

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2023-180-03-06
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the February 6, 2023 minutes.

On Monday, February 6, 2023, 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 Hale led the Invocation.
Commissioner Fletcher 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. The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:28 p.m. with Judge Hill, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hale and Commissioner Fletcher present. The meeting was recessed at 5:29 p.m. Judge Hill reconvened the meeting at 5:29 p.m. and adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Housing Finance Corporation at 5:29 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 5:29 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-53557 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
2. AI-53558 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-53564 FY2023 Lifepath Systems Budget, Administrative Services.
2. AI-53506 Intra-County account transfers transmitted January 13, 2023, Auditor.
3. AI-53539 FY2022 Revenue Estimate Adjustment, Auditor.

Commissioner Webb suggested an adjustment to the FY2022 revenue estimate regarding funds received which are restricted to the courthouse. Commissioner Webb asked the County Auditor if these funds could be utilized for court security. Linda Riggs, Auditor, clarified the statute states these funds may be used for construction, renovation or improvement of facilities that house the courts. It could be used for security as long as it does not pertain to personnel. Commissioner Williams suggested asking staff to come back with suggestions, and Commissioner Fletcher agreed. Commissioner Webb thought it would be a good idea to bring this item up since it will be discussed in general discussion. (Time: 1:40 p.m.)

4. AI-53546 Voluntary terminations, Human Resources.
5. AI-53547 Turnover, Human Resources.
6. **Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**

- a. AI-53502 \$32,000 to establish the budget for the FY2023 Internal Revenue Service Grant, Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

Byron K. Henry, Prosper, spoke on agenda item AI-53577 regarding additional district courts. He commended the Court for staying ahead of the game on the growth and development in the County and ensuring the judicial branch grows along with it. Mr. Henry is at the courthouse multiple times a week and said the courts created back in 2019 were a godsend especially for civil practitioners as they have priority. Unfortunately, since cases are not created equally and the courts go by case counts, complex commercial cases consume a considerable amount of time. This has prompted the legislature to consider creating complex business courts for the entire state. The majority of those cases have been funneled in one civil court in Collin County which means they have to wait to be heard. Mr. Henry recommended adding at least one civil court. This would help to not only alleviate the one civil court caseload but also alleviate any civil cases in the other general courts. (Time: 1:43 p.m.)

1. Presentation/Recognition:

- a. AI-52577 Distinguished Service Award for the Collin County Historical Commission, Special Projects.

Judge Hill acknowledged the award received by the Collin County Historical Commission. The commission has been recognized by the State of Texas Historical Commission with the Distinguished Service Award for 2021. This award is for exceptional work in preserving both the State and local community's history and background. Collin County's Historical Commission has won this award every year since 2004. Judge Hill thanked all the volunteers for their hard work. (Time: 1:35 p.m.)

2. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Webb pulled items FYI3, 2d4, 2i1 and 2i5. Commissioner Fletcher pulled item 2d3 for recusal, and Commissioner Hale pulled item 1i15. A motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

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

- a. AI-53469 Disbursements for the period ending January 31, 2022, Auditor.

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- b. AI-53492 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-073-02-06

- c. AI-53531 Tax refunds totaling \$206,889.26, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-074-02-06

d. Award(s):

1. AI-53509 District Clerk's Historical Records Restoration and Preservation Project: Phase H (Coop. Quote No. 2023-165) to Kofile Technologies, Inc., through TXMAS Contract No. 18-3602 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, District Clerk.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-075-02-06

2. AI-53491 Network Detection and Response (NDR) Appliance, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-076-02-06

3. AI-53521 Maintenance Support Agreement for Firewall Systems (Contract No. 2023-189), Information Technology.

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

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 4-0: Passed.
Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-077-02-06

4. AI-53534 Grounds Maintenance Equipment (IFB No. 2023-081) to various vendors, public Works.

Commissioner Webb pulled this item because it requires three drawings on bids. He invited the Purchasing Officer to come forward to provide additional information. Michelle Charnoski, Purchasing, said this is for the invitation for bid on 2023081 for grounds maintenance equipment. Three of the line items resulted in a tie. Per statute this requires drawing lots in a manner prescribed by the County Judge to determine the winner for each item.

Commissioner Webb performed the drawings as follows: line item 16 went to Plano Motor Mart Inc.; line item 17 went to Plano Motor Mart Inc.; and line item 18 went to Richardson Saw and Lawnmower Company. A motion was made to approve the three line items that were drawn along with the remainder. (Time: 1:47 p.m.)

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

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5. AI-53536 Services: Body Repair and Painting for Light, Medium & Heavy Duty Vehicles (IFB No. 2023-080) to various vendors, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-079-02-06

6. AI-53535 Vehicle, Ford F250 Pickup for Public Works (Contract No. 2023-178) to Silsbee Ford, Inc. through TIPS Cooperative Contract No. 210907, and budget amendment in the amount of \$18,825 for same, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-080-02-06

e. Amendment(s):

1. **AI-53544** Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Commercial Lease (Agreement No. 2020-181) with the City of Frisco for property located at 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Suite 2000, Frisco, TX to extend the agreement for one (1) year through and including December 31, 2023, and increase the common area maintenance fee by \$0.30 per square foot, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-081-02-06

2. **AI-53511** Addendum No. 1 to Dealer Deputy Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and UDM2 Company, LLC d/b/a BMW Mini of Plano to increase inventory and bond amount, Tax Assessor-Collector.

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3. **AI-53512** Addendum No. 1 to Dealer Deputy Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and PF Automotive, LLC d/b/a Prosper Ford to increase inventory and bond amount, Tax Assessor-Collector.

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f. Contract Renewal(s):

1. **AI-53504** Onsite Grinding, Mulching, Tree Trimming and Cutting, including Removal of Debris (IFB No. 2021-356) with The Organic Recycler of Texas LLC d/b/a The Organic Recycler of Texas to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including April 4, 2024, Public Works.

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

1. **AI-53513** \$2,679,536 to reallocate funds to cover negative categories and/or negative departmental budgets for FY2022, Auditor.

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2. **AI-53543** \$4,082 to reallocate for the Spay/Neuter Program, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-086-02-06

3. **AI-53540** \$672,966.60 to re-budget refunds received for overpayment of recording fees and reduced purchase price for a parcel, Engineering.

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4. AI-53507 \$515 for the purchase of six (6) barcode scanners for the Sheriff's Office civil section, Information Technology.

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

1. AI-53455 December 19, 2022.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-089-02-06

2. AI-53514 January 9, 2023.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-090-02-06

i. Miscellaneous:

1. AI-53482 Grant application for the FY2024 Veteran's Substance Abuse Treatment Program Grant through the Office of the Governor, 296th District Court.

Commissioner Webb stated his support for this item. The position would report directly to the Sheriff. However, since there are 40 open detention officer positions for the jail, Commissioner Webb would like to get a better understating of how this was going to operate. Commissioner Williams said Judge Roach offered to provide additional information and answer questions. She suggested holding this discussion until Judge Roach could attend. Commissioner Webb agreed. In addition, he requested getting input from the Sheriff's Office on how this would work for their office. Judge Hill said it might be helpful to get some clarification from the County Auditor on whether the County would be required to add an additional position or this grant could be used to fill one of the positions already available in the jail.

Linda Riggs, Auditor, said the way the grant is written the County may need to add a new position. Judge Hill was concerned if Judge Roach was considering hiring the detention officer himself instead of the Sheriff. Ms. Riggs was unable to speak to Judge Roach's intention. However, in an email from Judge Roach, he stated this would be in anticipation of starting a women's program and would likely be a female officer.

Judge Hill asked Chief Jaquess, Jail Operations, to come forward to provide additional information on this matter. Chief Jaquess said this would be similar to the SCORE (Sheriff's Convicted Offender Re-Entry Effort) program. Once the position is funded, the SO (Sheriff's Office) would do all the management of the officer, but they would be assigned specifically to that court. The position would be minimum security. Judge Hill asked if there would be a problem adding this grant-funded position to the SO since they currently have a large number of open positions. Chief Jaquess said, if we're going to start a specialized program, this grant-funded position could be used for it.

The Court decided to hold this discussion until Judge Roach could attend and provide further information. (Time: 1:53 p.m.).

The Court returned to this item at 2:11 p.m. with Judge Roach in attendance.

Judge John Roach Jr., 296th District Court, said this grant has nothing to do with the Veteran's Court. It is related to one of the grant programs Judge Roach is the program director for called VALOR (Veteran's Accessing Lifelong Opportunities for Rehabilitation). The VALOR program is a subset of SCORE which reimburses the County for detention officers' salaries. Additionally, Judge Roach said this grant is not dead set on a detention officer and could be used for other resources. He applied for the grant as a contingency in case the County needed the funds to hire a detention officer with no added cost to taxpayers. Judge Roach assured the Court he would not be in charge of the hiring process for this position. The grant could be allocated for other purposes within the program after a grant amendment is submitted by Judge Roach. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 2:15 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5-0: Passed.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-091-02-06

2. **AI-53503** Support legislative changes to State Bail Laws (SB6/HB766 87th third session), Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-092-02-06

3. **AI-53528** Increase the cash drawer for the Law Library from \$300 to \$400, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-093-02-06

4. **AI-53459** Transfer/convey a parcel of land to the Town of Fairview for the construction of Frisco Road, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-094-02-06

5. **AI-53508** Accept the roads within The Hills of Lone Star Phase 10 for county maintenance, Engineering.

Commissioner Webb wanted to have the Court review his concern again as he anticipates this problem will recur and the County will be required to take on more of the small roads for maintenance. He thinks this will be an issue that will get bigger over time due to the County maintenance budget. Additionally, the growth and use of roads has gone beyond what was anticipated. Commissioner Webb is concerned also with the discussions the Court has had with Engineering for additional moneys for the residential roads

needing to be maintained. He asked the Court to look at this issue again. Commissioner Fletcher acknowledged Commissioner Webb's concerns since this is a consequence of the changes in the annexation laws. However, from her understanding, the Court cannot require developers to build roads that are higher quality than the County's standards. Therefore, she recognizes the concern as these roads affect not only the cities and their citizens but also the school bus systems and emergency services.

Commissioner Webb said these areas cannot be required to be associated with a public utility district to cover maintenance for those roads. Commissioner Fletcher asked if this should be a future agenda item to discuss in more detail. For the heavily travelled roads, Commissioner Hale said it might be beneficial to get further input from Engineering. Judge Hill agreed with the Commissioners. During the bond discussion in a few weeks, making changes to standards for heavily traveled roads might be part of what is requested of County citizens. Judge Hill asked Clarence Daugherty, Engineering, if the County must accept the roads per the new annexation laws. Mr. Daugherty said the concerns of the Court are well placed. For this particular item, it is not a problem because the density on those lots is not very high. The roads creating issues are the MUDs (Municipal Utility Districts) because they have extremely high density. Currently those roads are being maintained by the MUDs. However, the roads leading into the County are not being maintained. Judge Hill asked if there was a policy standard the County could use to not accept those roads. Mr. Daugherty said the County does have the authority to not accept those roads, but the County would need to make sure the developers are aware of this before building starts.

Commissioner Fletcher asked if there was a performance bond for those roads. Mr. Daugherty said the County allows for a choice with the developers. One option is for the developers to file their plat right before they begin work which requires a performance bond. The second option, which he noted 99% of the developers choose, is to wait to file their plat until construction is completed because it does not require a performance bond. The County does require a maintenance bond which is for two years.

Commissioner Williams said most of the subdivisions that are not MUDs and maintain their own roads are small. Even if a developer is told that the County won't accept the road, it's going to be impossible for those small subdivisions to pay the cost of maintaining those roads. Commissioner Williams was concerned the roads won't be maintained which will cause issues for the County in the future. Although the Court agreed the subdivision on this agenda item isn't of concern, they are looking at the future impact with other roads. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 2:10 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Commissioner Duncan Webb

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-095-02-06

6. **AI-53541** Payment to JLL Valuation & Advisory Services in the amount of \$55,000 for the FM 546/County Road 400 phase 1 project, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-096-02-06

7. **AI-53542** Deem JLL Valuation and Advisory Services, LLC the most qualified firm for appraisal services for the FM 546/CR 400 Phase I project, 2018 Bond Project RI18005CO, and further authorize the Engineering Department to finalize the scope and fee, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-097-02-06

8. **AI-53537** Utilization of the Central Jury Room at the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building for the Collin County Bar Association's Mock Trial Competition on Friday, February 24, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Collin County Bar Association has agreed to pay for security and housekeeping services on Saturday, February 25, 2023, and further requests a waiver of the fees and insurance requirements, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-098-02-06

9. **AI-53520** Adoption of an order authorizing the sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day and Memorial Day, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-099-02-06

10. **AI-53484** Grant application for the FY2024 General Victim Assistance Grant through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-100-02-06

11. **AI-53485** Grant application for the FY2024 State Homeland Security Program CI-KR Grant through the office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-101-02-06

12. **AI-53522** Accept the donation of a refrigerator from the S.H.E.R.I.F.F. Fund, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-102-02-06

13. **AI-53525** Accept the donation of twenty (20) sets of dominos from Shlomo Fridman, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-103-02-06

14. **AI-53559** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

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15. AI-53560 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale wanted to recognize all the County employees who are taking additional responsibilities or being promoted to new positions. They are Amy Horn, Any Alvarado, Ashley Gidney-Bingham, Benjamin Sherrin, Emily Howe, Gregory Dearing, Krystal Garner, Lorie Cox, Lorrie Escamilla, Makenzie Murillo, Nicole Gelvin, Ronda Grier, and Scott Stone. The Commissioner expressed his appreciation for all the hard work of these individuals and for taking on additional responsibilities and being promoted. Commissioner Hale moved to approve this item. (Time: 2:16 p.m.).

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 5-0 Passed.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-105-02-06

3. **General Discussion Items:**

a. AI-53464 **Public Hearing** - Placement of regulatory signs on County Road 728, Engineering.

Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, said his office has facilitated all due diligence with the postings and Engineering review and is ready to conduct the public hearing. A map of the road signs was presented to the Court.

Judge Hill opened the public hearing at 2:18 p.m. and asked for comments. Hearing none, Judge Hill closed the public hearing at 2:18 p.m. A motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 2:18 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale
Vote: 5-0: Passed.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-106-02-06

b. AI-53498 FY2024 Budget Calendar, Budget.

Monica Arris, Budget, provided the Court with two options for the FY2024 Budget Calendar. The first option follows the exact format used last year where the budget workshops are in August and go through the public hearings and adopt in September. However, it would put the County past the 78-day mark for calling an election should the Court wish to go over the voter approval rate. Option two shows what would have to happen to complete before the 78-day mark. The way the statutes and laws are written, it would be next to impossible to squeeze everything together. The distinction is the workshops would be held a week earlier.

Commissioner Fletcher had some concerns about waiting too late depending on the needs with the jail expansion and potential new courts. She would opt for the earlier option. Commissioner Hale asked Ms. Arris if there is a possibility of moving it back a week. Ms. Arris said no due to the way the law is written requiring a specific amount of time between when announcements are posted in the newspaper, meetings can be held, and a measure can be adopted. All those statutes together restrict the flexibility of this schedule. Ms. Arris will be able to provide the Court with the budget book for review by August 1. If the Court chooses option two, which has budget workshop meetings starting July 19, she can provide data for the Court to use in those meetings. But, she won't have the budget book completed until August 1. Judge Hill was concerned about option 2 because it would make it impossible for them to make decisions if the workshops are held in July and they don't get the budget book until August 1. Additionally, the Court has a hard deadline of August 8. Ms. Arris recommended option 1 to the Court. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve option 1. (Time: 2:25 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 5-0: Passed.

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c. **AI-53545** Boards & Commissions Appointments, Commissioners Court.

Commissioner Fletcher appointed Van Hambergner to the County Planning Board. Commissioner Williams appointed Steven Wright to the Myers Park Advisory Board. A motion was made to approve both appointments. (Time: 2:26 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0: Passed.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-108-02-06

d. **Judicial Facilities & Operations, Commissioner, Precinct 3:**

1. **AI-53577** Additional District Courts.

Per the request of Commissioner Hale, this was brought back on the agenda for further discussion.

Judge Greg Willis, District Attorney, addressed the Court on the critical roles of his office and their struggle to keep misdemeanor prosecutors due to other counties and even federal courts paying higher salaries. In summation, the DA's (District Attorney) Office needs help recruiting misdemeanor prosecutors and getting at least one more criminal specialized court.

Cynthia Jacobson, Human Resources, said the County was above average on compensation last year for misdemeanor prosecutors. However, this is done during the budget workshop for the next year's budget based on data at the time. This may make the County competitive at that time, but things in the market change after the budget is approved. Human Resources has been looking into changing hiring practices such as not requiring candidates to have passed the bar exam before being hired. Then the County would have a bigger pool of candidates because that requirement restricts the pool of qualified candidates.

The Court had a lengthy discussion regarding compensation and what could be done to make improvements. Judge Hill made a motion to direct Human Resources to include in the County's salary survey going forward three different lists. They are the 16 North Central Texas Council of Governments member counties, the 12 most populous counties, and the 5 counties determined to be similar to Collin County. He moved to adopt this policy today, and if the Court had consensus, add it back to the consent agenda to approve again. (Time: 3:26 p.m.).

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5-0: Passed.

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Commissioner Hale asked for comments on the presentation from Judge Novak given on January 9. The Court had a lengthy discussion weighing the information presented on January 9, the input provided today from the DA's office, and recommendations made by lawyers such as Mr. Byron Henry. During this discussion, further clarification, information, and answers to questions were provided by Judge Tom Novak, 366th District Court, Judge Andrea Bouressa, 471st District Court, Judge Greg Willis, Collin County DA, and Byron K. Henry of Prosper.

Commissioner Hale made a motion to add two new district courts. One for 2023/2024 and the other for 2024/2025 with general jurisdiction. After further discussion, Commissioner Hale amended his motion to create one district court with preference to specialize in civil law to begin September 1, 2023, and one district court with preference to specialize in family law to begin September 1, 2024. (Time: 5:06 p.m.)

Motion: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

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2. **AI-53578** Reporting structure of Bailiffs.

NO ACTION

3. AI-53579 Courtroom utilization and additions.

With the potential of having two additional courts being added in the next few years, Commissioner Hale requested IT to come up with options for utilizing court rooms as a resource and potential load sharing.

Caren Skipworth, CIO, said she reached out to IT agencies, memberships within the State of Texas, and agencies outside of the state to get feedback on the types of software they use for scheduling courtrooms. Many utilize Outlook in the same way it is used for scheduling conference rooms. She found no software that would do case management along with scheduling the courtrooms. Judge Hill said the Court is not looking at doing case management. Ms. Skipworth reached out to Tyler (the case management system vendor) and In-Fax (the docket system vendor) to see if they have ever used their system in this capacity and both had not. However, Tyler did say their system might have this capability. Ms. Skipworth hasn't had the opportunity to see it or introduce it to the business side to ensure it works with business processes.

Even though Ms. Skipworth has not found a program which provides that capabilities the Court is looking for, that doesn't mean they can't do it. She added there might be something Collin County's IT Department could develop if nothing off the shelf is available. Ms. Skipworth will be meeting with Tyler along with other stakeholders within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Webb said the software is critical in providing courtroom information to judges, lawyers and clients. He said it should be like an airport gate board where everyone is able to see where their case is being held and be notified if it has moved to another court. Some cases that were initially booked in a court are settled outside of court and no longer need to use the court. There needs to be a system that is flexible to make adjustments as dockets change. Ms. Skipworth will come back in a couple of weeks to discuss this further once she has more information to provide the Court. (Time: 5:14 p.m.)

NO ACTION

4. AI-53580 Courthouse security.

Judge Hill asked if any additional discussion was needed for this topic. Commissioner Hale did not have any further comments. The Commissioner expressed his appreciation to all the judges, the SO, and all the peace officers willing to work together on this. (Time: 5:14 p.m.)

NO ACTION

4. Executive Session Items:

Real Estate (551.072)

AI-53510 Tract located on US 380 on East Edge of Princeton, Engineering.

Judge Hill recessed the Court into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, to discuss the Tract located on US 380 on the East Edge of Princeton.

Judge Hill reconvened Commissioners Court at 5:28 p.m. Commissioner Williams did not return to Court after Executive Session. A motion was made to approve the purchase of Tract 2 located on US380 on the East Edge of Princeton, 21.6651 acres in the A0866 John H. Stanford Survey, accepting the agreed-to amount for the purchase of the land and improvements as well as all costs necessary for closing, and further authorizing the County Judge to finalize and execute all associated documents necessary for closing. (Time: 5:29 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 – 0: Passed.

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Judge Hill recessed the Court at 5:29 p.m. and called to order the Health Care Foundation.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:29 p.m.

Public Comments not related to an item on the Agenda.

Joe Borchard, McKinney, said his home is on the proposed Route C for the 380 bypass. Mr. Borchard said this will basically destroy his peaceful neighborhood. Route C disrupts more homesteads than Route D. He said TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) had initially leaned toward selecting Route D. However, the City of McKinney had expressed more interest in Route C despite the disruption to more homes. Therefore, TxDOT has now decided to select Route C. Mr. Borchard said his community is not represented by the city but by the county. His community is asking the Court to publicly support Route D and object to Route C due to the disruption it would cause to more homes.

Mary Borchard, McKinney, lives on Borchard trail in the ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) area of McKinney which means they are not represented by the city. Her family lives in a community where two of her neighbors will lose their homes and the others will have the freeway in their front yard. She presented the map of Route C showing how it will affect 45 homes as well as a map showing how Route D

would only affect 5 homes. Ms. Borchard asked the Court to represent her community and ask TxDOT not to select Route C. Ms. Borchard said she and her husband are active in the community and raise bees. Her family provides educational tours related to the bees which includes scholarship students learning about bees. Ms. Borchard showed a route on the map where there is land between the housing areas and no homes would be affected.

Paul Borchard, McKinney, thanked the court for their time and service to the community. He came to speak on the same topic as his parents. He said Route D is the one objected to by the City of McKinney. After attending the City's work session on January 24, Mr. Borchard believed the reason for objecting to Route D is because it includes a lot more McKinney property and there is a certain amount they are supposed to fund if it's in their jurisdiction. Therefore the preference for Route C is because it is further outside their jurisdiction. However, the City doesn't represent the residents of Route C, but Collin County does. Also Route C would affect more residences than Route D. Mr. Borchard would like the Court to take an official position preferring Route D or find an alternate solution affecting fewer people. He also requested the Court oppose Route C.

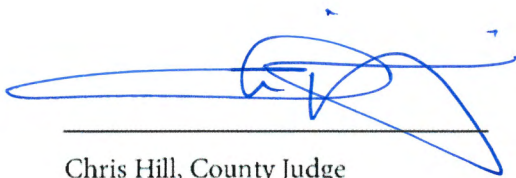
Sherri Eubank, McKinney, came to speak on the issue regarding TxDOT and Segments C and D. Ms. Eubank spoke on behalf of 90 residential and business property owners as well as over 375 people who oppose Segment C for the McKinney bypass. These are county residents. She said Segment C runs through a significantly higher number of residents and businesses disrupting and displacing more people than Segment D. More individual parcels are impacted on C which means more litigation. These individuals along C will not accept the initial offer from TxDOT which will mean longer timelines for construction. Segment C will slow the process while Segment D would be available sooner as it affects a smaller number of people and businesses. She said Segment D is more favorable with traffic performance according to TxDOT reports. The reports show Segment D carries 27% more average daily traffic, shorter average travel times, faster average moving speed, fewer grade separations, and improved mobility between FM 1827 and Airport Road.

Amber Block, McKinney, echoed the thoughts of her neighbors regarding Segment C verses Segment D. She said it doesn't make sense why TxDOT would choose Segment C. In researching this issue, the only feedback Ms. Block received is it connects better to SPUR 399 around the airport. When reviewing the City of McKinney's goals, #3 is the airport whereas #5 is enhanced quality of life. Therefore, it looks like the airport is more important to the City. In speculating, Ms. Block wonders if the City prefers to condemn the land in Segment C instead of build through the flood plain. She asked the Court to do more digging to find out why the City decided to destroy her community's homes.

Joshua Murray said there is a continuous problem in the County with infrastructure needs whether it be capital investments, buildings, or parking lots. Mr. Murray said the underlying problems in the DA's Office and the SO is recruitment, retention, and training employees because the County's pay scale is not

competitive. When comparing wages with other geographical locations such as Grayson County, their detention officers make more than Collin County detention officers even though the cost of living is less in Grayson County. He said it is important for this Court to do what is in the best interest of the people and the County. Mr. Murray reiterated the issue which occurred on November 7 when he was found in contempt of court. He said the official statement released by Judge Hill contained inaccurate information, and he requested the Court investigate those inaccuracies. (Time: 5:46 p.m.)

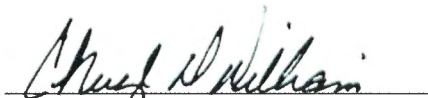
With no further comments, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge



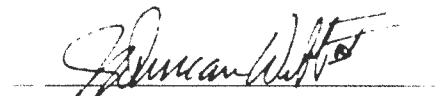
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



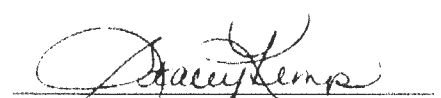
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Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk