

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2024-063-01-22
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the December 4, 2023 minutes.

On Monday, December 4, 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 Fletcher led the Invocation.
Judge Hill 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 recessed into Executive Session at 2:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2:37 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:53 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-55136 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
2. AI-55137 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-55029 Intra-County account transfers transmitted October 20, 2023, Auditor.
2. AI-55056 Intra-County account transfers transmitted October 31, 2023, Auditor.

3. AI-55103 Intra-County account transfers transmitted November 10, 2023, Auditor.

4. AI-55028 Change Order No. 19 to Construction, Collin County Adult Detention Facility, Phase 1 Addition (IFB No. 2021-239) with Ratcliff Constructors L.P. to provide various changes to the contract, Construction Projects.

5. AI-55140 Addendum No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 to Video Surveillance System Upgrade, Adult Detention Facility, Courthouse and Central Plant (IFB No. 2023-071) to make various changes to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.

6. AI-55131 Voluntary terminations, Human Resources.

7. AI-55132 Turnover, Human Resources.

8. **Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**
 - a. AI-55066 \$168,992 to establish the budget for the FY2024 CJD Veteran Treatment Court Grant, Auditor.

 - b. AI-55039 \$447,823 to establish the budget for the FY2024 CJD Adult Mental Health Court Grant, Auditor.

 - c. AI-55073 \$175,000 to establish the budget for the FY2024 TVC Veterans Mental Health Grant, Auditor.

 - d. AI-55076 \$144,422 to establish the budget for the UASI Regional Fusion Center Analysts Grant, Auditor.

 - e. AI-55077 \$69,931 to establish the budget for the UASI Domestic Violence Extremism Grant, Auditor.

 - f. AI-55078 \$45,000 to establish the budget for the IISC Fusion Center Analyst Grant, Auditor.

 - g. AI-55079 \$26,351 to establish the budget for the UASI Election Security Grant, Auditor.

 - h. AI-55080 \$48,400.89 to establish the budget for the FY2024 UASI SHSP-DVE 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 Webb pulled item 1m8. Additionally, Commissioner Webb said there are several items related to grants on the consent agenda. There are five grants which will not have sufficient funds for the whole year, and departments will need to find alternate sources of funding from their own budgets. Commissioner Hale pulled items 1m6 and 1m17. For the grant related items, Judge Hill recalled the previous discussion in which there was a clear understanding regarding the status quo. Judge Hill confirmed Commissioner Webb was content regarding all the grant-related items on this consent agenda being treated as determined in the last discussion. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

Motion: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0: Passed

a. **AI-55042** Disbursements for the period ending November 28, 2023, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1131-12-04

b. **AI-55043** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1132-12-04

c. **AI-55084** Tax refunds totaling \$109,235.94, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1133-12-04

d. **Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-55046** Professional Services, Forensic Engineering Services (RFQ No. 2024-054), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1134-12-04

e. **Award(s):**

1. **AI-55119** Computers, Peripherals, and Accessories (Coop Quote No. 2024-064) to GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1135-12-04

2. **AI-55035** Road Materials, Flexbase (Grade 1, Type A) (IFB No. 2023-343) to various vendors, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1136-12-04

3. **AI-55038** John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle (Contract No. 2024-038) to Coufal-Prater Equipment, LLC d/b/a United Ag & Turf, through Sourcewell Contract No. 031121-DAC, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1137-12-04

4. **AI-55107** Mowing & Trimming of Soil Conservation Structures (IFB No. 2023-344) to Abescape Group, LLC, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1138-12-04

5. **AI-54939** ST50 SCBA Avon Protection System (Coop. Quote 2024-073) to Safeware, Inc. through OMNIA Coop. Contract No. 4400008468, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1139-12-04

f. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-55087** Personal Services Agreement with Brianna Smith (Contract No. 2024-107) for Case Manager for the VALOR 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. 2023-1140-12-04

2. **AI-55088** Personal Services Agreement with Zuzi Gomez-Chang (Contract No. 2024-111) for Mental Health Coordinator for the North Texas 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. 2023-1141-12-04

3. **AI-55089** Personal Services Agreement with Angela Naki (Contract No. 2024-112) for Mental Health Coordinator for the North Texas 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. 2023-1142-12-04

4. **AI-55086** Personal Services Agreement with Denise Martinez (Contract No. 2024-122) for Mental Health Clinician for the VALOR 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. 2023-1143-12-04

5. **AI-55040** Memorandum of Understanding between Collin County Animal Services and Texas Wildlife Services Program to provide wildlife damage management assistance and educational outreach, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1144-12-04

6. **AI-55101** Advance Funding Agreement for Voluntary Local Government Contributions to Transportation Improvement Projects with No Required Match On-System with TxDOT concerning the widening of US 380 from four (4) lanes to six (6) lanes from Bridgefarmer to 4th Street, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1145-12-04

7. **AI-55102** Termination of Agreement to Contribute Funds with TxDOT for SS 399 from SH 5 to US 380 for the acquisition of right of way and relocating utilities, and return funds in the amount of \$8,572,909.50 for same, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1146-12-04

8. **AI-55115** Memorandum of Understanding with Collin County Community College District to provide access to the Oral History Interviews of Collin County, Historical Commission.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1147-12-04

9. **AI-55112** Interlocal Agreement for Forensic Laboratory Services (Contract No. 2024-113) with Dallas County Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences through and including December 31, 2024, Medical Examiner.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1148-12-04

10. **AI-55065** Collin County Community College District's Annual HON Blanket Purchase Agreement (RFP No. SCON-100590) for specialized pricing through Plano Office Supply Co. through and including January 31, 2024, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1149-12-04

11. **AI-55050** Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services (Agreement No. 2024-087) with Burnet County through and including September 30, 2024, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1150-12-04

12. Interlocal Agreement: Child Abuse, Investigation Services, Law Enforcement Services through and including September 30, 2027, Sheriff:

a. **AI-55100** Town of Fairview (Agreement No. 2023-402).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1151-12-04

b. **AI-55093** City of Farmersville (Agreement No. 2023-404).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1152-12-04

c. **AI-55094** City of Josephine (Agreement No. 2023-406).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1153-12-04

d. **AI-55095** City of Murphy (Agreement No. 2023-407).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1154-12-04

e. **AI-55096** City of Parker (Agreement No. 2023-410).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1155-12-01

f. **AI-55099** City of Royse City (Agreement No. 2023-411).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1156-12-04

g. **AI-55092** Anna ISD (Agreement No. 2023-412).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1157-12-04

h. **AI-55097** Melissa ISD (Agreement No. 2023-403).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1158-12-04

i. **AI-55098** Prosper ISD (Agreement No. 2023-409).

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1159-12-04

13. AI-55060 Tax Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and Riverfield Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Collin County, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1160-12-01

14. AI-55104 Assessment Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and the City of Anna for the Hurricane Creek Public Improvement District Area No. 2, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1161-12-04

g. Amendment(s):

1. **AI-55129** No. 1 to Bonds for Elected Officials (Contract No. 2023-168) with JM 2020 Group, LLC to replace Attachment A1 with Attachment A2, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1162-12-04

2. **AI-55049** No. 2 to Detection and Mitigation of Infectious Disease in Confinement Facilities Grant Program (Contract No. HHS001193700005) with the Texas Department of State Health Services to reallocate funds from the contractual category to the supplies category, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1163-12-01

3. **AI-55071** No. 2 to Jail Services, Out of County Housing (Contract No. 2022-125) with LaSalle Corrections to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including December 16, 2024, update section 6(A) contact name, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1164-12-04

4. **AI-55081** No. 3 to Modria Online Dispute Resolution Agreement (Agreement No. 2019-079) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to terminate the agreement prior to the original agreement expiration, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1165-12-01

5. **AI-55069** No. 13 to Software and Implementation Services for an ERP Financial System (Contract No. 2015-192) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to move EnerGov permitting and licensing software from on-premise to SaaS, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same; budget adjustment in the amount of \$123,000, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1166-12-04

6. **AI-54954** No. 16 to Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services (Contract No. 10094-09) with the City of Anna to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024, set the rate for FY2024, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1167-12-04

7. **AI-54955** No. 17 to Interlocal Agreement for Facility Construction and Use of an Animal Shelter in Collin County (Contract No. 10097-09) with the City of Anna to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024, set the rate for FY2024, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1168-12-04

h. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-55044** No. 2 to Adventure Camp RTU Replacements (Contract No. 2022-382) with Johnson Controls, Inc. to furnish and install two (2) conversion kits, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same; budget adjustment in the amount of \$3,970.01, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1169-12-01

i. Contract Renewal(s):

1. **AI-55117** Vending Services (IFB No. 2021-230) with SPG Vending Solutions, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including November 30, 2024, Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1170-12-04

2. **AI-55090** Host-Neutral Distributed Antenna System (IFB No. 2020-321) with Newbridge Wireless, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including December 12, 2024, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1171-12-04

3. **AI-55116** Odyssey Criminal Justice Information System (Contract No. 01318-09), Odyssey Softcode (Contract No. 2017-085) and Biometrics (Contract No. 2016-202) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2024, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1172-12-04

4. **AI-55118** Annual Maintenance and Service Agreement (Contract No. 2024-084) with Nemo-Q Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including December 31, 2024, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1173-12-04

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

1. **AI-55106** \$92,478.10 for Special Court funds due to FY2023 additional activity and fund balance change, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1174-12-04

2. AI-55134 \$8,419 to reallocate funds for the Spay/Neuter Program, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1175-12-04

3. AI-55083 \$130,000 for outstanding FY2023 inmate health invoices, Health Care.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1176-12-04

4. AI-55055 \$36,500 to complete the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 court security update, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1177-12-04

5. AI-55048 \$17,188 to cover FY2023 Jail Operations shortfall, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1178-12-04

k. Receive and File, Auditor:

1. AI-55063 Monthly financial reports for September 2023.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1179-12-04

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

1. AI-55053 October 23, 2023.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1180-12-04

m. Miscellaneous:

1. AI-55041 Acceptance of the FY2024 Adult Mental Health Court Grant award in the amount of \$447,823 through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, 219th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1181-12-04

2. AI-55051 Acceptance of the FY2024 Veteran Treatment Court Grant award in the amount of \$168,992 through the Office of the Governor, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1182-12-04

3. AI-55108 Grant application for the FY2024 VALOR Grant in the amount of \$270,000 through the Texas Veterans Commission, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1183-12-04

4. AI-55109 Grant application for the FY2024 North Texas Regional Veterans Court Program Grant in the amount of \$400,000 through the Texas Veterans Commission, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1184-12-01

5. AI-55111 Jury Selection Plan, 471st District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1185-12-04

6. AI-55068 Acknowledgment of the issuance of a loan facilitated by the Public Finance Authority for the benefit of UHF the Promenade Apts, LLC, an affiliate of Unified Housing Foundation, Inc., a Texas Nonprofit Corporation, and related matters, Administrative Services.

Commissioner Hale expressed concerns regarding the public finance components of this item and stated he plans to vote no unless a good reason can be presented to change his mind. Commissioner Fletcher suggested holding the vote for a week or so in order to allow further investigation into the concerns raised regarding this item. Judge Hill noted there was a person in attendance who could speak to this item and invited him to come to the podium.

Justin Rosas, Attorney from Harrington and Sutcliff providing bond council for the Public Finance Authority. He said this item is an acknowledgment by Collin County that bonds will be issued to build this facility. However, the County will not issue the bonds, but the facility will be in the County. There is a tax code requiring approval by the County in order to proceed. Mr. Rosas noted this will not be a debt to be paid by County finances. In answer to Commissioner Hale's question, Mr. Rosas stated this will be a 235 unit facility for both market and subsidized rentals for individuals aged fifty-five and over. Judge Hill asked for clarification regarding the public hearing as one was not on the agenda for this item. Mr. Rosas stated the public hearing was held on October 27 in accordance with the tax code. No one presented at the meeting and there were no comments during the discussion. All documents from the hearing were submitted to the Court for approval. In answer to Commissioner Fletcher's question on delaying the vote for a week, Mr. Rosas said the project needs approval in order to move forward. Commissioner Fletcher and Judge Hill asked Mr. Rosas if there was a deadline or if a delay would kill the project. Mr. Rosas stated they are unable to move to the next step until they receive approval from the Court. Also, a delay would affect their ability to close out the bonds on December 14 as planned. This item was approved by the City Council of Plano and, according to the law, is only an administrative duty for the Court to approve. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve. (Time: 1:41 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1186-12-04

7. **AI-55125** Authorization for Collin County Fire Marshal to discontinue burn ban if conditions improve, Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1187-12-04

8. **AI-55176** Letter of engagement for professional services with Dykema, grant an exemption from the bid process per Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4), and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Administrative Services.

Commissioner Webb said he could not support this item because he feels it would ultimately cost the County seven figures. Judge Hill asked for clarification since the contract is a flat-rate with a cap and it is unclear how it would lead to costing the County more. Commissioner Webb said this item will lead to subsequent issues which will in turn increase the cost to the County. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve (Time 1:42 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 4-1: Passed
Nay: Commissioner Duncan Webb

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1188-12-04

9. **AI-55182** Letter of engagement for professional services with Siebman Law, grant an exemption from the bid process per Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4), and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1189-12-04

10. **AI-55052** 2023 Tax Roll Summary, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1190-12-04

11. **AI-55070** Redesignation of Private Road 5927 as Rankala Road with associated address updates, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1191-12-04

12. **AI-55126** Office Print Assessment with Lexmark Professional Services, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1192-12-04

13. **AI-55127** Acceptance of the FY2024 Juvenile Probation Mental Health Court Grant award in the amount of \$169,046.79 through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Probation.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1193-12-04

14. AI-55061 Amend the FY2024 Fee Schedule to remove the ROW Use Fine and add statutory authority to the ROW Use Permit Fee, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1194-12-04

15. AI-55091 Acceptance of the UASI 2021 State Homeland Security Program: LETPA Projects Grant award in the amount of \$96,261.05 through the Office of the Governor, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1195-12-04

16. AI-55138 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1196-12-04

17. AI-55139 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated the large number of promotions for County employees. These include Allen Kenton, Alexis Thompson, Andrew Garcia, Athena Steinway, Bradley Congdon, Candice Herron, Caroline Dang, Carter Anderson, Cintia Espinoza, Christopher Campbell, David Holcomb, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Imelda Garza, Jennifer Snailum, Josephine Zimmerman, Kevin Dunn, Kimberly Kircher, Christopher Walker, Kyle Wheatley, Lia Anderson, Magda Rodriguez, Madison Young, Maria Morrison, Michael Watkins, Nasem Jabary, Paul Travino, Rashaan Douglas, Sarah Wittenburg, and Suzeth Loya. Commissioner Hale thanked all these candidates for their hard work and said their promotions were well deserved. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve. (Time: 1:43 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1197-12-04

2. **General Discussion Items:**

a. AI-55074 **Public Hearing** - Placement of regulatory signs on various County Roads, Public Works.

Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works, stated his department completed all engineering studies, and all necessary requirements have been met. They are ready for the public hearing.

Judge Hill opened the Public Hearing at 1:44 p.m. and asked for public comments. Hearing none, Judge Hill closed the Public Hearing at 1:44 p.m. and asked for any questions or discussion from the Court. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve this item. (Time: 1:44 p.m.)

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

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1198-12-04

b. AI-55120 Public Hearing - Creation of the Collin County Local Provider Participation Fund, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

This item was discussed with item 2c. (Time 1:44 p.m.)

At 1:48 p.m., Judge Hill opened the public hearing for comments. Hearing none, Judge Hill closed the public hearing and the discussion moved back to item 2c. (Time: 1:48 p.m.)

NO ACTION

c. AI-55121 Participation in a county health care provider participation program, collection of a mandatory payment, and use of funds from mandatory payments, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Judge Hill stated, since this item and item b were related, they would be discussed at the same time. He invited Ms. Whitney to the podium to present.

Jamie Whitney, Adelanto Healthcare Ventures, said her group is assisting hospitals in the county area to come together to request the creation of a LPPF (Local Provider Participation Fund). These funds have been used since 2013 across the state for the purpose of hospitals to contribute hospital money to bring down federal matching funds of hospital services for Medicare and Medicaid patients. Medicaid only reimburses around sixty-percent for the actual cost of care. The LPPF unlocks federal dollars for supplemental payments to close the gap. This allows the hospitals to expand services and deepen their commitment to the community through existing service lines and to attract talented medical professionals. Ms. Whitney introduced representatives from the hospitals which included: Mary Wylie, Chief Operating Officer of Baylor-Scott & White Medical Center in Plano; Vanessa Walls, President of Children's Medical Center in Plano; Ben Coogan, President of HCA Medical City in Plano; Ken Hutchenrider, President of Methodist Richardson Medical Center; and Fraser Hay, President of Texas Health. (Time: 1:48 p.m.)

The Court decided to wait until after the public hearing to discuss questions. Judge Hill moved to topic 2b to open the public hearing. (Time: 148 p.m.)

At 1:48 p.m., Commissioner Hale asked if the money for this fund would go into a non-interest bearing account and why since it would seem to be more beneficial to have it in an interest-bearing account. Ms. Whitney said the standard operation is to follow the practices of each county. There are no statutes or

restrictions preventing counties from using interest-bearing accounts. Commissioner Webb had discussed with Linda Riggs, Auditor, about starting with a non-interest bearing account and then immediately moving the money into investments. Commissioner Williams expressed her support. Since Collin County is one of the few large urban counties without a county hospital and rely on independent hospital systems, to care for the indigent and those without insurance. Commissioner Fletcher noted this program will draw down the federal match costs without creating a tax increase on the community. The hospitals are imposing a tax on themselves, not on the communities. Only hospitals pay hospital funds and it will not be passed on to patients. It is actually a way for the County to bring federal tax dollars back into the community.

Judge Hill asked for clarification regarding the administration of the program. Ms. Whitney clarified the hospitals have asked Adelanto to help facilitate administration of the program. Collin County would administer the program and would be compensated with administration fees provided in the statute. However, it is the intention of the hospitals to use companies like Adelanto in assisting to make sure it is not a burden on the County. Ms. Whitney stated the health care facilities engaged her organization to represent them and confirmed Adelanto has been directly engaged by all of the hospitals regarding their interests. The hospitals expressing their support for this program include: Baylor-Scott & White System, Children's Medical Center System, Medical Center System, Methodist Hospital System, Texas Health Hospital System, Encompass Health Hospital System and the Rehabilitation Hospital of Allen. There are two hospitals in the County which have not expressed their opinion to the Court. Judge Hill confirmed with Ms. Whitney, when this program is adopted and implemented throughout the County, it will apply to all hospitals whether they supported the measure or not. A letter was sent from the County to all hospital facilities and institutions to ensure they were informed and had an opportunity to provide their input regarding this topic. Judge Hill asked if there was any representation from the two remaining hospitals. Hearing none, Judge Hill stated for the record the County did give advance notice to these institutions regarding their opportunity to comment on this topic. Ms. Whitney added her agency also reached out to these two facilities and did not receive a response as well. Additionally, it is worth noting there are over two dozen LPPF's throughout the state, and it is not unusual for a few facilities to not offer their opinion on this topic.

Commissioner Webb asked for clarification regarding the maximum amount the County is able to collect for the administrator's fee for this program. Ms. Whitney said the County can collect \$150,000 annually for the administration fee per the statewide authorization statute. However, the County would only be under the statute until the next legislative session. Then the County would need to establish their own enabling statute and put limits in the new bill. Judge Hill confirmed with Ms. Whitney that the County could impose a fee up to 6% as the statute is rooted in federal law. However, Judge Hill noted the resolution being considered states the County can impose up to 3.5%. With no further comments a motion was made to approve the resolution (Time: 2:01 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1199-12-04

d. **AI-55005** Collin Central Appraisal District Board of Directors, Commissioners Court.

The various agencies that can tax the counties can elect members to the board. Can vote for any of the individuals nominated for this board.

Judge Hill stated this board is independent from the County and the other taxing entities. He opened the discussion to determine how the County would like to utilize their 438 allocated votes. The Court reviewed the votes which have already been submitted by other agencies in the County for the various candidates.

Commissioner Fletcher asked why there were no votes for Dan Bollner who was nominated by Frisco. Judge Hill stated Frisco has not voted yet and there are a number of other agencies that have not met yet to vote.

The deadline for all entities to vote is December 15. The top five candidates who receive the most votes will be invited to become board directors. Commissioner Hale made a motion to allocate all the County votes for Clint Pruitt since he was nominated by the County. There were some concerns regarding allocating votes for just one candidate.

A motion was made to split the votes among Ronald Kelley, Brian Montzey, Richard Grady, Veronica Yost, Dan Bollner and Clint Pruitt. After some discussion regarding other options for allocating votes, Commissioner Hale withdrew his motion. (Time: 2:16 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 4-1: Passed
Nay: Commissioner Darrell Hale

COURT ORDER NO. 2023-1200-12-04

e. **AI-55187** NTTA Board Appointment, County Judge.

Of the four members for this board, Collin County has one member which the Court is able to appoint. Jane Willard has served on the board for many years representing Collin County and has expressed interest in stepping down at the end of her term. Judge Hill made a motion to nominate Derick Baker. Commissioner Williams made a motion to move this discussion to executive session for further discussion.

Judge Hill recessed the court into Executive Session at 2:18 p.m. under Chapter 551.074, Personnel, to deliberate the appointment of a public officer. Judge Hill reconvened Commissioners Court at 2:37 p.m. and opened the discussion for any comment or action. Commissioner Fletcher made a formal motion to make other nominations, review resumes and bring this discussion back in a week. However, since there was already a motion and a second for a vote, Commissioner Fletcher stated she would abstain from voting. Commissioner Webb stated he would be voting no. (Time: 2:38 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 3-1: Passed

Nay: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Abstained: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

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f. AI-55075 Boards & Commissions Appointments, Commissioners Court.

Commissioner Fletcher reappointed Dona Watson to the LifePath Systems Board, Deanna Kukendall to the Child Protective Services (CPS) Board and Harold Sickler to the Historical Commission. Commissioner Fletcher appointed Sable Coleman and Corley Randolph to the CPS Board.

Commissioner Webb reappointed Dorothy Cullham to the CPS Board, Douglas Reece to the Planning Board and Dr. Ronald Crawford Jr. to the LifePath Systems Board.

Commissioner Hale reappointed: Kacie Baxley to the CPS Board and Cindy Wheeler to the Health Care Advisory (HCA) Board. He then appointed Amy Kallas to HCA Board, Lillie Miller to the Historical Commission, Misty Weibold to the Historical Commission, and Nate Pike to the Planning Board.

Commissioners Fletcher, Webb and Hale all agreed to consolidate their motions on the appointments into one vote. (Time: 2:40 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioners Susan Fletcher, Duncan Webb, and Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0: Passed

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

Commissioner Fletcher provided an update regarding the meeting on November 15th in Austin. This included meetings regarding policy, membership, as well as one other topic which will be presented by Commissioner Williams. She thanked the Commissioners for nominating her to the CUC (Conference of Urban Counties) Board. During the membership meeting, the CUC Board voted to accept her as a new member of the Board of Directors.

Border Security SB3 and SB4 both passed and are now on the Governor's desk. She noted SB4 established illegal entry into the United States is now a class B misdemeanor. This new penalty will have affects throughout all counties especially toward the border. This is another unfunded mandate and a shift in costs to counties and will affect jails, interpreters, transportation, indigent defense, etc. An entire section regarding indemnification and the county costs are capped at \$300,000 per instance but it does not cap damages for individuals. Therefore, there is potential for liability. Everything in the bill will affect property taxes which is of grave concern. The next board meeting will be on February 14th in Dallas. If anyone is interested in getting hours for their constitutionally required training, they can attend.

Commissioner Williams attended the mental health meeting. Kristy Karr, Associate Commissioner for State Hospitals, gave an update on mental health issues as well as bed availability issues. Commissioner Williams mentioned a few small wins from the meeting. The very extensive hospital waiting list has been reduced by 20% from over 2,300 on the waiting list to just over 2,000. There are a number of beds which are offline due to difficulties regarding staffing as well as hospital conditions. The Legislature increased pay for hospital positions which has led to filling 1,167 open positions in these hospitals. There are now seven locations fully staffed and at capacity. The turnover rate for these facilities is now at 27%; it was at 35% during Covid. There are still approximately 500 beds offline due to staffing as well as needing maintenance.

Since 2016, the forensic population is much higher than civil commitments. Civil commitments mostly have nowhere to go at this time due to most beds going to those who commit crimes. There are grants for competency restoration which will be opening up this month. Commissioner Williams plans to discuss this further with LifePath. The new Dallas location opening in 2026 with 200 beds, including 96 pediatric beds, will be owned by the State and operated by UT Southwestern. It might be difficult for the County to get beds at this location. This will need to be monitored carefully. (Time: 2:47 p.m.)

NO ACTION

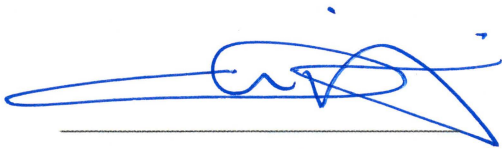
3. Executive Session Items: The Court recessed into executive session for item 2e.

Public Comments not related to an item on the Agenda.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, came to express his reservations and concerns about the year moving forward and the County's ability to meet all financial obligations. He stated the Collin County Appraisal District's actions severely affects the Court. Mr. Murray wanted to bring this to the Court's attention. Mr. Murray provided a scenario in which the Appraisal District would value a house at \$600,000 although it would only sell for \$450,000. This affects the County's estimated revenue to maintain the budget. He also expressed concern regarding the County being under staffed and not able to maintain the infrastructure such as in the case of the Juvenile Detention Center. Mr. Murray felt it was important to bring up the issue regarding attorneys fees for Attorney General Ken Paxton as well as the issue regarding essential workers losing federal funding.

Judith Dishong, Plano, presented a copy of Saturday's paper regarding voting in the last election. Ms. Dishong said the last election had a good turnout with a lot of people participating including herself. Unfortunately, there's now a lawsuit to overturn the results from the last election which was filed by Gerald Woodward from San Antonio. Part of this lawsuit is to overturn the bonus for teacher retirees. Ms. Dishong read a portion of the article which stated: "Austin Democrat, Sarah Eckardt, said in an interview that the lawsuits are a symptom of election disinformation." Ms. Dishong said this is an issue with the Court's base constituents who recently attempted to change the County elections to paper ballots. Ms. Dishong said she is very upset there are people trying to overturn the will of the voters from the last election. She asked the Court to be very honest when running for office and not to mislead people. Although it may be popular politically, when people are convinced an election is rigged, it is very difficult to change their minds.

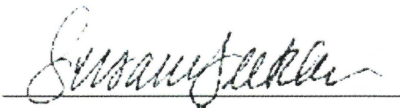
With no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.



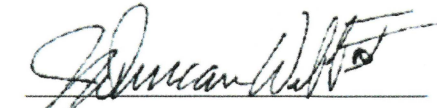
Chris Hill, County Judge



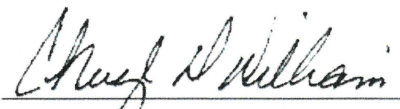
Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



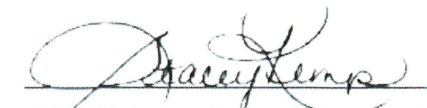
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk