susan Hubek wrote, "Dear Commissioners, First, thank you for your service. I have known most of you for a long time, better when I was actively involved as a board member, then Chairman of the Board of the Plano Chamber of Commerce. You are level-headed people. We have been cooperative, trusting people accepting the advice then mandate of sheltering in place, not going to work unless ours was an "essential" service. Everyone knows how deadly this virus is and has been for those who have contracted it. Also, we hear that the mortality rate is, by all standards, very low in Collin County. Nobody wants to get this disease, that's a given. Now that we are beginning to understand more about the realities of where we are we are feeling like it's time to lift the stay home mandate. As thinking and caring people we know that fear can create a huge inclination to set aside our freedoms to comply for a time. That time is up. We are witnessing the abuse of government mandates that make us not even recognize America! We can think, act appropriately and decide for ourselves what is best for us and feeling trapped, disregarded, over-ruled, is leading to abuse of power. Seeing the demonstrations popping up all around should be a sign that we've reached our limit. Then when we watch as our so-called LEADERS in CONGRESS abuse us, lie



to us, use this time to force their devastating agenda upon us makes us not TRUST anymore. We've had enough. People of Collin County are good, hardworking people who rarely look to government for our needs and desires to be met. Please hear us, represent us and allow our economy to get back to work. Bad will go to worse very soon, I fear. We're still mostly compliant but we are not going to stay that way for long. Thank you so much for your consideration and leadership. My employees need their jobs, we need their support and care that all is going to get back to life in AMERICA. Sincerely, Susan Hubek Susan Hubek, Operating Principle Keller Williams Realty, Allen, Plano, Richardson, Rockwall, McKinney 1002 Raintree Circle, Allen TX 75013 [Hubek@kw.com](mailto:Hubek@kw.com) 972-978-0378"

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

**4. Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Hill asked for comments or concerns on the consent agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. **AI-48296** Disbursements for the period ending April 14, 2020, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-294-04-20**

b. **AI-48297** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-295-04-20**

c. **AI-48275** Tax refunds totaling \$2,156,959.58, Tax Assessor-Collector.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-296-04-20**

### **d. Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-48277** Professional Service, Surveying (RFQ No. 2020-228), Public Works.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-297-04-20**

### **e. Award(s):**

1. **AI-48298** Construction, Collin County Justice Center, Kitchen MAU Replacement (IFB No. 2020-164) to Air Conditioning Innovative Solutions, Inc. dba ACIS, and further authorize Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the construction agreement, Construction & Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2020-298-04-20**



2. AI-48228 OEM Toner Cartridges for Laser and Inkjet Printers (Coop Quote No. 2020-136) to various vendors, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-299-04-20

**f. Contract Renewal(s):**

1. AI-48301 Liquid Asphalts (IFB No. 2019-114) with Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. to extend the contract through and including May 6, 2021, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-300-04-20

2. AI-48302 Liquid Asphalts (IFB No. 2019-114) with P Squared Emulsion Plants, LLC dba P2 Emulsions to extend the contract through and including May 6, 2021, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-301-04-20

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

1. AI-48306 March 23, 2020.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-302-04-20

**h. Miscellaneous**

1. AI-48305 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 authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-303-04-20

2. AI-48309 Resolution requesting the inclusion of the MPO's proposed updates to the 2020 unified transportation program for Collin County, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-304-04-20

3. AI-48294 Redesignation of Private Road 5690 to Hafliger Way with associated address updates, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-305-04-20

4. AI-48295 Redesignation of County Road 290 (northern E-W section only) to W Panther Pkwy with address range update consistent with the Van Alstyne city addressing, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-306-04-20

5. AI-48276 Conduct a no cost trial of Elastic's Endpoint Protection with Elastic NV for up to sixty (60) days, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-307-04-20

6. AI-48311 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-308-04-20

7. AI-48313 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-309-04-20

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-48317 COVID-19 Update, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said Judge Hill signed a statement and the County Auditor submitted it for federal funding totaling \$500,000. The amount will need to be used before the end of this year specifically for COVID-19 response. This funding is separate from the COVID money received for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Because of timing this funding will likely be seen on the next court and it is a not grant.

There has been a change to the testing results reporting from the DSHS (Department of State Health Services). Before, we were receiving all the negative case reports along with the positive. The state made a decision that sending the negative results was causing health departments to lose their focus by working on negatives instead of positives. So, starting Friday the state no longer sends negative results. There was a very small number of positive reports from Friday through Sunday. The County gets their reporting directly from providers, doctors, and labs all of which must also report results to the state. As results, in some instances, the County gets the report twice for the same person. The IT department and project managers have worked diligently to ensure there aren't any duplicate reports. The majority of the true and accurate reporting comes from the state.

There is an antibody test that can be given by Walgreens, a chiropractor or a podiatrist. The positive results of people who use this new test are not by law required to be reported to the state because it is not testing specifically for COVID-19. Commissioner Fletcher asked whether it is not testing at all for active COVID. Mr. Bilyeu said because of the mechanism and the way it is being distributed and utilized those are not medical prescribers that are required to report communicable diseases. This test could skew the County results because we may not see these results.

We were well staffed over the weekend and 39 positive cases can be handled each day. There were many employees on call and working to be ready to handle the positives. There was one positive on Saturday and five on Sunday. The bandwidth and contact systems are up and going and working well.

There were over 500 employees that took the PTO (Paid Time Off) buy out and 140 employees took the CTO (Compensatory Time Off) buy out. Human Resources has also been working through which employees are essential, which working at the office, and which are counted as working in office. There were no controversies just a lot of discussion. They are working payroll now and will have feedback next Monday on what the true costs are. The Auditor's office is ensuring the tracking of hourly's that are beyond forty hours, or focused on COVID-19, for future payments from the federals.

There are still challenges with testing kits and supplies. The supply shortage concerns have been sent to the NCTTRAC (North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council). Most the short term needs for nursing homes have been met through their local city. There is still an overall shortage of testing that we are trying to satisfy. As a county there are items on order and some have come in and some have not. The purchasing agent was at Walmart this weekend purchasing hand sanitizers for offices.

Commissioner Hale asked if the antibody test is covered by the County Health Plan. Mr. Bilyeu said if it's done under a doctor's referral it would be covered. In relation to the new federal law, which creates larger coverage, the coverage will need to be verified with the benefits department. The test has just started to roll out it is unknown when the final piece will be obtained. The Court would need to give directions on this matter. Commissioner Fletcher said many will give out a superbill which in turn is submitted to your insurance for reimbursement.

Judge Hill thanked Mr. Bilyeu and HR for making the buyout of PTO and CTO available to the Collin County employees. The Governor talked about his plan to reopen the economy and business and he will speak again on the 27<sup>th</sup> with additional guidance. The Governor also had a call with city mayors and County judges soliciting feedback. He asked for County judges to provide guidance on how and when we would be able to open up safely. He also asked if medical services are at capacity, under capacity, and does the County have the ability to respond should we see more cases. The Judge said he appreciates that the Governor has asked for feedback and being able to give that feedback. The Economic Recovery Task Force has been at work for two weeks and has had virtual meetings as a team and as committees working in industry specific teams. They will be providing more guidance on their thoughts that will help inform feedback to the Governor.

Regarding the negative test results, it needs to be clear to all citizens that Collin County is not stopping the reporting. All the data and information received will continue to be shared with the public. We have been informed that the County will no longer receive negative tests results moving forward. This is not a County decision and we will share everything that is received.

There are no County restrictions currently in place for Collin County citizens. There are two Executive Orders enforced which refer and pertain only to County facilities, operations and employees. We are all still under the restrictions that the Governor has put on to the entire state but here at the County there are no additional restrictions on top. Many have asked why the County has not provided or done more testing. As a point of



clarification the Collin County Public Health Department does not perform or control testing. The Public Health Department tracks outbreaks across the entire population of Collin County. (Time: 1:49 p.m.)

**No Action**

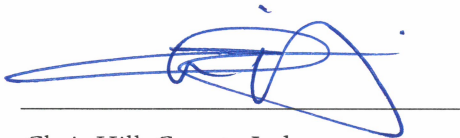
6. AI-48318 COVID-19 Executive Orders, County Judge.

**No Action**


7. Future agenda items without discussion.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

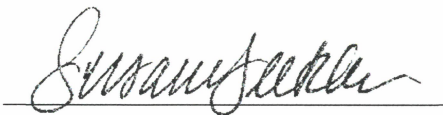
The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge



Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



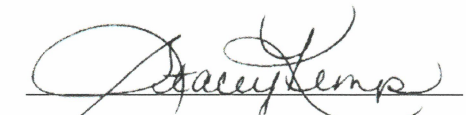
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ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk