

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2021-299-04-05
Commissioners Court	§	

**An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the March 15, 2021 minutes.**

On Monday, March 15, 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 Fletcher led the Invocation.

Commissioner Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Hill 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 2:12 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:12 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

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

1. AI-49926 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

#### **FYI NOTIFICATION**

1. AI-49897 Intra-County account transfers transmitted on February 11, 2021, Auditor.
2. AI-49920 Change Order No. 1 to Construction, New Office Building for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace & Constable (IFB No. 2020-272) to add various items to the contract, Construction & Projects.

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

a. AI-49894 \$14,011 to establish the budget for the FY2020 Justice Assistance Grant, Auditor.

### 2. Public Comments.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, said a detention officer's starting pay is under \$42,000, and the average cost for a one-bedroom apartment is \$1,300. Realistically, a detention officer could not afford to live in Collin County at their starting salary. This is something that should be addressed given the stressfulness of that job. Mr. Murray also expressed his displeasure with the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. There seemed to be a celebration because the County made it through the COVID-19 vaccine waitlist. It is important to note there was a huge unresponsive rate from citizens on the waitlist, and Collin County didn't vaccinate 275,000 people. There is nothing to celebrate. Mr. Murray said there is a race, and the Court has been sitting on the bench getting lapped because they quit.

Judge Hill said the comment made by the speaker is completely uneducated, uninformed and asinine. The things the speaker has said are dishonoring to the work of many people, not this Court, but County employees, Health Department staff, and staff from the cities of McKinney, Frisco and Wylie. While the speaker was correct that there weren't 275,000 vaccines administered, the fact that everyone on the list got served is remarkable. Commissioner Fletcher said she also takes offense to the comment on behalf of all the staff who have worked very hard. Commissioner Hale said the County has had great partners that have provided vaccination services and, as a result, Collin County has the largest percentage of vaccinated people. Judge Hill said, unfortunately, many people don't care about the facts or truth. (Time: 1:39 p.m.)

### 3. Presentation/Recognition.

4. **Consent agenda to approve:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled item 4c2. Commissioner Fletcher also pulled item 4c2 for recusal. Hearing no other comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:40 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

a. AI-49905 Disbursements for the period ending March 9, 2021, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-220-03-15

b. AI-49906 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-221-03-15

**c. Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-49915** Juvenile Detention Showers (IFB No. 2021-173), Construction & Projects.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2021-222-03-15**

2. **AI-49898** Audio Visual Upgrade for Collin County Courtrooms (RFP No. 2021-158), Information Technology.

Commissioner Webb moved for approval with an amendment correcting the dates so they are consistent throughout the entire document. (Time: 1:41 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 3 – 0 Passed

Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

**COURT ORDER NO. 2021-223-03-15**

**d. Award(s):**

1. **AI-49919** Folding/Inserter & Mail Machines (Cooperative Quote No. 2021-181) to various vendors, Purchasing.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2021-224-03-15**

**e. Agreement(s):**

1. **AI-49911** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Princeton for the Princeton Community Library in the amount of \$21,462.50, effective October 1, 2020 through and including September 30, 2021, Budget.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2021-225-03-15**

2. **AI-49838** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Celina for the acquisition of land on the west side of State Highway 289 (Preston Road) described as the 2020 Bonfire Properties Acquisition Project, Bond Project No. OI18PG10, Engineering.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2021-226-03-15**

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

1. AI-49916 Temporary Personnel Services (Contract No. 2020-214) with Howroyd-Wright Employment Agency, Inc. d/b/a AppleOne Employment Services to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including March 31, 2022, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-227-03-15

2. AI-49917 Temporary Personnel Services (Contract No. 2020-214) with Smith Temporaries, Inc. d/b/a Cornerstone Staffing to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including March 31, 2022, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-228-03-15

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

1. AI-49893 \$530,041 to reallocate funds to cover negative categories and/or negative departmental budgets for FY2020, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-229-03-15

2. AI-49900 \$5,167 to reallocated funds for the Spay/Neuter Program, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-230-03-15

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

1. AI-49901 February 22, 2021.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-231-03-15

2. AI-49902 February 22, 2021, Supplemental.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-232-03-15

**i. Miscellaneous**

1. AI-49910 Acceptance of a Ben E. Keith, BEKO Rebate Program rebate check in the amount of \$600 to be deposited in the Going the Extra Mile Employee Incentive Program line item and budget amendment for same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-233-03-15

2. AI-49924 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-234-03-15

3. AI-49925 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-235-03-15

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said, as of this morning, Curative has administered approximately 31,000 vaccines. The County's new website with information on vaccine locations and how to make appointments rolled out March 13, 2021, and has been successful. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center opened a vaccination location at UTD (University of Texas at Dallas) which is in Collin County.

Mr. Bilyeu said there are very few directions from the federal government regarding how cities and counties can spend the upcoming federal funding. The funding will come in two payments, and cities will receive direct payments. The legislation that passed extended ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) and will now end September 30, 2022. Collin County ERAP has received 66 applications.

Commissioner Hale asked if there is any indication as to when the federal funding will be received and what the rules are. Mr. Bilyeu said, based on correspondence, the first payment should be received in the next two to three weeks for approximately \$90 million. The regulations should be received three weeks after receiving the funding. (Time: 1:52 p.m.)

NO ACTION

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

Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, said the attorney dealing with most of the MUD (Municipal Utility District) applications confirmed they have adapted the County's language into the vast majority of the bills. The Court's packet has a proposed order stating the Commissioners Court has a default setting against MUDs. Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to approve the proposed order with the added language, "Unless specifically ordered by the Court." (Time: 1:55 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2021-236-03-15

Mr. Bilyeu said Representative Candy Noble is filing the Magistration Clean-Up Bill two ways. The first will be part of the omnibus bill and the second will be filed as a local bill. The local bill is required to be posted in the local paper, and it was posted over the weekend.

Commissioner Webb said the legislative update on page 240 and 241 includes a list of many budget cuts. The Commissioner said he would like to know specifically how these proposed budget cuts will impact County operations. Commissioner Fletcher said there will also be a significant reduction to some of the Governor's grants for the County's specialty courts. Mr. Bilyeu said they will work on determining the impact of those budget and grant cuts. (Time: 1:58 p.m.)

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

Commissioner Webb said construction costs continue to be 10% less than the original projected cost. Bike and pedestrian walking rates are still up 36% from pre-COVID-19. Tollway use is nearly back to 90% of what it was pre-COVID-19, roads are up to 93%, airlines are at 53%, and transit is at 50%.

There is a lot of federal funding in an attempt to support the transit system. The RTC (Regional Transportation Council) approved \$229 million from the federal government for DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit). DART has had a rough year, and additional funding was approved for advertising. All transit agencies have been hit hard because their insurance rates have gone up 400%. As a result, the RTC approved an extra \$5 million to cover the additional insurance premium costs.

There was \$7 million approved for legal work on agreements with the railroads for future transit expansion. Under the Rebuilding America Plan, there is approximately \$1 billion available with a 40% match and a max of 60%. The deadline to request funding was March 14, 2021, and several projects were approved. None of the projects were in Collin County because there were no shovel-ready projects. The study for the high-speed rail between Dallas and Fort Worth is progressing and is down to ten possible alignments.

Judge Hill asked if public transit liability insurance has increased because of COVID-19 exposure. Commissioner Webb said they did not explain the cost increase, but he assumes it is because of COVID-19. Judge Hill said it is strange because, if ridership is down 50%, then exposure would be lower as well. Commissioner Webb said the cost increase is not only for DART but across all transit.

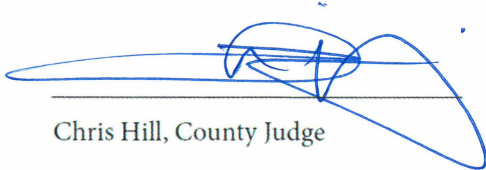
Judge Hill asked if the reason Collin County doesn't have any major shovel-ready projects is because there are several projects in the engineering and environmental analysis phase. Commissioner Webb said that was correct. The Judge said, once the projects go through those phases, they will become shovel ready. Commissioner Webb is very hopeful Collin County will have one in the next year because there could be a major infrastructure bill coming next year with billions of dollars.

Clarence Daugherty, Engineering, said the major cities in Collin County are extremely active in transportation projects. Collin County projects are active as well and would typically be eligible for funding from RTC. However, it is federal money which makes the process longer and more expensive. Judge Hill said he wanted to ensure the public understands there are active projects in Collin County. Commissioner Webb listed Collin County's current projects and said they are moving forward with them. Mr. Daugherty said Collin County's shovels are already flying. (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

**NO ACTION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

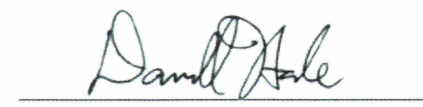
The Court did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

  
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