

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2023-424-05-22
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the April 24, 2023 minutes.

On Monday, April 24, 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 Darrell Hale, Precinct 3

Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent: Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

Judge Hill 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 at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened at 2:29 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:28 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

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

1. AI-53880 Acceptance of the Diversion Alternative Plan Grant in the amount of \$53,376.30 through the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Juvenile Probation.
2. AI-53904 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

**FYI NOTIFICATION:**

1. AI-53850 P-Card Disbursements, Auditor.

2. AI-53884 Intra-County account transfers transmitted April 6, 2023, Auditor.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:**

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

**Presentation/Recognition:**

1. AI-53873 Texas AgriLife Extension & Master Gardener Therapy Program, County Extension Service.

Barron Bozeman, President of the CCMGA (Collin County Master Gardeners Association), thanked the Commissioners for their support of the association. Over the last five years, CCMGA has contributed over 33,000 hours to Collin County. Their motto is “We Grow Gardeners.” This means they educate a broad spectrum of people from elementary scholars to horticulture therapy groups. There are currently seven different therapy group facilities within Collin County which CCMGA visits monthly to provide an opportunity to be hands on with nature. Some activities include decorating pots, plant/bug themed bingo and singalongs. CCMGA will be hosting A Walk in the Park event located in The Gardens at Myers Park & Event Center on Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until noon. For more information about CCMGA and how to get involved, visit [ccmgatx.org](http://ccmgatx.org). (Time 1:35 p.m.)

2. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill pulled item 2c1 to be held for another week and then asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Fletcher pulled check number 533657 under item 2a for recusal, and Commissioner Hale pulled item 2j11 for comment. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4-0: Passed

a. AI-53859 Disbursements for the period ending April 18, 2023, Auditor.

**COURT ORDER NO. 2023-315-04-24**

A motion was made to approve check 533657. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 3-0: Passed

Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-316-04-24

b. AI-53860 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-317-04-24

c. Award(s):

1. AI-53864 Vehicles, 1 Ton Flatbed Trucks (Contract No. 2023-084) to Silsbee Ford, Inc. through TIPS USA Cooperative Contract No. 210907, and budget amendment in the amount of \$23,635 for same, Public Works.

HELD

d. Agreement(s):

1. AI-53858 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Traffic Regulation in Special Districts with Magnolia Pointe MUD No. 1 through and including September 30, 2024, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-318-04-24

e. Change Order(s):

1. AI-53768 No. 5 to Construction, Road: Frontier Parkway (CR 5) Paving and Drainage Improvement (Contract No. 2020-303) with Mario Sinacola & Sons Excavating, Inc. to make various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-319-04-24

f. Contract Renewal(s):

1. AI-53881 Signs, Sign Materials, and Hardware (IFB No. 2022-121) with Vulcan, Inc. d/b/a Vulcan Aluminum, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 19, 2024, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-320-04-24

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

1. AI-53902 FY2022 CSCD Annual Financial Report.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-321-04-24

2. AI-53903 FY2022 Juvenile Probation Annual Financial Report.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-322-04-24

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

1. AI-53872 \$929 for the purchase of one (1) scanner, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-323-04-24

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

1. AI-53868 February 27, 2023.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-324-04-24

**j. Miscellaneous:**

1. AI-53888 Temporary Mental Health Managed Counsel Attorney position, 219th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-325-04-24

2. AI-53874 Final plat for Arbor Trails Phase 1, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-326-04-24

3. AI-53876 Redesignation of County Road 163 as North Ridge Road with associated address updates, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-327-04-24

4. AI-53877 Redesignation of County Road 87 and the north-south section of County Road 90 as South Coit Road with associated address updates, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-328-04-24

5. AI-53878 Redesignation of the east-west section of County Road 90 as Old Glendenning Road with associated address updates, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-329-04-24

6. AI-53879 Redesignation of Private Road 5796 as Lasso Lane, Private Road 5797 as Buckboard Bend, Private Road 5798 as Rodeo Road and Private Road 5799 as Spur Street with associated address updates, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-330-04-24

7. AI-53863 Combine two (2) part-time Equipment Operator positions into one (1) full-time Equipment Operator position, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-331-04-24

8. AI-53862 Declare the attached list of Collin County property as surplus, authorize the Purchasing Agent to sell via on-line auction, and authorize advertising for same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-332-04-24

9. AI-53871 Grant application for the FY2023 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Grants Management System, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-333-04-24

10. AI-53905 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-334-04-24

11. AI-53906 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated the following County employees receiving promotions this week: Cullen Cook and Nicole Chavez. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4 – 0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-335-04-24

### 3. General Discussion Items:

a. AI-53887 **Public Hearing** - Consideration and any action for the issuance of a mass gathering permit for Vintage Market Days event on May 12 - 13, 2023 at Myers Park & Event Center in accordance to Health and Safety Code Chapter 751, Engineering.

Judy Moody, Meyers Park, said this is the first event with Vintage Market Days in 2023, and it is being held for Mother's Day weekend. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve his item. (Time: 1:38 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4 – 0: Passed

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b. AI-53891 FY2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Auditor.

Chris Pruitt, Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, said the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is divided into an introductory section, a financial section and a statistical section. Regarding the introductory section, Collin County received a Certificate of Achievement Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting. For the financial section, Mr. Pruitt said the County's general fund is \$182.6 million which, in relation to the yearly expenditures, is very healthy and leaves the general fund in excellent shape. In regards to budget, Mr. Pruitt said expenditures came in at \$63 million less than anticipated which is good and shows conservative budgeting. The statistical section is not audited because it displays ten years of trend data. However, the audit was only performed for this year and, therefore, did not have enough data to support a true audit of this section. Responsibility lies with the County's management for the financial segments, and his responsibility is to express an opinion on the financials. Mr. Pruitt explained his opinions are unmodified and clean which means a third party can rely upon the financial statements being free of mistakes. This is the highest opinion they can give.

Commissioner Webb asked Mr. Pruitt if anything caught his attention regarding the data. Mr. Pruitt said the big challenge this year is a brand new lease standard that passed which will be next year's challenge. A motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 1:44 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 -0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-337-04-24

c. AI-53892 FY2022 Single Audit Financial Report, Auditor.

Chris Pruitt, Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, said, if the County receives more than \$750,000 in federal funding and \$750,000 in state funding, they are required to have a state mandated single audit. There are two reports that need to be issued in conjunction with the single audit. The first report being a Government Auditing Standards Letter. Based on the report, the County has received a clean opinion. Mr. Pruitt said

there is also a report which discusses internal control of financial reporting and compliance just for the grants. This report received a clean opinion as well, and the County is compliant with those grants. The County received \$8.8 million in federal funding and \$8.3 million in state funding. A motion was made to approve this item. (Time 1:47 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 -o Passed

**COURT ORDER NO. 2023-338-04-24**

d. AI-53831 Accept the donation of a dog for use in the Detention Facility from Operation Mutt22, Sheriff.

Assistant Chief Deputy, Johnny Jaquess and Lieutenant David Barnett thanked the Commissioners for listening to their request. The Collin County Sheriff's Office (SO) Detention Center is being offered a donation of one golden retriever dog and the accompanying training from Operation Mutt22. Operation Mut22 is a local veteran-owned-and-operated company whose primary focus is improving the quality of life for our returning combat veterans by providing and training service dogs. President and Founder of Operation Mutt22, Justin Rie, has offered the dog and the training services at an estimated value of \$3,000. Upon acceptance of the donation, the SO intends to use the dog to positively impact the behavioral and mental health of the incarcerated individuals in the Collin County Detention Center. The SO would like to have the dog as a calming effect in the jail as many incidents occur from people being upset. The dog could provide a calming effect for those individuals.

Commissioner Webb asked Mr. Jaquess if there are any other programs like this in the country and if there are any studies showing this as being an effective way to offer a calming effect in a jail setting. Mr. Jaquess said there are no other programs quite like this that he is aware of at the moment. There are other programs within prisons where the prisoners are taking care of the animals but none where a dog's purpose is to bring a calming effect. Currently, there are no studies that show this being an effective way to offer a calming effect in a jail setting. Since it works in mental health facilities and children's hospitals, it could have the same effect in a jail.

The Commissioners expressed concerns regarding an exit strategy if it does not seem to be effective. There was also concern about the proper care for the dog, compensation for the caregiver, insurance requirements, staffing requirements for the SO and the additional workload. Commissioner Fletcher proposed holding this item for a future date to allow time for the SO to prepare a presentation addressing these concerns. After a brief discussion, the Court decided to hold this item until the upcoming budget workshop. (Time: 2:19 p.m.)

**HELD**

e. AI-44358 Conference of Urban Counties update, Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Commissioner Fletcher updated the Court on the last CUC (Conference of Urban Counties) meeting held on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioner mentioned SB1446 which passed out of committee at the end of last week and HB2068. The bills are anti-ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) bills. These bills would affect TCDRS (Texas County & District Retirement System) and what they can invest in. If any individual companies have policies that have a stance on these ESG issues, we couldn't invest in them. This would also require companies to disclose some proprietary information which they may not want to disclose because it could affect their competitive edge.

Commissioner Fletcher did point out that TCDRS does not invest in individual stocks. About 70% of our current investments are in investment partnerships. A lot of these investment partnerships will no longer want to do business with TCDRS which will impact our ability to have the gains that we have had in the past and make it more difficult for the County to make those state-mandated required amounts on the retirement programs. The Commissioner is very concerned because, within the modeling that TCDRS has done to look at the impact if these bills passed, it would double the employer contribution. In the effort to try to lower property taxes, this is putting an even greater burden on the counties and districts that are part of these plans and makes it harder to comply and do the state-mandated things we have to do and pay the state-mandated percentages on the retirement programs. The next CUC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. (Time: 2:28 p.m.)

**NO ACTION**

#### **4. Executive Session Items:**

The Court did not recess into executive session.

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

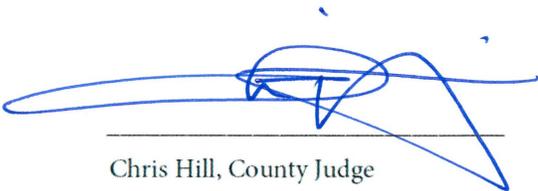
Judy Dishong, Plano, attended a City of Plano meeting several years ago regarding the legislature's unfunded mandates which the City of Plano would be responsible for. Ms. Dishong said the legislature has been violating local control. For example, the city cannot annex the MUDs (Municipal Utility District). Not only will this cost the County money, but it is violating the fiduciary duty of the retirement fund. She said the only thing she could think of is to go very public with this information to get people riled up and have them bring these issues to their legislature.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, mentioned a statement Judge Hill released on April 18, 2023, in reference to the sexual harassment lawsuit settlement. In the statement, Judge Hill said Collin County's insurance company offered the plaintiffs \$1.75 million in order to settle the lawsuit. Mr. Murray said, in September

of 2021, SB282 was passed which prohibits insurance companies from settling lawsuits involving anything regarding sexual harassment and assault. Additionally, he said the easiest way to recruit people is to retain people and, when it comes to retaining people, part of that is the environment in which they are working. Mr. Murray referenced a tweet Judge Hill released on April 22, 2023, stating “Additionally, the investigator uncovered claims of infidelity among and between the plaintiffs themselves. Mark my words, the plaintiffs will regret pushing for the report to be released.” Mr. Murray said this does not make for a good work environment for Judge Hill’s employees, recruitment and retention. Mr. Murray criticized Judge Hill’s leadership. You do not cherry pick things from an investigation and put them out there for people to see. It should be released as a whole.

Mr. Murray then referenced the conversation the Commissioners had with Assistant Chief Deputy Johnny Jaquess and Lieutenant David Barnett regarding General Discussion Item 3d. He said Judge Hill has subject matter experts telling him what they need, and he needs to listen to them because he has never spent a night in jail. Mr. Murray said he has spent a night in jail and he believes the dog would help. Judge Hill thanked Mr. Murray for sharing about his night in jail.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 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