

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the September 11, 2023 minutes.

On Monday, September 11, 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 Webb 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 adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:17 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-54631 Award of Services, SCORE CSCD Evaluation & Counseling (RFP No. 2023-306), Adult Probation.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-54600 Intra-County account transfers transmitted August 24, 2023, Auditor.
2. AI-54544 Update to Jury Pay per Texas Government Code 61.001(a)(1)(2) and 61.0015(a)(1)(2), Auditor.

3. AI-54635 Non PFP-Salary increases for CSCD, Human Resources.

4. AI-54638 Turnover, Human Resources.

5. AI-54639 Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.

6. AI-54644 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

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

a. AI-54543 \$36,456 to establish the budget for the FY2024 Community Mental Health Program grant, Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

1. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Hale pulled item 1m7 for comment. 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-54554 Disbursements for the period ending September 5, 2023, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-780-09-11

b. AI-54555 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-781-09-11

c. AI-54607 Tax refunds totaling \$243,644.34, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-782-09-11

d. **Advertisement(s):**

1. AI-54576 Mowing & Trimming of Soil Conservation Structures (IFB No. 2023-344), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-783-09-11

e. **Award(s):**

1. **AI-54559** Professional Services, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineering Services (RFQ No. 2023-258), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-784-09-11

2. **AI-54571** FY2024 Maintenance for VMware Software (Coop. Contract No. 2023-375) to CDW Government LLC through TIPS Contract No. 230105, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-785-09-11

3. **AI-54574** Software Maintenance, PeopleSoft (Coop. Contract 2023-377) to Oracle America, Inc. utilizing DIR Contract No DIR-TSO-4158, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-786-09-11

4. **AI-54577** Fuels (IFB No. 2023-262) to Petroleum Traders Corporation, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-787-09-11

f. **Agreement(s):**

1. **AI-54636** Personal Services Agreement with Timothy Steely (Contract No. 2023-391) for Case Manager for the Collin County Veterans Court Program, grant 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. 2023-788-09-11

2. **AI-54619** Interlocal Agreement for Fire Inspection and Fire Plan Review Services with the City of Farmersville through and including September 30, 2024, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-789-09-11

3. **AI-54621** Interlocal Agreement for Fire Inspection and Fire Plan Review Services with the City of Lavon through and including September 30, 2024, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-790-09-11

4. **Assessment Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and the City of Celina, Tax Assessor-Collector:**

a. **AI-54590** Wilson Creek Meadows Public Improvement District.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-791-09-11

b. AI-54591 Ten Mile Creek Public Improvement District.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-792-09-11

c. AI-54593 North Sky Public Improvement District.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-793-09-11

d. AI-54594 Mustang Lakes (Annex) Public Improvement District.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-794-09-11

e. AI-54595 Mosaic Public Improvement District.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-795-09-11

f. AI-54596 Harper Estates Public Improvement District.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-796-09-11

5. AI-54589 Tax Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and LC Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Collin County, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-797-09-11

g. **Amendment(s):**

1. AI-54592 Amendment to the Tyler Odyssey Criminal Justice Information System (Contract No. 01318-09) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to remove the Juvenile Supervision application from the master agreement and recover associated costs, further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-798-09-11

2. AI-54620 No. 1 to Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage (Contract No. 2022-289) with Harding-Conley-Drawert-Tinch Insurance Agency, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024, increase premium rate, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-799-09-11

3. AI-54580 No. 2 to Cyber Insurance Coverage (Contract No. 2022-288) with Harding-Conley-Drawert-Tinch Insurance Agency, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024, provide a rate change and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-800-09-11

4. **AI-54622** No. 4 to Fire Inspection and Fire Plan Review (Contract No. 2019-375) with the City of Blue Ridge to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-801-09-11

5. **AI-54623** No. 4 to Fire Inspection and Fire Plan Review (Contract No. 2019-374) with the City of Josephine to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-802-09-11

6. **AI-54624** No. 4 to Fire Inspection and Fire Plan Review (Contract No. 2019-144) with the Town of St. Paul to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-803-09-11

7. **AI-54547** No. 4 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, 2024 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-804-09-11

8. **AI-54608** No. 5 to Jail Services, Out of County Housing (Contract No. 2019-085) with Wise County to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024 and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-805-09-11

9. **AI-54599** No. 7 to Professional Services, Psychological Assessment (Contract No. 2015-227) with Kristi Compton, Ph.D., P.C. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024, add language to Exhibit "A" under Special Consideration and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-806-09-11

10. **AI-54597** No. 12 to Software and Implementation Services for an ERP Financial System (Contract No. 2015-192) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to move the Munis financial system from on-premise to SaaS and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-807-09-11

11. AI-54570 No. 15 to Voter Registration & Early Voting Software (Contract No. 02376-09) with VOTEC Corporation to provide various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-808-09-11

h. Change Order(s):

1. AI-54618 No. 16 to Construction, Collin County Adult Detention Facility, Phase 1 Addition (Contract No. 2021-239) with Ratcliff Constructors, L.P. to provide various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-809-09-11

i. Contract Renewal(s):

1. AI-54588 Professional Services, Architect for Small County Projects (RFQ No 2022-256) with Louis Kent Spurgin d/b/a Spurgin & Associates Architects to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including December 4, 2024, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-810-09-11

2. AI-54610 Services Detention Security Controls, Integration and Maintenance (Contract No. 2019-160) with CML Security, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including October 20, 2024, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-811-09-11

3. AI-54573 Physician Services (Contract No. 07335-10) with Dr. James Shupe to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024, Probate Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-812-09-11

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

1. AI-54545 \$2,700 for travel and training expenses, 401st District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-813-09-11

2. AI-54601 \$2,200 for travel and training expenses, 417th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-814-09-11

3. AI-54558 \$1,982,983 for one-time items to be paid from FY 2023 savings, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-815-09-11

4. AI-54569 \$509,100 to fund proposed FY2024 permanent improvement projects with FY2023 project savings, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-816-09-11

5. AI-54627 \$266,445,000 to allocate 2023 bond funds to road and open space bond projects, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-817-09-11

6. AI-54556 \$2,418.56 to reallocate funds for the Spay/Neuter Program, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-818-09-11

7. AI-54581 \$4,810.35 to reallocate funds for the Spay/Neuter Program, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-819-09-11

8. AI-54626 \$30,000 for the increase in cost of services and supplies for animal care for the remainder of FY2023, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-820-09-11

9. AI-54629 \$11,000 for reconstruction around the gazebo at Myers Park, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-821-09-11

10. AI-54584 \$46,919.98 to establish the budget for insurance recovery funds received for wind damage, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-822-09-11

11. AI-54582 \$122,241.87 to establish the budget for insurance recovery funds received for winter storm damage, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-823-09-11

k. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. AI-54611 Monthly financial reports for June 2023.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-824-09-11

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

1. AI-54613 July 24, 2023.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-825-09-11

2. AI-54551 August 7, 2023.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-826-09-11

3. AI-54615 August 14, 2023.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-827-09-11

m. **Miscellaneous:**

1. AI-54546 Final Plat for 2.39 acres on State Highway 78 in Lavon, Texas, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-828-09-11

2. AI-54634 Rescind final plat for Summit Ranch and approve final plat for Rollins Ranch, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-829-09-11

3. AI-54617 45 day free trial of Zscaler's internet access security solution with Zscaler, Inc., Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-830-09-11

4. AI-54575 Deposit proceeds totaling \$21,617.18 from the Collin County online auction held August 7, 2023 per Local Government Code 263.156, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-831-09-11

5. AI-54609 Grant application for the FY2021 UASI State Homeland Security Program Grant: LETPA Projects through the Office of the Governor, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-832-09-11

6. AI-54642 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-833-09-11

7. AI-54643 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale said he has made a point to pull this item for comment each meeting because he wants to make sure staff are recognized when they are being promoted for their hard work for the County. Today he congratulated Anton Salah, Connor Doherty, Dixie Harden, Edward Newsom, Jeremy Altemus, Lee Durrett, Paige Test, and Ricky Bourland. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item as presented. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-834-09-11

2. **General Discussion Items:**

a. **FY 2024 Budget:**

1. AI-54560 **Public Hearing** - Proposed FY 2024 Tax Rate

Monika Arris, Budget, presented details related to the proposed tax rate. The adjusted taxable value for Collin County is \$222 billion which \$7.6 billion is new construction. Residential properties are increasing in value at a higher rate than commercial properties. For this year, residential properties grew in value by 14.9% while commercial properties grew by 7.51%. The proposed tax rate is \$0.149343 which is a decrease of \$0.003100 from the current tax rate. The county has not raised taxes since 1993. This will be the County's thirty-first year without a tax rate increase. Additionally, this is also the County's twentieth year with an Over-65 Freeze Exemption and sixteenth year with a Homestead Exemption.

Judge Hill asked for clarification regarding not raising taxes since 1993 as there was a vote last year of 3-2 to raise taxes. Ms. Arris clarified the County has not raised the tax rate since 1993.

The average home in Collin County is valued at \$584,050 according to statistics compiled by the Collin CAD (Central Appraisal District). This is an increase of 13.8% from last year. A homestead exemption on the property caps the taxable value at 10% increase over the prior year. Additionally, citizens with the over-65 exemption have their County taxes frozen and will not see an impact by this growth. Utilizing the proposed tax rate, the average homeowner with a homestead exemption will pay \$680.81 in County taxes. Last year, the same homeowners paid \$631.77. Therefore, this is an increase of \$49.04 over last year. A homeowner without the homestead exemption will pay \$872.24. Whereas last year, they paid \$782.24. Therefore, they will see an increase of \$90.00. Those with the over-65 exemption will not see an impact to their taxes.

Since Plano is the County's largest city, Ms. Arris used the average home values in the table depicting the tax rates for entities such as the County, Plano ISD and Collin College. This also includes the increased homestead exemption rate which will be on the November 2023 ballot. Additionally, Collin College increased their exemption to \$20,000 this year. Ms. Arris noted Collin County is only 8% of the total tax bill. For this year, Collin County taxes are \$680.81 of the total property tax bill.

The No New Revenue tax rate is calculated based on bringing in the same tax revenue for properties that existed in both years for commercial and residential properties. It is not tied to a particular homeowner. The rate is based specifically on revenues the County receives. For this year, overall values increased by 14.1% while existing properties for both years increased by 10.2%. Therefore, the County's No New Revenue tax rate was reduced by 7.6%.

Ms. Arris presented the County's five-year tax rate history. From last year, the County's No New Revenue tax rate decreased by 7.6%, and the County's debt rate decreased by 5.5%. The County's voter approval tax rate decreased by 6% and the adjusted and unused increment decreased by 5.6%. This year's proposed tax rate is less than last year's adopted tax rate by \$0.015644. The proposed tax rate for 2024 is 8% higher than the 2024 No New Revenue tax rate. A comparison chart depicting the County's tax rate breakdown by fund was presented to the Court. Ms. Arris noted the maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate decreased by 0.6%, and the debt rate decreased by 5.5% from last year. The 2024 proposed tax rate is a decrease of 2.0% from last year's rate. (Time 1:39 p.m.)

2. AI-54561 Public Hearing - Proposed FY 2024 Budget.

Ms. Arris presented on the proposed budget for FY2024. The 2024 revenue estimate for the General Fund is \$269.8 million, and the proposed budget for the general fund is the same.

The Road and Bridge Fund revenue estimate is \$26.4 million and the proposed budget for it is \$30.3 million. It is estimated the Road and Bridge Fund will collect \$23.95 million in vehicle registration and title fees for 2024. The fund balance is healthy and can support a larger expenditure budget than revenue budget.

The Permanent Improvement Fund revenue estimate and proposed budget are both \$2.5 million. The County's Debt Service Fund revenue estimate is \$92.6 million, and due to rounding, the proposed fund expenditures is \$92.5 million. Since the Healthcare trust does not support itself, it is receiving a transfer of \$3.9 million from the General Fund for its revenues. The proposed budget is \$6 million. The FY2024 Other Funds have proposed expenditures of \$69.1 million with a revenue estimate at \$81 million. The total combined 2024 revenue estimate is \$477.8 million and the total proposed budget is \$470.3 million.

Ms. Arris reviewed the full time employee positions (FTE) from 2023 and compared them to the ones requested for the 2024 budget. She then listed the departments where new positions were added for FY 2024. For the general fund, these included the 493rd District Court, the 494th District Court, Building Superintendent, County Auditor, County Clerk, Development Services, District Attorney, District Clerk, Elections, Human Resources, Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, Juvenile Probation, Medical Examiner, Purchasing, Tax Assessor, and Sherriff Office and Jail. Other funds for new positions included Road and Bridge, Engineering, GIS (Geographic Information Systems), and Animal Control. Ms. Arris noted some positions were changed instead of requesting new FTE positions which means there was no impact to budget. These included positions for District Court, Human Resources, and the Sherriff's Office. Additionally, the approval of the inmate and staff food contract led to the elimination of some positions in the Sherriff's Office. Lastly, position changes for other funds included the County Clerk Records Department and Healthcare Foundation.

Items requiring motions from the Court included elected official salaries, M&O tax rate, debt service tax rate, total combined tax rate, FY 2024 budget and FY 2024 committed fund balance. (Time: 1:45 p.m.)

Ms. Arris moved the discussion to item 8 which was Trails of Blue Ridge budget.

At 1:46 p.m., Judge Hill opened both the FY 2024 Tax Rate and Proposed FY 2024 Budget Public Hearings for comments.

Deb Blencowe, Princeton, began by thanking the Court for their support of the County and approving the budget particularly for the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Blencowe has been a volunteer for the Sheriff's office since 2015 with over 5,000 hours of service. Her goal is to take care of the mundane work so deputies and investigators can concentrate on policing. Ms. Blencowe sees all the hard work the deputies and jailers do and knows they appreciate the Court's support. Judge Hill thanked Ms. Blencowe for her service to the County.

Rick Foster, Wylie, is a longtime resident of Collin County and an elected member of the County Soil and Water Conservation Board (SWCB). Although the SWCB has many responsibilities, the primary focus is on maintaining the ninety-nine earth damns throughout the County. A few years ago, he said the board failed to communicate clearly to the Court what the SWCB does and the realization of the damn structures. These structures are 50-60 years old and were developed through agreements from landowners, the Commissioners Court, and SWCB. The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) provided funding. The economic benefit of these structures by reducing property damage from flooding continues to this day. Mr. Foster recognized the inconvenient reality the SWCB's needs present to the Court. Additionally, he understood the view of the Court is to only provide funding in maintaining structures less than 50 years old as well as the need to explore other means of funding. The SWCB is actively working on discussions with cities, MUD's (Municipal Utility Districts) and their leadership in Temple, Texas. Mr.

Foster noticed relationships between the SWCB and the Commissioners Courts seems to work in the other 226 districts throughout the state. He asked the Court to consider what is in the best interest of the home owners and businesses downstream from these aging structures as well as consider SWCB's input on expending the \$44,000 in the proposed budget for Road and Bridge. Since the SWCB has more visibility, they know what needs to be done. In addition, Mr. Foster requested they be able to provide input on the RFP (Request for Proposal) to mow these structures. If one of these structures fails, then we have failed the County.

Debbie Lindstrom, McKinney, said she was representing Citizens Defending Freedom. She thanked the Court for the opportunity to be able to provide comments regarding the proposed budget and tax rate. Patriot Day reminds everyone of not only the sacrifices made that day, but also the need for emergency personnel. She thanked the Commissioners who voted to approve an increased tax rate to provide additional funding for the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Lindstrom stated these are unprecedented times marked by inflation, wide-open borders as well as a drug and human trafficking crisis requiring unprecedented action. Although she is in favor of raising taxes this year, Ms. Lindstrom was sympathetic to Judge Hill's position. She hoped this was a one-time necessity in order to improve safety for the community. Ms. Lindstrom thanked the Court for their leadership and making the hard choices. Furthermore, she also thanked the Sheriff's Office (SO) and its deputies for making the community safe. She knows the funds the SO receives will go to good use to uphold citizens' constitutional rights to keep and bear arms especially in light of other state governors infringing on those rights.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, thanked the four Commissioners who acknowledged the No New Revenue rate could not be maintained in perpetuity. As the population increases and inflation grows, services will need to be added. Mr. Murray expressed gratitude for the four Commissioners who voted to provide additional funding resources for the Sherriff's Office, Animal Services, County Clerk's Office, and Tax Assessor. Mr. Murray said he also hopes this will be a one-time raise in taxes. Over the last four years, the County has received \$600 million in grants from the federal government for infrastructure while asking County citizens for \$500 million for bonds. If they are voted down, then either the tax rate will need to go up again or resources will need to be cut. Mr. Murray said things have been neglected for a long time and this falls primarily on the head of the County Judge. Mr. Murray said the Judge has steered the Courts conversations towards believing a No New Revenue tax rate is a goal to be achieved every year. He was happy to see the Court disagree with the Judge and acknowledge the County must account for population growth, inflation, and employee morale by providing needed resources.

Barbara Lyke, Wylie, said she is in support of a minimum tax increase that is critically needed to support all budget requests for the Sherriff's Office presented at the Budget Workshop. She asked each of the Court members to vote in favor of the tax increase. (Time: 1:58 pm)

With no other comments from the public, Judge Hill closed the public hearings at 1:58 p.m. Judge Hill asked the Commissioners for any action or discussion. Commissioner Williams moved the discussion to item 6 which was Elected Officials salaries at 1:58 p.m.

3. AI-54564 Adoption of an order setting the maintenance and operating tax rate for FY 2024.

At 1:59 p.m., Commissioner Williams moved the discussion to this item. A motion was made to adopt the rate at \$0.107493. (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-835-09-11

4. AI-54565 Adoption of an order setting and approving the debt services tax rate for FY 2024.

A motion was made to adopt this rate at \$0.041850. (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-836-09-11

5. AI-54566 Adoption of an order setting the combined tax rate for FY 2024.

A motion was made to adopt the total combined tax rate of \$0.149343 which is effectively an 8% increase in the tax rate when compared to the FY2024 No New Revenue tax rate. This item required a show of hands along with their verbal vote. All in favor who raised their hands were Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Hale, and Commissioner Webb. Judge Hill was opposed. (Time: 2:01 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-837-09-11

Commissioner Williams moved the discussion to item 7 which was the FY 2024 Budget. (2:01 p.m.)

6. AI-54562 Adoption of an order setting and approving the FY 2024 Elected Officials salaries.

A motion was made to adopt this item as presented. (Time: 1:59 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-838-09-11

Commissioner Williams moved the discussion to item 3 which was the M&O tax rate. (Time: 1:59 p.m.)

7. AI-54563 Adoption of an order setting and approving the FY 2024 Budget.

At 2:01 p.m., Commissioner Williams moved the discussion to this item. A motion was made to approve the FY 2024 Budget. This item required a show of hands along with their verbal vote. All in favor who raised their hands were Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Hale, and Commissioner Webb. Judge Hill was opposed. (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-839-09-11

Commissioner Williams moved the discussion to item 9 on General Discussion. (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

8. AI-54567 Adoption of an order setting and approving the Trails of Blue Ridge FY 2024 Budget.

At 1:45 p.m., Ms. Arris presented to the Court information regarding the tax rate and budget for the Trails of Blue Ridge. The revenue is set off the tax rate which was adopted back in 2019 at fifteen cents. Therefore, it is a formality for this discussion. The revenue is based off the values in the area. The anticipated revenue for FY2024 is \$98,480, and the expenditures is the payment to Collin CAD at \$606. The County has continued to carry forward the \$500,000 budgeted from 2021. It is slowly being spent each year. This is a formality for the Court to vote to adopt their budget and tax rate in two separate votes. (Time: 1:46 p.m.)

Judge Hill moved the discussion back up to the public hearing for comments at 1:46 p.m.

At 2:03 p.m., Commissioner Hale moved the discussion back to this item. This item requires a vote on both the Trails of Blue Ridge Budget and the Trails of Blue Ridge Tax Rate.

A motion was made to adopt the FY2024 Trails of Blue Ridge Budget. (Time: 2:03 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-840-09-11

A motion was made to adopt the Trails of Blue Ridge Tax Rate at \$0.15. (Time: 2:04 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-841-09-11

9. AI-54568 Restrictions on funds in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Boards (GASB) Statement Number 54 for FY 2024.

At 2:02 p.m., Commissioner Williams moved the discussion to this item. A motion was made to adopt the FY2024 committed fund balance. (Time: 2:03 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-842-09-11

3. **Executive Session Items:** The Court did not recess into Executive Session.

Public Comments not related to an item on the Agenda.

The Court heard Public Comments at 2:04 p.m.

Judy Dishong, Plano, said she would like to talk about traffic safety. However, before speaking on that topic, she would like to discuss how Texas citizens deserve better from their elected officials. Ms. Dishong said she wants the Court and the State to provide the services citizens need in order to live a good life. She said honesty, transparency and communication is important. Ms. Dishong said she appreciated the letter

from Commissioner Fletcher outlining the reasons for the tax rate increase and why it was necessary. She said we need more of this kind of leadership. Ms. Dishong is very concerned regarding people not being treated equally in the court system. She is also concerned about the unequal treatment of citizens particularly in Eastern McKinney where the citizen's request to have a safe way to cross US 5 has gone unanswered. She said the County needs to look at the quality of life of citizens.

David Kemp, Plano, said he wished to mention the voting machines in every county have, WiFi capabilities which enables them to be accessed remotely and manipulated. Mr. Kemp said he does not believe the machines have not been accessed or manipulated. With over 40 years of IT experience, he knows every system can and will eventually be hacked. Collin County is one of the top counties controlled by Republicans, and this has made the County a target. It is important to get rid of the hackable machines to prevent any manipulation from happening.

Dianna Biscan, Plano, said attending these meetings has been helpful in learning the process of the Commissioners Court. Ms. Biscan said she trusts the Court, but she does not trust the voting machines. Election integrity is very close to her heart, and she appreciated the discussion from last week's Court regarding this topic. She believes the Court could make a difference by starting with her request for paper ballots with hand counting as well as precinct level voting with precinct level counting. Collin County could lead the nation in this critically important area. Nothing will be gained unless we have a solid foundation of election integrity. Ms. Biscan is a volunteer for the city and state to do what she can to assist in making things better for her children and grandchildren.

Debbie Lindstrom, McKinney, said she noticed when minutes are filed and approved there are no public documents attached. This includes when speakers have requested these documents be included with the minutes. She asked if this was a policy of the Court to not include these documents. If so, she requested a policy change in order for these documents to be included. Ms. Lindstrom said three minutes is not enough time to provide the amount of detail within these documents.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, said he wanted to reiterate the mission of Collin County is to provide services to its citizens. This includes justice, public safety, infrastructure, public health as mandated by the state and to execute other priorities as determined by the Court. In order to accomplish this mission, the Court relies on other departments throughout the County. The Court is responsible to raise money to fund these departments for these services. Every decision of the Court needs to revolve around this mission. However, Mr. Murray said the Court has not been following this mission because of a political narrative from Judge Chris Hill. This narrative of No New Revenue is a goal to be achieved every year regardless of inflation, the needs of the County or of the County mission. He said the Judge was a politician who only votes for expenditures. Mr. Murray said, in a business, one needs to project expenses and determine what revenue is needed to meet those expenses. The County needs to do the same. However, a politician will vote for all the expenditures but not for any of the revenues required. Judge Hill asked Mr. Murray not to yell at

the court and keep proper decorum. Mr. Murray stated a politician votes counter productively. He said voting for a tax rate which will not fund what has been approved is a way to manipulate, create smoke and mirrors and lie. Mr. Murray concluded by saying either they need to go back and change what was voted for or go back to school and learn accounting.

With no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge



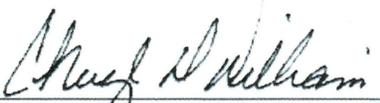
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ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk