

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2022-1109-10-10
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the September 12, 2022 minutes.

On Monday, September 12, 2022, 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.
Commissioner Hale 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. The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:23 p.m. Judge Hill recessed into Executive Session again at 4:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:03 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 5:35 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-52710 Award Services, CSCD Evaluation & Counseling for Felony/Misdemeanor Offenders (SCORE) (RFP No. 2022-309) to Addiction Treatment Resources, Inc., Adult Probation.
2. AI-52752 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
3. AI-52753 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-52602 Intra-County account transfers transmitted on August 12, 2022, Auditor.
2. AI-52721 Intra-County account transfers transmitted on August 25, 2022, Auditor.
3. AI-52672 Change Order No. 2 to Construction, Collin County Juvenile Detention, Video Retrofit (IFB No. 2021-014) with Knight Security Systems, LLC for owner requested credit for charges incurred by the system integrator, Construction & Projects.
4. AI-52742 Addendum No. 1 to Offender Specimen Collection and Drug Testing Services (RFP No. 2022-290) to make various changes to the Request for Proposal, Purchasing.
5. AI-52739 Addendum No. 1 and No. 2 to CSCD Evaluation & Counseling for Felony Misdemeanor Offenders (RFP No. 2022-309) to make various changes to the Request for Proposal, Purchasing.
6. AI-52733 Addendum No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 to Inmate Health Care Medical Services (RFP No. 2022-061) to make various changes to the Request for Proposal, Purchasing.
7. AI-52750 Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.
8. AI-52751 Turnover, Human Resources.
9. **Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**
 - a. AI-52553 \$4,000 to establish the budget for the FY2023 ASPCA Subaru Grant, Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public Comments

The public comments session began after Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.

Elizabeth Michel, McKinney, was not present.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, came before the court to express his disappointment. The founders of the United States understood that all power should be with the people. As a representative republic, people must be able to have representatives answer questions and clarify their positions on public record. Since first attending meetings in January of 2021, Mr. Murray has asked the Court to unify the people of Collin

County, address the County's unsustainable employee turnover rate, oppose incentivized developments by developers, and create a distribution plan for the COVID-19 vaccination. Mr. Murray said the county's vaccination plan failed, the employment levels for Detention Officers reached a historic low, and the County's turnover rate was the highest it had ever been. Over the last twenty months, the presiding member of the court has, in more ways than one, limited people's right to have grievances addressed to the court. Mr. Murray said Judge Hill has asked questions in an attempt to embarrass people, and the Judge has requested meetings in strange and uncomfortable places away from the public's view. The Judge has ordered people to leave the courtroom without cause and created a list of rules that are only enforceable by the king of the court. The cameras in the courtroom have been moved so the faces of the individuals giving public comments are no longer shown. The Judge has pushed the public comments to the end of the meeting so people have to wait hours before they speak. The actions of the presiding member of this Court are those of a tyrant. Each of the Commissioners has taken an oath to the Constitution and is obligated to protect the liberty of those they are elected to serve. Mr. Murray said the four Commissioners have an obligation to end the discriminatory and unconstitutional practices. Judge Hill has no idea how to scale out a business. If a business was scaled out by increasing the customer base without increasing costs or accounting for inflation, the services are devalued. Mr. Murray said the Judge is unqualified.

Lee Moore, McKinney, came before the court to talk about election integrity and transparency. Citizens of the county have been coming to these meetings to shed light on issues with the elections. Ms. Moore said every vote should count, and right now she is not sure if they do. This is not a democratic, republican or independent issue. It is an American issue. Ms. Moore wants the upcoming election to have the highest integrity. However, she has encountered obstacles with her concerns. It is not apparent that the ES&S (Election Systems & Software) machines have been certified according to the Texas Election Code requirements. Collin County does use paper ballots, but the machines record from a barcode on the ballot. Does that barcode record what the voter selected? In an effort to have transparency, the voter should be able to see the ballot to verify. Why do citizens not see the ballot audit images for 22 months? Citizens have been told they cannot see the ballot images for 2021 or 2022. However, Attorney General Ken Paxton ruled they can. Experts in other states and counties have analyzed data that showed evidence of suspect statistical irregularities in voter registration, population changes versus the actual turn out, and vote flipping. Ms. Moore stated the citizens of Collin County would like to know the upcoming election cannot be hacked. They would like to have election integrity on the agenda so they can work with the court to fix the issue. The citizens are providing poll watchers, poll workers, election judges and clerks training on the backend to help this issue.

Debbie Lindstrom, McKinney, was not present.

Daniel Boehm, Plano, thanked the Court for the opportunity to speak and said he appreciates what the Court is doing for the County. Mr. Boehm's comments were also based around election integrity. His issue was with trust. Mr. Boehm does not trust people anymore. He does not trust the government, the

President, or a lot of people in politics. A lot of the problems in this country involve elections and voting. People are getting into an office they should not be in to begin with because they are stealing it. Mr. Boehm could bring up a lot of things he has done for this country, but he doesn't trust it anymore. He realizes that making a change to the election machines before the 2022 November election is going to be a heavy lift. However, Mr. Boehm would like to come together as a county with the Court and do something to help the election for 2024. Mr. Boehm said he prayed before the meeting as to what God would like him to talk about. God told him to talk about trust. He appreciates what the Court is doing but does not agree with the voting machines in this country.

Debra Boehm, Plano, thanked God that she lives in a county that started the meeting with a prayer. She is also concerned about the lack of election integrity. This issue is not one of politics or party but rather an issue of trust in the process. There is an apparent lack of concern from officials. Citizens are asking for open dialogue with the Court. Use of voting machines has been going on for a long time. However, they can be manipulated. Ms. Boehm is asking for a simple resolution. She realizes it would take work to get the vote results down to one day. Ms. Boehm requested an open meeting where citizens and the Court could come up with a process they could trust. With her remaining time, Ms. Boehm prayed the Court would have the courage and discernment to see that people come and speak at the meetings for a reason. They want to know the election system is free, fair, and transparent.

Tom Bartel, Plano, has been a resident of Collin County for 30 years and in the software industry for 40 years. Fair, accurate, and transparent elections are foundational to our civil society. Mr. Bartel referred to a Rasmussen poll showing over 50% of Americans feel there will be cheating in the next election. He did not come to say there have been issues with past elections in Collin County because he doesn't know. The current election machines have limited transparency because the software cannot be reviewed. It is his understanding that the ES&S software has over two million lines of code. This would require extensive time to look through and trace all of the logic paths. Mr. Bartel's experience has taught him there is a larger risk of hacking or errors in the code with a larger code base. He is not claiming the elections in Collin County have been tampered or hacked yet. It is not a matter of if but when. Mr. Bartel quoted several companies and agencies that have been hacked. Proprietary code is less secure than open source code. With open source password companies, independent experts review all the code to ensure security weakness are found. Open source software has been scrutinized and is the most secure. The elections are too important to be run on proprietary software.

Kathryn Bartel, Plano, thanked Sheriff Skinner and the Sheriff's Office for their diligent work in keeping the community safe. She also thanked the Court for representing the people. The Court is the closest form of government to the people. They do not live in Austin or Washington but rather among the people they serve. The Court members are charged to be the voice of the people in Collin County. In a democracy, it is the voice of the people that matter. Election integrity is not unique to Collin County. In a poll done by Rasmussen Reports, 50% of voters are likely to believe cheating will occur in the upcoming election. Collin

County can be the leader in restoring election integrity, transparency, and trust in the election process. People have done extensive research and have solutions. Ms. Bartel asked the Court to put election integrity on the agenda so the voices of the citizens can be heard. People are asking for transparency in the electoral process to help restore their trust.

David Lethe, Plano, said he is a subject-matter expert on voting system reliability. Mr. Lethe was asked to fly to Boston and review Microsoft code for their password encryption and authentication used in Microsoft Office. Also, he has a patent on a mechanism to secure trusted devices. This patent has been cited by Dell, Hewlett Packard, Microsoft and Intel. This technology is used by the voting systems. Mr. Lethe does not work for any company, vendor, or supplier and does not have a non-disclosure agreement regarding this technology. The voting machines within Collin County have proven to be infallible. Each machine has a time clock that logs any and all activity. If you log into the machine without the correct credentials, the system will shut down. A person cannot access the system, make changes, delete, or add anything without those activities being tracked.

John Wilson, Allen, said Hilary Clinton said Donald Trump stole the Presidential Election in 2016. In 2020, Donald Trump said Joe Biden stole the Presidential Election. The movie *2000 Mules* showed the American people how a coordinated effort was implemented through ballot smuggling across specific swing states. It is possible our election systems are compromised. Mike Lindell's video, *Election Code*, shows the vulnerability of election machines. Election integrity is not a partisan issue. It is an anti-corruption, pro-freedom, pro-American way-of-life issue. Mr. Wilson does not trust anyone with a technological patent in this situation. He does not trust the machines, elections, or anyone that does not support removing the machines. If the Court does not support their constituents looking at the source code of the machines, they are either incompetent or corrupt. Either reason would be merit to remove them from office. Mr. Wilson will be advocating for the removal of the election machines from this day forward. The number of people that do not trust the machines is growing. To restore faith in the election process, there needs to be a shift back to paper ballots and hand counting.

Mark Brugge, Fairview, thanked the court for the opportunity to speak and said no one who sits on the Court is his adversary. Mr. Brugge said we are in an unrestricted 5th generation war with the CCP (Chinese Communist Party). It is not a conventional war with bullets but rather one where they infiltrate the government and beat us from within. Former FBI Deputy Assistant Director, Terry Turchie, said we may have our highest level of government penetrated by the CCP. This matter is not a left or right issue. It is a matter of national security. The Chinese Government has a whole division with thousands of individuals dedicated to trying to get into the election machines. History tells us that everything is hackable and everything is beatable. The Court keeps going to its own Election Office and IT (Information Technology) people to get answers. However, citizens have recommended the Court start using outside sources to educate themselves.

Chuck Reynolds, Celina, thanked the Court for the opportunity to speak. He knows the Court has a tough and intense role and appreciates what they do. Mr. Reynolds spoke about election integrity. He mentioned at the last meeting Jeff Lindberg had said the voting machines have multiple vectors to be hacked. Clay Parikh, a former Pro V&V (Verification & Validation) employee, hacked the ES&S system. The findings coming out across the nation are earth shattering. National security is at stake and the majority of Texans are concerned. Therefore, the highest priority for the November 2022 election is accuracy. Currently, Collin County citizens do not have confidence in the election process. In the military, soldiers are asked to secure strategic assets. In Collin County, election votes are the strategic asset. This is a historic and pivotal time in our nation. Mr. Reynolds prays that God will give the Court understanding and courage. The only way he knows how to have an accurate election is to hand count the votes.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

Judge Hill pulled item 1m4 for a future court and then asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Fletcher pulled check #527490 from item 1a for recusal. Hearing no other comments, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time 1:32 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

a. AI-52617 Disbursements for the period ending September 6, 2022, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-809-09-12

A motion was made to approve check #527490.

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale
Vote: 4 - 0 Passed
Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-810-09-12

b. AI-52618 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-811-09-12

c. AI-52715 Tax refunds totaling \$267,498.30, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-812-09-12

d. Advertisement(s):

1. AI-52683 Construction, Collin County Adult Detention Facility, Phase 2 Addition CUP (IFB No. 2022-299), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-813-09-12

e. Award(s):

1. AI-52671 EOL Cisco Router Replacements (Coop Quote No. 2022-255) to Netsync Network Solutions Inc. utilizing DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-4167, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-814-09-12

2. AI-52591 Law Library Print Subscription (Contract No. 2022-409) to West Publishing Corporation and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute associated documents for same, Law Library.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-815-09-12

3. AI-52678 GIS Multi-Function Copier/Printer Lease (Contract No. 2022-397) to Xerox Corporation utilizing State of Texas DIR Contract No. DIR-CPO-4412, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the Lease Agreement for same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-816-09-12

f. Agreement(s):

1. AI-52593 Personal Services Agreement with Krystal Ervin (Contract No. 2022-399) for case management services for VALOR Program, grant an exemption from the competitive bid process per Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4), and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-817-09-12

2. AI-52674 Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Collin County Sheriff's Office and the Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the SCORE/VALOR programs, Adult Probation.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-818-09-12

3. AI-52701 Lease Agreement with the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County, Inc. for property located at 1701 Heritage Dr., McKinney, Texas effective October 1, 2022 through and including September 30, 2027, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-819-09-12

4. AI-52708 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sachse (2007 Bond Project No. RI070075) for traffic signal improvements at Ranch Road and Dewitt Road and Woodbridge Parkway and Cody Lane, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-820-09-12

5. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Road and Bridge Improvements, Public Works:

a. AI-52734 City of Anna (Agreement No. 2022-413).

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-821-09-12

b. AI-52680 City of Frisco (Agreement No. 2022-356).

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-822-09-12

c. AI-52682 City of Parker (Agreement No. 2022-359).

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-823-09-12

d. AI-52681 City of Wylie (Agreement No. 2022-394).

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-824-09-12

6. AI-52711 Assessment Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and the City of Lavon for the Elevon Public Improvement District Area No. 1, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-825-09-12

7. AI-52712 Assessment Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and the City of Lavon for the Elevon Public Improvement District Zone 1 Remainder Area, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-826-09-12

g. Amendment(s):

1. AI-52702 Amendment to the 2022 U.S. Marshals Service Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Memorandum of Understanding to add \$10,000 in over-time reimbursement, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-827-09-12

2. AI-52595 No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement for the VALOR Program (Contract No. 2022-174) with Muta Wells to replace Exhibit C Compensation Schedule and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-828-09-12

3. **AI-52737** No. 3 to Insurance, Property (Contract No. 2019-389) with Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-829-09-12

4. **AI-52594** No. 3 to Personal Services Agreement for the VALOR Program (Contract No. 2021-303) with Misty Ely to make various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-830-09-12

5. **AI-52709** No. 4 to AiLIS Software Maintenance Services (Contract No. 2017-022) with Granicus, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, County Clerk.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-831-09-12

6. **AI-52705** No. 4 to Professional Services, Architectural, Adult Detention Center Expansion, Phase 2 & 3 (RFQ No. 2021-353) with Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects, Inc. to add additional subsurface utility engineering services and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-832-09-12

7. **AI-52662** No. 10 to Software and Implementation Services for an ERP Financial System (RFP No. 2015-192) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to add project management and configuration services for the Energov project and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-833-09-12

8. **AI-52688** No. 13 to Voter Registration & Early Voting Software (Contract No. 02376-09) with VOTEC Corporation to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, provide various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-834-09-12

h. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-52725** No. 1 to Chilled Water Leak - Piping Repairs (Contract No. 2022-323) with The Brandt Companies, LLC to add funds to complete project and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same; budget amendment in the amount of \$17,222, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-835-09-12

2. **AI-52797** No. 1 to Juvenile Chiller Rental (Contract No. 2022-420) with Johnson Controls, Inc. for additional funding for cost incurred from exceeding rental period, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-836-09-12

3. **AI-52596** No. 2 to Supplies: Jail Kitchen Non-Food (IFB No. 2020-368) with Infinity Supply & Service, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, make various changes to the contract, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-837-09-12

4. **AI-52597** No. 2 to Supplies: Jail Kitchen Non-Food (IFB No. 2020-368) with Empire Paper to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, include a price redetermination, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-838-09-12

i. Contract Renewal(s):

1. **AI-52685** HVAC Maintenance and Repairs (IFB No. 2021-244) with Assured Mechanical Solutions LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-839-09-12

2. **AI-52686** HVAC Maintenance and Repairs (IFB No. 2021-244) with Houk Air Conditioning, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-840-09-12

3. **AI-52687** Fuels (IFB No. 2017-128) with Petroleum Traders Corporation to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-841-09-12

4. **AI-52703** Commissary Services (Contract No. 2019-126) with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-842-09-12

5. **AI-52598** Supplies: Jail Kitchen Non-Food (IFB No. 2020-368) with Interboro Packaging Corp. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-843-09-12

6. **AI-52661** Vehicle Lease/Rental for Various Collin County Departments (IFB No. 2019-315) with EAN Holdings, LLC d/b/a Enterprise Holdings to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2023, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-844-09-12

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

1. **AI-52603** \$86,000,000 to record proceeds of 2022 bond funds for road and open space bond projects, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-845-09-12

2. **AI-52732** \$86,000,000 to allocate 2022 bond funds to road and open space bond projects, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-846-09-12

3. **AI-52724** \$6,772 to move funds into the appropriate expenditure line for replacement of a broken plotter, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-847-09-12

k. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. **AI-52586** Investment Report (2nd Quarter FY2022).

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-848-09-12

2. **Compliance Audit Report (2nd Quarter FY2022):**

a. **AI-52626** Animal Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-849-09-12

b. **AI-52605** Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-850-09-12

c. **AI-52627** Constable, Precinct 1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-851-09-12

d. **AI-52628** Constable, Precinct 2.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-852-09-12

e. **AI-52629** Constable, Precinct 3.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-853-09-12

f. AI-52630 Constable, Precinct 4.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-854-09-12

g. AI-52631 County Clerk.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-855-09-12

h. AI-52606 Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-856-09-12

i. AI-52607 District Attorney.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-857-09-12

j. AI-52608 District Clerk.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-858-09-12

k. AI-52609 Elections.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-859-09-12

l. AI-52610 Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-860-09-12

m. AI-52611 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-861-09-12

n. AI-52613 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-862-09-12

o. AI-52614 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-863-09-12

p. AI-52615 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-864-09-12

q. AI-52619 Juvenile Probation.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-865-09-12

r. AI-52622 Law Library.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-866-09-12

s. AI-52623 Medical Examiner.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-867-09-12

t. AI-52624 Myers Park.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-868-09-12

u. AI-52625 Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-869-09-12

v. AI-52599 Sheriff's Office.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-870-09-12

w. AI-52600 Tax Office.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-871-09-12

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

1. AI-52620 August 1, 2022.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-872-09-12

2. AI-52698 August 8, 2022.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-873-09-12

3. AI-52736 August 15, 2022.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-874-09-12

4. AI-52729 August 22, 2022.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-875-09-12

m. Miscellaneous:

1. AI-52717 Acceptance of the FY2023 Texas Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services Grant award in the amount of \$29,403.16 through the Office of the Attorney General, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-876-09-12

2. AI-52673 Adoption of amended Budget Control Policy, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-877-09-12

3. **AI-52719** Grant application for the FY2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant in the amount of \$96,498.93 through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Constable, Precinct 3.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-878-09-12

4. **AI-52740** Final plat and street sign plan for Redbud Estates, Engineering.

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5. **AI-52714** Exemption from the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and further authorize the Human Resources Director to submit proper notice to authorities, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-879-09-12

6. **AI-52696** Acceptance of the FY2023 NCTCOG Solid Waste Implementation Grant in the amount of \$15,479.65, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-880-09-12

7. **AI-52723** Funding up to \$2,000 for inspection of dental x-ray equipment utilizing Inmate Commissary Funds, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-881-09-12

8. **AI-52735** Payment of various invoices in the amount of \$2,074 utilizing Inmate Commissary Funds, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-882-09-12

9. **AI-52754** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-883-09-12

10. **AI-52755** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-884-09-12

2. General Discussion Items:

a. FY 2023 Budget:

1. **AI-52660 Public Hearing** - Proposed FY 2023 Tax Rate.

Judge Hill called to order the Public Hearings for comments on the Proposed FY 2023 Tax Rate and the FY 2023 Proposed Budget. (Time 1:32 p.m.)

Joshua Murray, Lavon, thanked the court for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Murray came to express concerns he had about the juvenile detention center and animal shelter center. He explored the juvenile detention center and noticed stucco falling off of the walls on the outside of the building. The detention center is at a capacity that the overworked, underpaid staff is not able to adequately care for the juveniles housed there. It is Mr. Murray's understanding there is only one psychiatrist on staff, and juveniles often have to wait to be released. The ability to provide medical care regarding medications and prescriptions is difficult on the staff. Data projections show single family values are likely to decrease or stay stagnant. It is imperative the Court show leadership and transparency. The Court needs to speak to their constituents about doing more than what is being done. The Court is gambling on the housing market and inflation that economic conditions will be better next year.

Mr. Murray spoke about data regarding the Sheriff's Office. In December 2020, there were 279 Detention Officers on staff. In July 2022, there were 317 Detention Officers on staff. The one difference between December and July was the increase in starting pay for entry level Detention Officers. There was one person on the court who chastised three of the Commissioners for their decision to increase the pay for Detention Officers and implied they were not making the right decision. Mr. Murray encouraged those Commissioners to stand up again.

Mark Brugge, Fairview, thanked the Court for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Brugge said this subject has been on his mind a lot recently and appreciates that he can speak to it. It is his belief that the people who work for the citizens of Collin County should be the best paid individuals and taken care of. They take care of him, his family, and their security and look after his best interests. Mr. Brugge is a business owner and, when he employs someone, he tries to pay them the best. If he takes care of them, they will take care of him and be loyal to him. He does not believe in spending a lot of money on infrastructure and debt associated with infrastructure. Mr. Brugge said sometimes infrastructure is a necessity. However, the priority should be the people first and then infrastructure.

Tom Nowak, District Judge, came before the court to thank them for their time and effort in putting together the budget. Judge Nowak has never been a part of the budget process, and his eyes were opened to the work that goes into it. He asked, on behalf of all the District Judges, for the Court to approve the Tax Rate and Budget as proposed. Though the District Judges had issues and concerns about adding courts and staffing in their offices, all have agreed the Court should adopt the budget and tax rate as proposed. Judge Nowak stated he had not heard many complaints about the budget process, and the District Courts in Collin County are doing more with less. Judge Nowak said the Court is doing a fantastic job in being servants and stewards of the taxpayers' money. People are moving to Collin County because of this. Judge Nowak restated his appreciation and thankfulness to the Court for their work in this process.

Judge Hill asked for any additional speakers for this topic. Hearing none, Judge Hill closed the Public Hearing for the FY 2023 Tax Rate and Budget. (Time 1:41pm)

Monika Arris, Budget, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FY 2023 Tax Rate. The current tax rate is \$.168087 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate is \$.152443 per \$100 valuation. This is a tax rate decrease and will be Collin County's 30th year without a tax rate increase.

The Adjusted Taxable Value for Collin County in tax year 2022 was \$194.6 billion, and \$6.3 billion of that is in new construction. The average home in Collin County is valued at \$513,136 according to statistics from the Collin Central Appraisal District. This is a 29.4% increase from last year's average home value. The taxable value on residential homesteads is capped at 10% from the prior year. Citizens that have applied the over 65 exemption have their county taxes frozen. The average Collin County tax bill on homeowners without a homestead exemption in 2021 was \$666.61 and \$633.28 with a homestead exemption. In tax year 2022, the average tax bill for homeowners without a homestead exemption will be \$782.24 and \$631.77 with a homestead exemption. Homeowners without a homestead exemption will experience the full 29.4% increase on home, whereas homeowners with the homestead exemption are capped at 10%. This year was unique as residential properties increased much more than commercial or apartment properties. Residential properties increased by 31%. Commercial properties increased by 8.54%, and apartment properties increased by 12.23%.

Ms. Arris presented an explanation on the NNR (No New Revenue) Tax Rate. This rate is calculated to bring in the same tax revenue to the county on properties that exist in the current and prior year. It is based on the amount of revenue the county received and not the amount the taxpayer paid. Commercial and residential appraised values are included in that calculation. The appraised value on property will either increase or decrease that rate. Ms. Arris showed the different calculations used to determine the NNR and how each category of these rates compares to last year versus this upcoming year. The total tax rate decreased by 9.3% from last year. (Time 1:49 p.m.)

NO ACTION

2. AI-52659 Public Hearing - Proposed FY 2023 Budget.

Monika Arris, Budget, continued her PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed FY 2023 Budget. She showed the breakdown of the proposed budget versus revenue for the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, Permanent Improvement Fund, Debt Service Fund, Healthcare and Other Funds. The total for these funds combined is \$434.6 million in expenditures and \$425.7 million in revenue.

There were multiple position changes and additions in several departments. There was a change of Chief Deputy Constable to a Deputy Constable II in Precinct 3 and the removal of a Part-Time Tech I position in County Extension Services. The District Attorney's office replaced two of the open Misdemeanor Prosecutor positions and a Felony Prosecutor position with two Prosecutor positions. The District Clerk is adding two Clerk II positions for Grand Jury and the 417th District Court. The District Courts are adding a Deputy Court Administrator and two Court Reporter positions. The Fire Marshal will be adding a

Deputy Fire Marshal. The IT (Information Technology) Department is removing the Senior Project Manager role and replacing it with an IT Program Manager with no budget impact. Juvenile Probation is adding an Adolescent Counselor and a Compliance Officer. The Sheriff's Office is adding a total of seven new positions. The Tax Assessor is adding two Title Specialist positions. WIC (Women, Infants and Children Agency) state-funded division is adding two Senior Eligibility Clerks and removing one Secretary Position.

Ms. Arris then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Trails of Blue Ridge FY 2023 proposed budget. The Trails of Blue Ridge has an expenditures budget of \$477 for the year with a \$500,000 carry over since 2021. The Trails of Blue Ridge estimated revenue is \$85,058. Ms. Arris said the court will need to vote to adopt the FY 2023 Trails of Blue Ridge Budget and adopt the \$.15 Tax Rate as approved by voters in 2019.

After Ms. Arris finished her presentation, Judge Hill re-opened the Public Hearing for any additional comments since more information had been provided. Hearing no additional comments from the public, Judge Hill closed the Public Hearing. (Time 1:54 p.m.)

NO ACTION

3. AI-52654 Adoption of an order setting the maintenance and operating tax rate for FY 2023.

Judge Hill said he is going to vote no on adopting the tax rate. Citizens of Collin County have long said they would like the Court to take a stand on property taxes and would like the property taxes to go down. In an effort to fulfill that desire for the citizens, the Judge said he is not in support of anything outside the NNR tax rate.

Commissioner Fletcher said she appreciated the Judge's candor. However, Collin County has the lowest tax rate in the entire state of Texas. If they were to look at one county to the west, the tax rate comparison is 42% higher. Services provided by the county cost money. It is important for taxpayers to understand that when they need a court date, the Sheriff's Office, or the District Attorney to prosecute crime, it will cost money. Commissioner Fletcher is not willing to have substandard pay for the county employees. The Court went above the NNR rate for the sole reason of being able to pay the employees more. The average tax rate for homeowners with a homestead exemption is going down. Commissioner Fletcher said she is not willing to not fund critical services and, for those reasons, she is in support of the tax rate and budget as presented.

Judge Hill stated for the record that, should the Court vote to raise the taxes, he has full faith the staff of Collin County will use those funds to provide excellent services to the best of their ability. Collin County has the best Judiciary in the state. The County has the best jail and best Sheriff's Office in the state. The Judge is not just bragging but has the numbers, results, and certifications to show these statements to be true. The claim that citizens need to choose between low taxes or great services is not true. Collin County

has the best services and lowest tax rate in the state. Judge Hill said his Democratic opponent comes to court every week to say the County and its employees provide substandard services. However, the Judge does not find this to be true. Commissioner Fletcher said it is important to provide the best services and, if they do not increase taxes, they would not have been able to keep up with market movement as it pertains to paying employees.

Commissioner Webb agreed with Commissioner Fletcher that, under the NNR, the county was not able to pay employees the full nine months of market movement. Commissioner Webb will still push to get the salaries up to the 75th percentile.

Commissioner Hale is not supportive of the tax increase. He spoke about Commissioner Fletcher's comments about the District Attorney's office. The only change that occurred in the budget for the District Attorney's Office was a voluntary change made by the DA to several of his open positions. There was an imbalance because some elected officials did not submit requests. Though the requests have been vetted and the money will be well utilized, he is displeased that some of the items being included in the Budget were not excluded until next year.

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, addressed the Court about the open Misdemeanor Prosecutor positions in the District Attorney's office. Judge Hill recalled the District Attorney speaking in court about giving a \$5,000 pay increase to those starting in that position. With the removal of an vacant position, the Court could offer this pay increase to the remaining Misdemeanor Prosecutor applicants. Ms. Jacobson said she felt the pay for this position was adequate and, due to the tenure for this position only being a year, she would not recommend increasing the starting salary.

Commissioner Webb said approving this action would set a precedent across the county for other departments to request removing their open positions in order to pay the current staff more. Judge Hill said, during the Budget Workshop when the District Attorney made this request, he validated the pay increase for Misdemeanor Prosecutor helps the county stay competitive in the employment market. Commissioner Fletcher recommended they take no action on that matter at this time. However, she would like to stay aware of any hiring issues the District Attorney's office is having so they can readdress this suggestion at a later date.

Commissioner Hale spoke about his desire to add an Open Records Specialist position. The Court agreed this would be an amendment to the approved Budget. Therefore, the Court would need to vote on the Tax Rate and then readdress the Budget.

A motion was made to approve the Tax Rate for FY 2023 as presented. (Time 3:56 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 3 - 2 Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill and Commissioner Darrell Hale

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-885-09-12

4. AI-52655 Adoption of an order setting the debt services tax rate for FY 2023.

A motion was made to approve this item. (Time 4:01 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-886-09-12

5. AI-52656 Adoption of an order setting the combined tax rate for FY 2023.

A motion was made for the property tax rate to be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.152443, which is effectively a 1.84% increase. A record vote was taken with members of the court raising their right hand in favor of the motion. (Time 4:01 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 3 - 2 Passed

Nay: Commissioner Darrell Hale and Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-887-09-12

6. AI-52652 Adoption of an order setting and approving the FY 2023 Elected Officials salaries.

A motion was made to adopt a 3% increase for elected official salaries. (Time 3:26 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-888-09-12

7. AI-52653 Adoption of an order setting and approving the FY 2023 Budget.

Judge Hill proposed an amendment for the proposed budget to include \$200,000 from the General Fund balance to remodel the office space on the third floor of the 2300 Bloomdale Administration Building. Commissioner Fletcher asked for more details on what is included in that remodel. Judge Hill explained this funding would be used to finish out the office space that is open and available on the third floor. The County has been approached by the Republican Congressional Candidate to consider allowing him to work from that office space if he wins the November 2022 election. There has also been a long-term plan to use that space for staff growth should the county need it.

Commissioner Webb asked if the space would be provided to the congressional candidate for free. Judge Hill said the contract would need to be discussed at a later time since they cannot enter into an agreement with a political candidate. Commissioner Fletcher said she is not willing to lease the space at no cost. If there is a current need for that space she is supportive of finishing out the space. However, if the County does not currently need the space she doesn't see why the County would spend the money now. Judge Hill said the candidate has said, if the space was available, he would be willing to use his federal funding to pay for it if the county enters into an agreement.

Commissioner Webb said there has been county office space that was finished and leased out to previous congressmen. However, he does not want to spend this money in a tight budget year to finish out the space for a congressman if the space would need to later be redesigned for county use. Commissioner Webb does not see the value in spending that money if the office space would need to be rebuilt again.

Judge Hill asked Bill Bilyeu, County Administrator, to make sure the office space is built out with county use in mind. Mr. Bilyeu agreed to take these factors into account. A motion was made to approve this amendment. (Time 3:34 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 3 - 2 Passed

Nay: Commissioner Duncan Webb and Susan Fletcher

A motion was made to adopt the FY 2023 Budget with the amendment. A record vote was taken with members of the court raising their right hand in favor of the motion. (Time 3:35 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-889-09-12

Commissioner Hale made a motion to amend the approved Budget for FY 2023. He wanted to add an Open Records Specialist position to the Public Information Office. The Court discussed the funding needed for this position and where within the budget the funds would come from. Commissioner Williams suggested the money be put in the contingency funds until the court is sure they need that position. A motion was made to put \$76,803 into a contingency fund from Court Appointed Attorney to be used at a later time for an Open Records Specialist position.

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Judge Chris Hill

Vote: 4 - 1 Passed

Nay: Commissioner Duncan Webb

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-890-09-12

8. **AI-52657** Adoption of an order setting and approving the Trails of Blue Ridge FY 2023 Budget.

A motion was made to adopt the budget as presented. A record vote was taken with members of the court raising their right hand in favor of the motion. (Time 3:35 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-891-09-12

9. **AI-52658** Restrictions on funds in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 54 for FY 2023.

A motion was made to approve this item. (Time 4:02 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-892-09-12

10. AI-52726 Budget amendment in the amount of \$417,403 for one-time items to be paid from FY 2022 savings, Budget.

A motion was made to approve this item. (Time 4:02 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-893-09-12

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

Commissioner Webb gave an update from the RTC (Regional Transportation Council) meeting that was held on September 8, 2022. The RTC approved a Railroad Crossing Elimination program funded by the federal government to remove any unsafe or unused railroad crossings. A positive takeaway from this was that Collin County had no unsafe railroad crossings to remove. There was only one project in the entire DFW area submitted.

The RTC is funding a Safe Streets and Roads grant application program. A grant application has been submitted for Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in Dallas. The grant will have a total fund of \$27.25 million.

The RTC approved a Transportation Infrastructure Certification program. This allows for submittals from private entities to bring new technology to the DFW area for certification. Cities in the surrounding area would host these new technologies as they build and test their transportation systems for certification. Two entities, JPod and TransPod, have approached the RTC about submitting proposals. TransPod is a hyper-loop system, and JPod is similar to a monorail technology. Cities within the area will submit their interest if they would like to host either one of those systems. Commissioner Webb feels high density areas within Collin County would be a good fit.

Lastly, Commissioner Webb informed the Court that traffic deaths within the state have continued to increase. TxDOT and the RTC have approved a \$50 million program to push safety and awareness into the communities. Funding from this program will improve the timing of street lights, infrastructure betterment, turn lane improvements, signage, and education. Commissioner Fletcher asked if the increase in traffic deaths is on par with the increase in population. Commissioner Webb said the traffic death numbers are outpacing population growth. (Time 4:07 p.m.)

NO ACTION

3. Executive Session Items:

The Court recessed into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. under Chapter 551.074, Personnel, of the Government Code to discuss salary increases for selected employees in FY 2023.

AI-52689 FY 2023 salary increases for the County Administrator, Elections Administrator and County Extension Agents, Human Resources.

A motion was made to give Bruce Sherbet, Elections, an \$8,000 bonus at the end of 2022 and increase salaries for the County Administrator, Elections Administrator and County Extension Agents by 3%. (Time 3:25 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-894-09-12

A motion was made that all remaining monies that would be levied be put into a contingency amount as part of the budget. (Time 3:25 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrel Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

The Court again recessed into Executive Session for a second time at 4:10 p.m. under Chapter 551.071, Legal, and Chapter 551.072, Real Estate, of the Government Code to discuss Collin CARES audit and land acquisition for Collin County Outer Loop. Judge Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Legal (551.071)

AI-52716 Collin CARES Funding Audit, County Judge.

NO ACTION

Real Estate (551.072)

AI-52694 Right of way acquisition for the Collin County Outer Loop from FM 2478 (Custer Rd.) to US 75, Engineering.

A motion was made for Land Parcel 47 to authorize staff to move forward with the documentation of an agreement to acquire the property interest sought by the county in an amount recommended by staff subject to the land owner's delivery of title to the subject property free and clear of any and all liens or other encumbrances within 30 days. (Time 5:04 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-895-09-12

A motion was made for Land Parcel 61 to authorize staff to move forward with the documentation of an agreement to acquire the property interest sought by the county in an amount recommended by staff subject to the land owner's delivery of title to the subject property free and clear of any and all liens or other encumbrances within 30 days. (Time 5:05 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-896-09-12

The Court began the public comments session at 5:05 p.m.

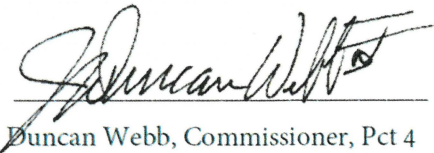
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

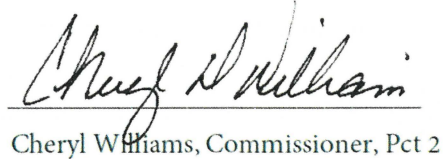

Chris Hill, County Judge


Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3


Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1




Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4


Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2


ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk