

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2023-271-04-03
Commissioners Court	§	

**An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the March 13, 2023 minutes.**

On Monday, March 13, 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 Webb led the Invocation.  
Commissioner Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Commissioner Williams 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. Judge Hill recessed into Executive Session at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:09 p.m. The meeting was recessed at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened at 3:29 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the **Collin County Health Care Foundation** at 3:29 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

**FYI NOTIFICATION:**

1. AI-53675 Addendum No. 1 to Construction, Emergency Generator Fueling System Replacement (IFB No. 2023-090) to make various changes to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.

**2. Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**

a. AI-53660 \$45,000 to establish the budget for the FY2023 US Marshals Service Grant, Auditor.

b. AI-53672 \$18,689.53 to establish the budget for the FY2023 Body Worn Camera Grant, Auditor.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:**

**Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.**

Joshua Murray, Lavon, spoke on agenda item AI-53693. He said he was not sure exactly what it pertained to other than the lawsuit that was filed by many Collin County employees. He assumed it had something to do with a settlement offer. Mr. Murray said, if the Court is going to approve something, there should be some other type of action that goes along with that approval. He understood the results of the independent investigation have not yet been released due to litigation, but he asked the Court to release a timeline stating when the investigation will be released to the public. Mr. Murray said there should be an assessment on employee relations performed by an outside consulting service to improve the moral in multiple departments, and policies should be implemented to give employees the ability to express their grievances without fear of retaliation. If employees are unable to express themselves, this could result in high vacancy rates. Mr. Murray asked the Court about their plans to insure they have proper staffing and if they can recruit, train and retain employees. (Time: 1:35 p.m.)

1. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Hale pulled item 1d4 for comment, and Commissioner Fletcher pulled check number 532315 under disbursements for recusal. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:32 p.m.)

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

a. AI-53681 Disbursements for the period ending March 7, 2023, Auditor.

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A motion was made to approve check number 532315. (Time: 1:32 p.m.)

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

**COURT ORDER NO. 2023-186-03-13**

The Court returned to public comments related to an agenda item at 1:32 p.m.

b. AI-53682 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-187-03-13

c. **Award(s):**

1. AI-53620 Professional Services, Appraisal Services (RFQ No. 2023-035) to various vendors, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the appraisal services agreement for same, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-188-03-13

2. AI-53603 Equipment-Cold Planer Attachment (Contract No. 2023-206) to Holt Texas, LTD d/b/a Holt Cat through Sourcewell Coop. Contract No. 032119-CAT, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-189-03-13

d. **Miscellaneous:**

1. AI-53676 Payment to Kansas City Southern Railway Company in the amount of \$915,686 for two (2) roadway easements, two (2) roadway crossing easements, and three (3) temporary construction easements for the Park Boulevard Project (from Parker Road to Spring Creek Parkway), and budget adjustment in the amount of \$10,000,000 to cover project shortage, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-190-03-13

2. AI-53617 Purchase various items in the amount of \$1,568.62 utilizing Inmate Commissary Funds, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-191-03-13

3. AI-53699 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-192-03-13

4. AI-53700 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale recognized the employees taking on additional responsibilities or being promoted to new positions. They are Andrew Dunn, Andrew Leonard, Austin Phelps, Casey Clopton, Gabriel Warnell, John Van Wagoner and Olga Farnam. A motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1993-03-13

## 2. General Discussion Items:

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

Commissioner Webb updated the Court on the most recent RTC (Regional Transportation Council) meeting. The RTC approved the 44 FFCS (Federal Functional Classification System) amendments. The amendments have to be made to the FFCS in order to allocate federal dollars to projects. Of these amendments, 29 were in the Dallas District. Projects of interest were the realignment of US-380, Ferguson Parkway up to the Collin County Outer Loop, the extension of the DNT (Dallas North Tollway) to FM428, and the realignment of Spur 399.

The RTC adopted a Roadway Safety Plan which is required. Commissioner Webb showed a few slides on Fatal and Serious Injuries statistics from 2016-2021, Regional Safety Plan Emphasis Areas, RTC Region-wide Safety Program Funding Summary, Congestion Levels, and Speeding Related Fatal/ Serious Injuries. He explained how males are dominating the speeding-related fatal and serious injury category. Of all the fatalities and injuries, 24% were cited as not having worn a seatbelt. Some of the roadways within Collin County with a history of a high number of fatal and serious injuries include the DNT, Sam Rayburn Tollway and President George Bush Turnpike near US 75. Lastly, the ozone season started in March, and the RTC is still contesting the issue in regards to the ozone levels during 2020 and 2021 being higher since road and air travel were significantly lower during that time. Collin County's only source of major pollutants is just 1% of the entire metropolitan area. (Time: 1:45 p.m.)

**NO ACTION**

3. **Executive Session Items:** : Judge Hill recessed Commissioners Court into Executive Session at 1:45 p.m. under Chapter 551.071, Legal, in the Local Government Code to discuss the Pickrell et al v. Collin County, Texas et al lawsuit.

Judge Hill reconvened Commissioners Court at 3:09 p.m. Commissioners Cheryl Williams and Duncan Webb did not return to Court after Executive Session.

### **Legal (551.071)**

AI-53693 Pickrell et al v. Collin County, Texas et al 3:22-cv-02425-D, Administrative Services.

**NO ACTION**

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

Judy Dishong, Plano, revisited her comments from the last Commissioners Court meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> regarding Kaleb Breaux being made Deputy Elections Administrator. She was not judging Mr. Breaux but



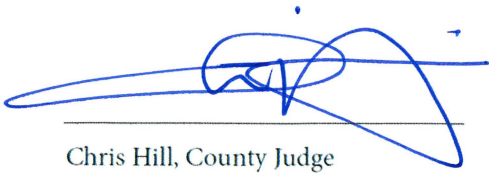
was concerned regarding Mr. Bruce Sherbet, Elections Administrator, leaving. Over the past few years, there have been many attacks on our election systems. Ms. Dishong stated she did make an error when speaking on the raise that was given to Mr. Breaux. She meant to say 15% and not \$15,000. Ms. Dishong is concerned because we have not moved on from the election fraud lies.

Amber Block, McKinney, said she is frustrated because she has not received a response from TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) regarding her concerns about US380 Bypass Segment C. At the hearings, she was told she has had the opportunity to express her opinion throughout the process, but she does not agree. Ms. Block said she received letters in the mail mid-January stating TxDOT had changed their preferred route from US380 Segment D to US380 Segment C. At that time, she was unaware she needed to express her concerns to the Court. Members from her community have been meeting with TxDOT throughout the process, and it seems as though the preferred route was changed between December 2022 and January 2023 leaving no opportunity to ask the Commissioners to weigh in on their behalf. She said she would rather invest her money on mission trips, mentoring, and her community versus hiring a lawyer to fight TxDOT. However, she will if needed. She asked the court to fight for her community as their representatives while there is still time.

Judge Hill said, from his understanding from TxDOT, they are still taking public input and comments, but they are not likely to be swayed by political position statements. The only thing that would result in TxDOT changing their conclusion would be an error in their analysis. He said the Commissioners would not be able to change TxDOT's plan. Ms. Block stated she would have been asking the Commissioners sooner if she would have known, and she feels robbed of that opportunity.

Sherri Eubank, McKinney, said she opposes US380 Bypass Segment C. She will be speaking on behalf of 200 families in Collin County. These children attend the Waldessori Schoolhouse that is located near US380 Bypass Segment C. It is a non-profit school which relies heavily on fundraisers to survive. The school's primary fundraising location is Wedding Pearls Venue which will be destroyed by Segment C. The Waldessori Schoolhouse and the Wedding Pearls Venue are interlaced. If Wedding Pearls is gone, it will have a serious negative effect on the schools fundraising support. Segment C will definitely cause the loss of one of the businesses and possibly the loss of both. Ms. Eubank said she knows the end of TxDOT's comment period is rapidly approaching. TxDOT told them the most influential portion of the segment analysis matrix is local government input and public comment. Since government input is so important to TxDOT, it defies understanding as to why they do not want the Commissioners' opinion. (Time 3:29)

With no further comments, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

  
Chris Hill, County Judge

  
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1

  
Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



  
Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3

  
Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4

  
ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk