

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2021-253-03-22
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the March 8, 2021 minutes.

On Monday, March 8, 2021, 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 Darrell Hale, Precinct 3
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent: Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

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

Judge Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 1:30 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:35 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-49896 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION

1. AI-49885 Voluntary terminations, Human Resources.
2. AI-49886 Turnover, Human Resources.

2. Public Comments.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, came forward to provide some clarity on comments he made last week on MUD (Municipal Utility District) No. 1 regarding slush funds. Mr. Murray asked the County to review its current policy regarding MUDs to see if improvements could be made to better protect residents who live near these future districts in addition to future residents of these districts. These agreements fund infrastructure within the districts and allow expensive middlemen to construct the infrastructure. There are long-term impacts these districts have on rural areas by increasing the demand on essential services. They then increase the rates as the demand increases. The burden on taxpayers is a result of increasing the demand for basic services while, at the same time, establishing a trust fund to allow certain attorneys, consultants and lobbyists decades of job security.

Zach Barrett, President of Collin County Conservative Republicans, thanked Judge Hill for his leadership this past year during the pandemic. While there have been many attacks, Mr. Barrett said we need more elected officials like Judge Hill who will stand up and never cave to the pressure. (Time: 1:38 p.m.)

4. Consent agenda to approve: Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 1:38 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

a. **AI-49880** Disbursements for the period ending March 2, 2021, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-207-03-08

b. **AI-49881** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-208-03-08

c. **AI-49879** Tax refunds totaling \$544,474.65, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-209-03-08

d. Advertisement(s):

1. **AI-49887** Construction, Modifications to Precinct 3 Constable & Justice of the Peace, 920 E. Park Blvd. (IFB No. 2021-129), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-210-03-08

e. Award(s):

1. **AI-49869** Plumbing Supplies (IFB No. 2020-221) to Johnson-Burks Supply Company, Inc., Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-211-03-08

f. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-49883** 2021 Lake Patrol Contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District to provide additional patrol of Lake Lavon from May 21, 2021 through and including September 11, 2021, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-212-03-08

g. Amendment(s):

1. **AI-49884** No. 1 to Services, Controls Integrator (RFP No. 2019-096) with Miller Building Automation, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 16, 2022, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-213-03-08

2. **AI-49846** No. 14 to Storm Water Management Program (Agreement No. 12179-08) with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for Phase II support services, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-214-03-08

h. Miscellaneous

1. **AI-49868** Appoint Dale Rose as magistrate pursuant to Sec. 54.2201 of the Texas Government Code, Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-215-03-08

2. **AI-49891** Establish a cash drawer in the amount of \$100 for the County Clerk Plano location, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-216-03-08

3. **AI-49888** Acceptance of supplemental funding in the amount of \$12,000 for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Grant, and further extend the term of the contract through and including September 30, 2021, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-217-03-08

4. AI-49895 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-218-03-08

GENERAL DISCUSSION

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

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said there are only 10,455 people remaining on the waitlist out of 275,000 who had signed up. The list should be completed within the next few days. In the last two weeks, approximately 20% of those on the waitlist have responded. Mr. Bilyeu said this is most likely due to people getting their vaccines elsewhere. There is more widespread availability of the vaccines, and many providers have already completed their 1A and 1B populations.

Mr. Bilyeu asked for the Court's direction on changing to a first-come, first-served basis when appointments become available once the waitlist has been extinguished. The County currently has seven providers all with their own web-based scheduling tools so the County would no longer be the middleman. All seven are following the DSHS (Department of State Health Services) guidelines on eligibility.

Judge Hill asked, once the remaining 10,455 people on the waitlist have been served, when would we go to the model of everyone making their own appointment directly with one of the seven providers. Mr. Bilyeu said, if the Court makes the decision today, Friday could be the first day for all seven providers. Judge Hill expressed his appreciation for County staff and other agencies who have assisted in completing such an extensive waitlist. The Court agreed to move to the new model.

Teachers have now been grouped with the 1A and 1B populations. Mr. Bilyeu said there was a request from the State to find out how many doses were needed for each school district, and who would be administering the doses. The State may then send the vaccines directly to the ISDs (Independent School Districts). Mr. Bilyeu explained some of the information and maps on the State's website which will be included on the County's website. (Time: 2:18 p.m.)

NO ACTION

6. AI-49828 87th Legislative Agenda for 2021, Commissioners Court.

Commissioner Hale handed out a copy of a bill that Senator Angela Paxton's office is working on but has not yet been filed. The Trails of Blue Ridge had a Special Road District come into being this past year, but there was no easy way for the Court to eliminate the tax from the books when it is finally done. This bill would allow for that and would clean up the language. This also allows for the Court to call for a vote in any areas that are too small to apply themselves. Representative Scott Sanford is assisting with this. If the

Court wanted to put in any changes, that could be done through committee. This would allow for the Court to call for an election to take away a special district as well.

Mr. Bilyeu said the County received two new MUDs (Municipal Utility District) last week on the old model which the Court does not support. A brief discussion followed regarding how to address this issue. The Court will draft the language and bring it back on the next court. (Time: 2:27 p.m.)

NO ACTION

7. **AI-44358** Conference of Urban Counties Update, Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Commissioner Fletcher updated the Court on the CUC (Conference of Urban Counties) annual conference. If there are any bills that would affect the County and are not on their weekly update, the Commissioner said to let her or Adam Haynes, CUC Policy Director, know so those bills could be watched.

On SB 1, the general focus for CUC will be on the criminal justice portion. There are many unfunded mandates that come down to the County when people are held in the county jail for 200 to 300 days. They need health care, mental health care and sometimes extra security. This results in property tax increases. There was also a discussion on criminal justice grants that typically come from the Governor's Office. These grants are expected to be half of what they normally are.

There was a discussion on the winter storms and the fact this would change the budgets. The preliminary estimates on the cost of the storm are similar to the costs from Hurricane Harvey.

SB 11 on redistricting was discussed. Redistricting will be a big deal because of the delay in the census. The numbers will be due by the end of September which would impact the entire timeline. The primary could be delayed until July of next year.

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick put out his list of the top 31 priorities for the 2021 Session. There was a brief discussion on taxpayer-funded lobbying and whether or not it included associations. The CUC maintains that associations are affected by this. They also discussed law firms acting as lobbyists.

HB 3 was filed last week by Chairman Dustin Burrows. This is a comprehensive bill, and CUC maintains that it gives the Governor broad ranging authority in a pandemic. There is a lot of concern ranging from the far left to the far right. They are getting opposition from the Texas Public Policy Foundation as well as the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union). One of the big issues was this bill could give the Governor control of local employees. Chapter 418 provides a mechanism in case of a conflict.

There was a discussion on amendment dangers. Normally, there are 600 to 700 bills passed during a legislative session. Because of the pandemic and the winter storm, there may be only 200 to 300 bills passed

this session. There was a brief discussion about tracking all of the amendments that will be added onto these bills.

HB 192 on continuing education and SB 230 on expanding the online portion of the education credits was also discussed.

NO ACTION

8. AI-49918 Boards & Commissions Appointments, Commissioners Court:

a. Historical Commission.

A motion was made to appoint Kristi Taylor to the Historical Commission. (Time: 2:35 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

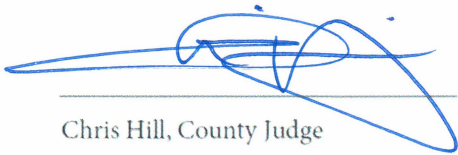
Second by: Commissioners Duncan Webb

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

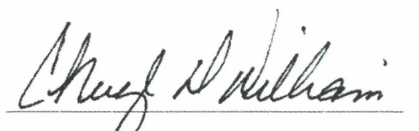
Judge Hill did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned Commissioners Court at 2:35 p.m.



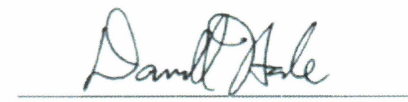
Chris Hill, County Judge



Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk