

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2020-519-06-15
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the May 18, 2020 minutes.

On Monday, May 18, 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 recessed the meeting at 3:35 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 3:36 p.m. and adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:35p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Toll Road Authority at 3:36 p.m.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. AI-48394 Intra-County account transfers transmitted April 23, 2020, Auditor.

2. AI-48420 P-Card disbursements, Auditor.

3. AI-48383 County overtime for the pay period ended May 3, 2020, Human Resources.

4. Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s), Auditor:

a. AI-48389 \$1,900 utilizing Federal Forfeiture Funds for the purchase of CID Dry-Erase Boards and accessories, Sheriff.

2. Public Comments

3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Fletcher pulled item 4d2 for recusal. Hearing no additional comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time 1:32 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. **AI-48385** Disbursements for the period ending May 12, 2020, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-410-05-18

b. **AI-48400** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-411-05-18

c. **AI-48366** Tax refunds totaling \$555,939.25, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-412-05-18

d. **Award(s):**

1. **AI-48408** In Car Cameras for the Constables (Contract No. 2020-285) to Watchguard, Inc. through DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-4163 and budget amendment in the amount of \$202,053 for same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-413-05-18

2. **AI-48416** Maintenance: Dell EMC (Coop Quote No. 2020-286) to Software Information Resource Corp., through GSA Contract GS-35F-0119Y, Information Technology.

A motion was made to approve this item. (Time 1:33 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-414-05-18

3. AI-48422 DocuSign (Coop Quote No. 2020-287) to Carahsoft Technology Corporation through DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-4288, Information Technology.

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4. AI-48437 Sierra Wireless (Coop Quote No. 2020-220) to GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. through DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-3652 and budget amendment in the amount of \$27,942 for same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-416-05-18

5. AI-48406 Testing: Postmortem Toxicology (IFB No. 2020-140) to National Medical Services, Inc., Medical Examiner.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-417-05-18

e. Agreement(s):

1. AI-48358 Hardware Sales and License Agreement with Survivr PBC (Contract No. 2020-279) for Virtual Reality Simulator and Equipment, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-418-05-18

2. AI-48393 Modification of Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Marshals Services to incorporate the use of guard services to monitor Federal Prisoners on a case-by-case basis during court hearings conducted via video teleconferencing when the Federal Judiciary has restricted in-person presentation of a prisoner before the court, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-419-05-18

f. Amendment(s):

1. AI-48440 No. 1 to County Depository Services (Contract No. 2014-206) with The American National Bank of Texas to make various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-420-05-18

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

1. AI-48395 \$11,536.85 to establish the budget for the District Attorney's VOCA grant, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-421-05-18

h. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. AI-48423 Monthly Financial Reports for January 2020.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-422-05-18

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

1. AI-48417 April 27, 2020.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-423-05-18

j. Miscellaneous

1. AI-48405 Grant application for the FY2021 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site Based Program (COSSAP) grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, District Attorney.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-424-05-18

2. AI-48425 Redesignation of Private Road 5693 to Maddie Drive with associated address updates, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-425-05-18

3. AI-48453 Exemption to the bid process per Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(2) for all purchases related to COVID-19 up to \$250,000, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-426-05-18

4. AI-48421 Grant application for the FY2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Program (CESF) grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-427-05-18

5. AI-48396 Facilities organizational structure and position changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-428-05-18

6. AI-48435 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-429-05-18

GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. AI-48404 Parameters Order for Series 2020 Bonds, Budget.

Nick Bulaich, Managing Director at Hilltop Securities, said today's order is on selling new money limited tax bonds. The County typically adopts a Parameters Order before any sale. For the new money order, the maximum interest rate is 3.5% and the current market is 2.73%. Last year the County sold it at 3.01%. The maximum principal amount is \$176,300,000 with a maximum maturity date of February 15, 2040. The date is a 20-year debt obligation, and it is what the County has sold in the past.

The other order for the Court to consider is the limited tax refunding bonds, and it is a taxable issue. The tax cut in Jobs Act 2017 did away with advance refunding. Interest rates and taxable rates are incredibly low right now. Taxable bonds can be issued to advance refund tax exempt bonds and achieve savings by doing so. This is not standard but it is a unique time, and the County could take advantage of it. The County did this in 2013. The maximum interest rate for this order is 3.0% and the maximum principle amount is \$49,000,000. The maximum maturity date is February 15, 2032, and the minimum present value savings is 3.50%.

Both orders delegate the pricing officers to be either the County Judge or County Administrator. The orders also have an expiration of parameter authority of 180 days which is the maximum allowed by law. Commissioner Webb said he would like for the interest rate to be 3.0% as opposed to 3.5%. Mr. Bulaich said, if the Court desires the new money parameter, it could be lowered to 3.0%. If the parameter needs to be moved up in the future, it would be brought to Court for approval. A motion was made to approve the order with an amendment changing the new money parameter rate to 3.0%. (Time: 1:39 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-430-05-18

6. AI-48410 COVID-19 Update, Administrative Services.

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said interlocals were received from the Cities of Richardson and Wylie and the Town of Prosper. Richardson and Wylie received their money Friday. Several councils are taking action on their interlocals, and a good portion of the ILA (Interlocal Agreement) should be in place by the end of this week. The City Housing Directors are talking continuously trying to get their processes out. There was media attention and calls from non-profits asking how to access the money for housing assistance. Kerry Shulman, Business Process Engineer, took on the project of coordinating with the cities and the common portal that will direct citizens to the same page with information on how to get assistance. The portal will distribute the workload onto the cities and non-profits. Hopefully it will be ready by June 1.

The courts are trying to come up with a system to get it up and running. They have been doing very few in-person hearings. Most hearings are virtual. The OCA (Office of Court Administration) issued orders that are different

from the Governor's direction and the courts are trying to work through that. Facilities has been working with the courts to figure out a way to have more spacing.

Judge Hill said the State has revised the definition for probable COVID-19 cases. Aisha Souri, County Epidemiologist, gave an explanation on the changes made to the COVID-19 case definition. Prior to the new case status definition, in order to be counted as a case, a person must have a positive PCR (Positive COVID-19 Results) result for COVID-19. Now, the State has added a new probable case definition: FDA approved positive lab with or without symptoms, and close contact with confirmed or probable cases. The probable cases will get counted in the case count. It is different because it is not a confirmed case but a probable case.

The definition for deaths related to COVID-19 was also updated. Previously, only if a person had a positive PCR result would they be counted as someone who died due to COVID-19. Now, lab testing is no longer required to be counted as a COVID-19 related death. Ms. Souri presented a chart to Court explaining the 15 different options for a person to be classified as a probable case.

Judge Hill said the new definitions could be taken out of context and give a false narrative to the citizens and community. The Judge said he is concerned that the numbers could increase very rapidly in a way that is not indicative of what is seen in the community. This is coming at a time when we are starting to reopen and, if the numbers jump in a false way, it will raise concerns with our citizens. The State has assured us they will report positive confirmed tests, probable tests, and probable cases separately. The probable cases could be highly overstated and less reliable. This represents a remarkable expansion on resources for local public health departments across the state. There was a brief discussion regarding the several scenarios of probable cases.

Judge Hill said all counties in Texas are about to hand off all reporting and contact tracing responsibility to the state. The state has used part of their CARES Act funding to hire a private contractor to take over contact tracing and reporting. Collin County has been doing a remarkable job of reporting and contact tracing, and the challenge has been met head on. The private contractor and the labs done for Collin County residents are going to be reported to the state and not the County. If the County were to continue tracing and reporting, it would not be prepared to respond to the new probable case definition. This will be very confusing for the citizens because there is a potential that probable case numbers will rise and trend lines will change. Commissioner Hale said it is frustrating that there will be no data consistency. Ms. Souri said the states that implemented this have been reporting data in separate categories of probable and confirmed cases.

Ms. Souri explained the new definition for deaths related to COVID-19. If there was no testing for COVID-19 on a patient with symptoms, they are not counted as a COVID-19 related death. With the new case definition, if it's possibly related to COVID-19, it will be listed as the cause of death. No diagnostic testing is needed to be counted as death related to COVID-19. Commissioner Williams said this change could be for future funding and, if there were more deaths, there would be more dollars. Commissioner Hale asked if they will need to go back to count

previous deaths. Ms. Souri said usually any changes are made moving forward and not going back for reclassification.

Judge Hill said the lab reports that the County receives from the state are eventually going to stop or slow down. This would be the indication that the state is holding that information in their own system rather than putting it out to the county. This also would indicate the state has taken that responsibility, and all of our employees will be sent back to their departments. Commissioner Webb asked if the County COVID-19 website should be taken down because it would not be accurate. The Judge said, as soon as the state starts holding back the case data, the County COVID-19 dashboard will be removed. Commissioner Williams said an explanation of the changes should be posted.

Mr. Bilyeu said the Health Department now has the uninsured testing form ready. In addition, the National Guard Reserves will be doing testing at the courthouse parking lot tomorrow. Every two weeks they will be going out to different areas of the County to do testing. They are scheduling 100 appointments a day, and the qualifications are listed on the County website. The roll out for the Collin County CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) funding for the uninsured is now active and ready for use. The billing for uninsured testing will be sent to Candy Blair, Health Care, for payment. (Time 2:29 p.m.)

NO ACTION

7. **AI-48414** Utilization of CARES funding, Commissioners Court.

Judge Hill said the Collin County CARES funding is something the Court will monitor on a weekly basis. The Court will be getting feedback from the cities as they roll out the Citizens' Assistance Program. Only \$30 million has been authorized out of \$45 million for this program. The other part of the funding is for Collin County's internal costs. Mr. Bilyeu said there was a mistake on the amount stated previously, and the final number is actually \$50,114,816.23. Mr. Bilyeu asked the Court to amend the order to include this amount. A motion was made for approval of the amended order 2020-401-05-11. (Time 2:31 p.m.)

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

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Mr. Bilyeu said the packet has been broken into different categories. LifePath provided an updated report based on the Court's direction, and it does match up with requirements. If the Court desires, an ILA will be presented on June 1 for this funding. Judge Hill said this item can be considered at the next meeting.

Monika Arris, Budget, said her department has been gathering County costs for the Court to consider. Mr. Bilyeu asked the Court for approval of the items in the blue group and authority to make determinations. The teal group has a request for the Nemo-Q Program. This is a product that is in place now at the District Clerks Office for line management. Nemo-Q has a module that will allow customers to make reservations online and check in. The remainder of the items on this teal list have not been fully vetted, and some will fall off the list. There is a separate list of IT security items that are confidential for the Court to consider.

The Judge said all of the requests on the blue list totals less than \$3 million. The other blue list is the confidential security requests from IT and the costs total \$800,000. The teal list consists of COVID-19 related expenses. Not all of the requests on the teal list have been vetted, and the Court is being asked to vote only on the first item. This item is the Nemo-Q, and the price point is an estimated \$500,000. The purple lists are technology requests that will allow staff to work remotely, and the Court is not being asked to approve the entire list. However, they are being asked to authorize Mr. Bilyeu to utilize some of the amount to meet some of the needs. The last list are items that have been declined and are not being presented to the Court. A motion was made to approve the Nemo-Q item. (Time 2:42 p.m.)

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

Commissioner Webb asked if there is anything on the teal list that was time sensitive. Mr. Bilyeu said if it's a challenge on the first of June, it will also be a challenge today. Commissioner Webb said he is supportive of the blue lists, and he is comfortable delegating the teal list to Mr. Bilyeu. These items need to be implemented immediately. The Judge said many of the items on the teal list do not have a cost estimate because they are not ready.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve and authorize Mr. Bilyeu to use \$1.3 million to go through the purple technology list. If he needs more, he will request it from the Court. (Time 2:46 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 5- 0 Passed

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the first blue list at \$3 million. (Time 2:47 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to approve \$830,000 for the confidential technology security requests. (Time 2:47 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-432-05-18

Judge Hill said the direction of the Court is to purchase PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) supplies for employees and County residents visiting our facilities and also to make them available for health care providers on an emergency basis. Mr. Bilyeu said the County does have items ready, but until there is a full supply it will be brought up to the Court on a weekly basis.

Commissioner Webb asked if purchasing was able to get the thermometers. Michalyn Rains, Purchasing, said they have received two hundred thermometers and are making sure they work. Commissioner Webb said he would like to get those out to the various departments.

Commissioner Fletcher said there is a plan in place for the July and November election for people waiting in line. Mr. Bilyeu said the state did receive COVID-19 money specific for Elections use. An estimated \$900,000 will be allocated to Elections and there are fewer restrictions. Some of the equipment that was going to be leased will now be available for purchase. (Time 3:01 p.m.)

8. **AI-48426** COVID-19 Related Permanent Improvement Projects totaling \$300,000, Construction & Projects.

Judge Hill said these are facility improvements that are related to making areas less COVID-19 susceptible. Mr. Bilyeu said departments were asked what projects would assist with protecting the public. Bill Burke, Construction and Planning, went through the list and determined what items could be completed by the deadline. Many departments are requesting glass for transaction counters. There are factors to consider like glass support, air flow and transaction windows. The negative pressure rooms for the infirmary and health care have to be designed and

installed. Judge Hill made a motion to approve the \$100,000 needed for the negative pressure rooms in the infirmary. (Time 3:04 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2020-433-05-18

The Judge said he intends to vote no for the glass installation at transactions counters. For these unique times, there was temporary dividers. Continuing to divide our customers in every single office is not where the County needs to be going. Commissioner Fletcher asked if the temporary measures are adequate to control germ transfer. The Judge said the temporary dividers are a method to mitigate risk as is permanent glass. Candy Blair, Health Department, said, as long as the barrier can be wiped down, it does mitigate risk. Commissioner Webb said he is not prepared to place permanent glass at this point. There was a brief discussion regarding the installation of glass. (Time 3:14 p.m.)

9. **AI-33858** Regional Transportation Council monthly update, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Webb said they have held meetings online and not in person. There was a lengthy discussion on the Texas Transportation Commission's vote. This is a huge issue because of the potential impact on DFW (Dallas Fort Worth) area. The consensus is that the commission will not change their vote. There will be no money to do what was planned on I-35 in Austin, so that project Austin will probably not move forward. There is a huge project in Houston for I-45 that will also not move forward. Currently, the money on hand for these projects totals several billion dollars. The last time there was a major downturn the region took advantage and leap frogged other metroplex projects because they were not ready when the money needed to be spent. Several billion dollars will need to be spent in the next five years. Most of the discussion was on whether TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) could be pushed locally to start accelerating everything. The good news is that US 380 is on the list of projects. TxDOT has divided US 380 into four segments so that four different engineers can move the environmental process more quickly.

The Commissioner handed the Court members a packet with a congestion and transportation report related to COVID-19. This data is only through March 2020. Collin County freeway volume is down 36%, and the toll road is down 31%. Therefore, the heat chart, oxygen dioxide, and the ozone levels went down. (Time 3:35 p.m.)

NO ACTION

Judge Hill recessed the meeting at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:36 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Real Estate (551.072)

AI-48469 Release of Lien, Lot 41, Holiday Acres R-0759-000-0410-1, Administrative Services.

Commissioner Webb made a motion on the approval of the Release of Lien on Lot 41, Holiday Acres in exchange for \$4,250.00. (Time 3:37 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Not Present

Chris Hill, County Judge




Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1

Not Present

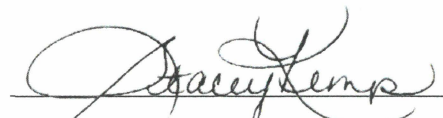
Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk