

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2023-022-01-09
Commissioners Court	§	

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

On Monday, December 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

Judge Hill led the Invocation.  
Commissioner Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Commissioner Webb 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 recessed the meeting at 1:53 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 2:46 p.m. and adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:57 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

**FYI NOTIFICATION:**

1. **Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**
  - a. AI-53263 \$45,000 to establish the budget for the FY2023 CJD Juvenile Drug Court (SOAR) Grant, Auditor.
  - b. AI-53284 \$120,000 to establish the budget for the FY2023 CTD Grant, Auditor.
  - c. AI-53287 \$153,678.90 to establish the budget for the FY2023 Juvenile Mental Health Court Grant, Auditor.

## COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

### 1. Presentation/Recognition:

a. AI-53289 Retirement of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3-1 and Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4.

Judge Hill thanked the three retiring judges who have served the community for many years and read a short biography on each.

Judge Chuck Ruckel, Precinct 3-1 retired during COVID in 2020 and continues to serve the community as a visiting retired Justice of the Peace. Judge Ruckel joined the Collin County SO (Sheriff's Office) as a reserve patrol deputy and was promoted to criminal investigator in 1994. He was partnered with and trained by Judge Paul Raleeh. Judge Ruckel was the first detective in the Collin County Child Abuse Taskforce. He was promoted to taskforce supervisor and then to assistant chief deputy over field operations under Sheriff Terry Box in 2001. In 2012, Judge Ruckel retired from this position and five days later was elected Collin County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3-1.

Judge Mike Yarbrough, Precinct 4, served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and then continued his studies and received his bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico. The day he graduated he received his commission as an officer. While serving as a combat engineer officer, Lieutenant Yarbrough was selected for the Secretary of Navy's funded law program. He received his law degree from California Western School of Law. After attendance at the Naval Justice School and admittance to the Texas Bar, Captain Yarbrough was designated as a judge advocate. Major Yarbrough retired from active duty in 1993. In his 40 years as an attorney, Judge Yarbrough has received an ambassador appointment to serve as an American trial observer in the courts of Japan, an appointment as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Central District of California, taught as an adjunct law professor at the University of Oklahoma, and a prosecuting attorney for the Dallas County District Attorney. He was also awarded certification by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to represent death row inmates. He served as a municipal judge and had his own private law practice all before serving as a Collin County Justice of the Peace starting in 1999. Judge Yarbrough was re-elected five times.

Judge Jerry Shaffer, Precinct 2, was his high school valedictorian. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from Austin College and then went on to earn his master's degree from Purdue University and a doctorate in educational administration in physics from Texas A&M University, Commerce. He started his teaching and coaching career at Rockwall ISD (Independent School District) where he led Rockwall to a state championship in football. He finished his career in Wylie ISD and they named the football stadium

in his honor. He has taught at both the high school and collegiate level and was inducted into the Austin College Hall of Honor, the Rockwall ISD Hall of Honor, the Fannin County Sports Hall of Fame, and the Wylie ISD Hall of Fame. Judge Shaffer has served as a Collin County Justice of the Peace since 2015. (Time: 1:41 p.m.)

2. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Fletcher pulled item 2c1 for recusal. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:44 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. AI-53291 Disbursements for the period ending December 6, 2022, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1314-12-12

b. AI-53292 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1315-12-12

c. **Award(s):**

1. AI-53316 IDPA 5800 Storage Expansion (Coop Quote No. 2023-135) to Unique Digital Technology, LLC through DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-4299, budget adjustment in the amount of \$117,233 for same, Information Technology.

A motion was made to approve this item. (1:45 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1316-12-12

d. **Agreement(s):**

1. AI-53304 Consulting Services Agreement with The Nature Conservancy for continued prairie restoration and maintenance at Parkhill Prairie, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same; budget adjustment in the amount of \$41,000, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1317-12-12

**e. Amendment(s):**

1. AI-53290 No. 5 to Consulting Services: Phase III Implementation P25 Trunked Radio System Replacement (Contract No. 2017-086) with Mission Critical Partners, LLC to extend the contract for one year through and including December 31, 2023, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1318-12-12

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

1. AI-53318 Host-Neutral Distributed Antenna System (Contract No. 2020-321) with Newbridge Wireless, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including December 12, 2023, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1319-12-12

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

1. AI-53274 \$75.21 to re-budget a refund received for overpayment of recording fees on the purchase of one (1) parcel, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1320-12-12

**h. Receive and File, Auditor:**

1. AI-53297 Myers Park (FY2020).

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1321-12-12

2. AI-53298 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 (FY2021).

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1322-12-12

3. AI-53296 Sheriff's Office Commissary (FY2021).

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1323-12-12

4. AI-53294 Monthly financial reports for September 2022.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1324-12-12

**i. Miscellaneous:**

1. AI-53305 Updates to the final plat of Providence Point Phase 2, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1325-12-12



2. AI-53310 Final plat and street sign plan for Summit Ranch, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1326-12-12

3. AI-53281 Acceptance of the FY2023 Body Worn Camera Program Grant award in the amount of \$18,689.53 through the Office of the Governor, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1327-12-12

4. AI-53321 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1328-12-12

5. AI-53322 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1329-12-12

### 3. General Discussion Items:

a. AI-53315 Overtime compensation for Collin County employees, County Judge.

Judge Hill made a motion to bring this item back each quarter to let the Court reauthorize the permissions and authority in the motion. Commissioner Hale said he was fine with the standing policy unless the Judge wants to bring it back every quarter. Commissioner Webb suggested bringing it back semiannually instead of quarterly. Judge Hill said he had asked HR (Human Resources) to provide an overtime report to the Court and the public each time the item comes to Court. After a brief discussion, Judge Hill amended his motion to renew the authority semiannually instead of quarterly and for HR to provide the overtime reports in the Court packet on a monthly basis. (Time: 1:48 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1330-12-12

b. AI-53374 Boards & Commissions Appointments, Commissioners Court.

Commissioner Williams appointed Ron Tykoski to the Collin County Parks Foundation Advisory Board and Melvin Thathiah to the LifePath Systems Board. Commissioner Webb appointed Rutledge Haggard to the Myers Park Advisory Board, Harshad Narvenkar to the Collin County Parks Foundation Advisory Board, Matt Duncan to the LifePath Systems Board, and Andy Howard to the Historical Commission. Judge Hill appointed Anu Saraf to the Collin County Child Protective Services Board, Brittany Yurkovitch and Nathan White to the Historical Commission, John Donovan to the LifePath Systems Board, and Mark

Quinn to the Collin County Planning Board. A motion was made to approve all of the appointments. (Time: 1:50 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1331-12-12**

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

Commissioner Webb said, while the RTC (Regional Transportation Council) meeting was short, they did approve almost \$55 million of federal monies to go to the metroplex's trail systems. The cities of Allen and Frisco received \$7.5 million of that money for their trail systems. The trail system is interrelated and, when completely built out, all the trails from the cities within all the counties of the metroplex will connect. The two big projects in Allen and Frisco will tie their trail systems to the Plano and McKinney systems. Most all of the construction will be completed in the next three years. (Time: 1:51 p.m.)

**NO ACTION**

**4. Executive Session Items:**

Judge Hill addressed the second item on Executive Session in open court. He then recessed into Executive Session under Chapter 551.071, Legal, of the Government Code to discuss the Pickrell vs. Collin County case. (Time: 1:53 p.m.)

Commissioner Webb reconvened Commissioners Court at 2:46 p.m. and moved to public comments not related to an item on the agenda. Judge Hill did not return to Court after Executive Session.

**Legal (551.071)**

AI-53314 Pickrell et al v. Collin County, Texas et al 3:22-cv-02425-D, Administrative Services.

**NO ACTION**

**Security (551.076)**

AI-53376 Adoption of a policy prohibiting TikTok on Collin County networks and devices, Information Technology.

Judge Hill said Caren Skipworth, CIO (Chief Information Officer), would be unable to join the Court in Executive Session to discuss this item due to a family emergency. Each Court member had been able to

discuss this with Ms. Skipworth or her staff prior to the meeting, and there was a proposed motion. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve it. (Time: 1:53 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2022-1332-12-12**

**Public Comments not related to an item on the Agenda.**

Joshua Murray, Lavon, again addressed the Court regarding a court order adopted on November 14, 2022, authorizing the payroll department to deduct only benefit related costs from employees' paychecks. Mr. Murray specifically referenced the TMPA (Texas Municipal Police Association) and Collin County Deputy Association. Mr. Murray said, while it seems easier to just give the employees money to pay for the dues themselves, he is concerned about younger police officers who may not make that membership a priority. Mr. Murray said this court order will cost the County money and put law enforcement officers at financial risk.

Judith Dishong, Plano, said she has spoken to the Court since before COVID on public health, communication with constituents, and election fraud. She is disappointed because she has not received a response from the Court. However, Ms. Dishong is happy with the reports on transportation and said it would be good to communicate these reports to the public. Other concerns of Ms. Dishong include the \$600,000 settlement to Suzanne Wooten; a lawsuit involving District Clerk, Lynne Finley; the arrest of Joshua Murray at a Commissioners Court meeting; and a new sexual harassment lawsuit.

Vijaya Nadar, Plano, said Indian democracy is being bulldozed every single day since the fascist militant government took power in India in 2014. Prime Minister Modi is leading the destruction while fraudulently portraying himself as a world leader. Ms. Nadar went on to explain the Nazi inspired roots of Hindutva which has nothing to do with Hinduism - a peaceful religion. The RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) ideology is so extreme, it even killed Mahatma Gandhi. HSS (Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh) is the international wing of the RSS and has been trying to garner support from millions of Indian American Hindus leading them to believe they are supporting religious and social activities. Under the garb of celebrating Hindu festivals, HSS is soliciting proclamations from various city councils and county boards. Mayors of several cities in Collin County including Irving, Richardson, Frisco and Euless have handed over these proclamations to HSS this past year. Ms. Nadar said the fascist and militant HSS does not represent the interests of the majority of Hindus living here. Last Thursday, the Frisco City Council was stormed by at least 200 citizens of Collin County to oppose a fundraising activity to demolish churches in a town in India. Collin County is not expected to comment on the atrocities in India being played out in

the name of government, but it definitely needs to keep a watchful eye on HSS and investigate before allowing them to blatantly platform their seemingly benign religious activities on the communities.

There being no further business of the Court, Commissioner Webb adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.



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Chris Hill, County Judge



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Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



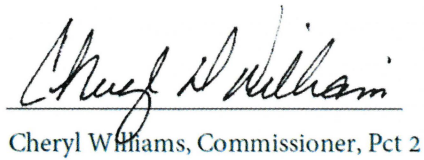
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Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



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Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



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Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



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ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk