

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the July 1, 2024 minutes.

On Monday, July 1, 2024, 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

Absent: Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Fletcher led the Invocation.
 Commissioner Williams 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.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 3:08 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Judge Hill opened Court with a special presentation given by Andrea Thompson, District Judge, who spoke on the completion of the courthouse AV (Audio/Visual) refresh project which began in FY2019.

Due to the timing of the COVID-19 pandemic, the project was paused in its early stages to allow for adjustments to improve the efficiency of the courtrooms and to accommodate the needs of the public. She stated the pandemic impacted the availability of resources needed for this project which delayed its progress until September 18, 2023.

Judge Thompson said almost every County department was involved in this project and she thanked the Purchasing, Facilities and IT (Information Technology) departments for their help in resolving unexpected issues. She also expressed appreciation for the cooperation of judges and staff members affected by this project.

Judge Thompson recognized the following project team members for their hard work: Chris Kellum and Eric Huggins of Ford AV; Collin County IT personnel John Daniels, Daniel Ragusa, Tim Sharkey, and Casey Stone; District Court Administrators William Schultz and Andrew Garcia, and Judge Thompson's court reporter, Destiny Moses.

Judge Hill asked how the new system was working and Judge Thompson said it was working well. She said her courtroom was the first to be refreshed and was successfully used for jury trials and hybrid hearings. She noted an added benefit of this project has been a savings of both time and money by having witnesses appear virtually instead of incurring costs to have them attend in person for a short period of time. (Time 1:39 p.m.)

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-56149 Proposed FY2025 Budget for CSCD, Adult Probation.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-56154 Intra-County account transfers transmitted June 14, 2024, Auditor.
2. AI-56180 Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.
3. AI-56181 Turnover, Human Resources.
4. **Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):**
 - a. AI-56179 \$6,000 to establish the budget for the ASPCA Subaru Loves Pets Grant, Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Avis Novak, McKinney, spoke in opposition to AI-56120 and the additional expense of \$416,900 for more voting equipment to expand countywide polling locations. Ms. Novak expressed her concerns regarding the use of use of BMDs (ballot marking devices) since they use barcodes which cannot be read by voters. She stated this proposed expense to lease equipment from ES&S (Elections Systems & Software) of \$116,900 combined with previous amendments and equipment leases paid to ES&S amount to roughly \$13.5 million since 2019. She noted the current Votec contract will expire on September 30, 2024 and renewing this contract prior to the November 2024 election will amount to an additional cost of \$225,000 based on the amount paid for the last contract renewal.

Ms. Novak further explained the costs in this agenda item were only for electronic machines and did not include the costs for materials and additional personnel needed to run the election. (Time 1:44 p.m.)

Chuck Reynolds, spoke in opposition to AI-56120. He expressed concern about the use of BMDs and the need to preserve the voter's intent outside of the electronics. He said current election systems are not secure so hand-marked ballots are needed to preserve the voter's intent. He also stated the current design of BMDs does not match how voters actually use it so votes cannot be verified which is dangerous for Collin County citizens. (Time 1:47 p.m.)

Commissioner Susan Fletcher invited Bruce Sherbet, Elections Administrator, to address the public comments and provide an update on the use of sequentially numbered ballots.

Mr. Sherbet said the current request for additional voting equipment was a result of the legislative requirement to increase polling places by 20%. Additional Pollbooks would be needed outside of the November election to accommodate higher voter registration rolls which increase by approximately 100,000 every four years.

Mr. Sherbet said last week's advisory notice from the SOS (Secretary of State) related to voter privacy required the use of pre-numbered ballots. In order to comply with this change and save money, Mr. Sherbet suggested taking the current in-house stock of approximately 2 million ballots and having those numbered.

Judge Hill addressed comments made regarding vote centers and a change to precinct level voting. He said State law requires vote centers for the two weeks of early voting. He asked Mr. Sherbet for the number of voters from the last presidential election. Mr. Sherbet said there were close to 500,000 total voters during the 2020 presidential election, 422,000 of which were early voters. He said this was approximately 93% of voters. The expected number of early voters this November was around 85% but not less than 75%; 2020 had a higher than usual number of early voters due to an extended early voting period.

Concerning the use of precinct level voting on Election Day, Judge Hill expressed concern over the practical challenges and voter impact this change would present. Mr. Sherbet said precinct level voting requirements would increase costs exponentially as a total of 252 voting locations and corresponding personnel would be needed. In addition, he said he saw thousands of voters in Dallas who were turned away because they went to the wrong precinct or had their provisional ballot rejected which could happen if Collin County changed to precinct level voting.

Commissioner Williams said she was aware of the challenges Mr. Sherbet faced in finding polling locations because they were still unable to find a convenient polling center for Richardson residents since many churches are not serving as polling centers.

Commissioner Hale commented on the potential for added costs if the County had to rent commercial spaces instead of using community-based locations.

Commissioner Fletcher expressed her appreciation to Mr. Sherbet for his staff's efforts, flexibility and professionalism.

Judge Hill added his thanks to Mr. Sherbet for his staff's work in exploring all available options for voters.

(Time 1:59 p.m.)

1. Consent Agenda Items: Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Hale pulled item 1h9 for comment. After the vote was taken, Judge Hill apologized and asked to pull item 1h3 from the consent agenda. There were public comments related to that specific item after which a revote was taken.

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4 – 0: Passed

a. **AI-56163** Disbursements for the period ending June 25, 2024, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-593-07-01

b. **AI-56164** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-594-07-01

c. **AI-56156** Tax refunds totaling \$94,347.42, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-595-07-01

d. **Award(s):**

1. **AI-56103** Services, Cafeteria Management for the Courthouse (RFP No. 2024-114) and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the services agreement for same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-596-07-01

2. **AI-56155** Forensic Testing of Controlled Substances (RFQ No. 2024-242) and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute Professional Services Agreement for same, District Attorney.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-597-07-01

3. AI-56145 Security Gate Repair Services (Contract No. 2024-225) to various vendors, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-598-07-01

4. AI-56157 HR/Budget Remodel (Contract No. 2024-350) to Gomez Floor Covering, Inc. through BuyBoard Cooperative Contract No. 728-24, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute Construction Agreement for same, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-599-07-01

5. AI-56140 Cyber-Security Strategy Maintenance Agreement to GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-600-07-01

6. AI-56095 Law Enforcement Uniforms (Coop Contract No. 2024-341) to Galls, LLC through BuyBoard Cooperative Contract No. 670-22, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-601-07-01

e. Amendment(s):

1. AI-56183 No. 1 to Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Collin County Sheriff's Department and the Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the SCORE and VALOR programs (Contract No. 2022-412) to update Article I Section 1.1 A.a., and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Adult Probation.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-602-07-01

2. AI-56134 No. 6 to Professional Services, Engineering, FM 2551 from FM 2514 to FM 2170 (Agreement No. 08345-12) with CP&Y, Inc. dba STV Infrastructure to add additional drainage analysis and plan preparation for the mitigation of storm water runoff related to FM 2551 project, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-603-07-01

f. Contract Renewal(s):

1. AI-56150 HVAC Maintenance and Repairs (Contract No. 2021-244) with Houk Air Conditioning, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-604-07-01

2. AI-56151 HVAC Maintenance and Repairs (Contract No. 2021-244) with Assured Mechanical Solutions, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-605-07-01

3. AI-56166 Road Materials, Emulsified Asphalts (IFB No. 2022-316) with Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-606-07-01

4. AI-56167 Road Materials, Emulsified Asphalts (IFB No. 2022-316) with P Squared Emulsion Plants, LLC d/b/a P2 Emulsions to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-607-07-01

5. AI-56169 Road Materials, Emulsified Asphalts (IFB No. 2022-316) with Wright Asphalt Products Company, LLC d/b/a Wright Asphalt Product Company to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-608-07-01

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

1. AI-56147 June 10, 2024.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-609-07-01

h. Miscellaneous:

1. AI-56007 Purchase of a table for courtroom, 493rd District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-610-07-01

2. AI-56146 Acceptance of the ASPCA Subaru Loves Pets Grant award in the amount of \$6,000, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-611-07-01

3. **AI-56120** Lease 75 DS200 Ballot Scanner/Tabulators, 100 ExpressVote Printers, purchase 100 Pollbook laptops, licenses and peripherals, and budget amendment for same, Elections. (Time 2:00 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Vote: 4 – 0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-612-07-01

4. **AI-56168** Allow Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association to hold "Judgment Day" ride at Sister Grove Park on September 7, 2024, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-613-07-01

5. **AI-56173** Final plat and street sign plan for Shiloh Estates, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-614-07-01

6. **AI-56182** Sale of land to TxDOT for the US 380 Freeway, and Possession and Use Agreement for same, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-615-07-01

7. **AI-56165** Redesignate a portion of County Road 58 as N Celina Pkwy with associated address updates, GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-616-07-01

8. **AI-56187** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-617-07-01

9. **AI-56188** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated a large number of County employees receiving promotions. These included: Alexander Oestreich, Alyssa Mattingly, Amy Murphy, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Jae-lyn Overton, Juan Torres, Mollie Thompson, Patricia Adams, Rachel Kroeger, and William Armstrong. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve. (Time 1:41 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale
Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher
Vote: 4 – 0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-618-07-01

2. General Discussion Items:

a. **AI-38983** North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board monthly update, County Judge.

Judge Hill commented on the most recent population update provided by the NCTCOG (North Central Council of Governments) which showed Collin County was one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. (Time 2:01 p.m.)

NO ACTION

3. Executive Session Items:

Judge Hill recessed Commissioners' Court into Executive Session at 2:02 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Legal (551.071) to discuss possible litigation against 547 Land Development, LLC and Great Midwest Insurance Company and under Real Estate (551.072) to discuss right of way acquisition of Parcel 15 for Project RI070076, Park Blvd West from Westgate to FM 2514.

Judge Hill reconvened the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Legal (551.071)

AI-56171 Possible litigation against 547 Land Development, LLC and Great Midwest Insurance Company regarding the roadways in Colina Creek phases 3,4 and 5, Engineering.

NO ACTION

Real Estate (551.072)

AI-56130 Right of way acquisition of Parcel 15 for Project RI070076, Park Blvd West from Westgate to FM 2514, Engineering.

Commissioner Williams moved to authorize staff to move forward with the documentation of an agreement to acquire the property interest sought by the county in an amount as recommended by staff subject to the land owner's delivery of title to the subject property free and clear of any and all liens or other encumbrances within 30 days. (Time 3:08 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

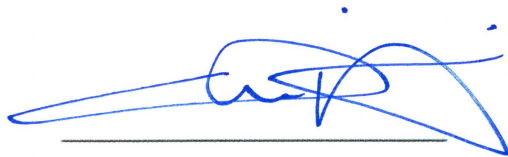
Vote: 4 – 0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-619-07-01

AI-56184 Sale of land to TxDOT, Engineering.

NO ACTION

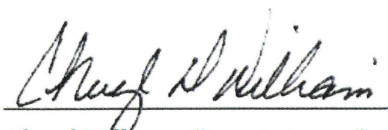
With no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge



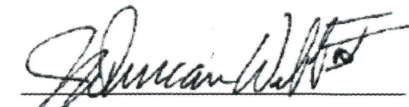
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



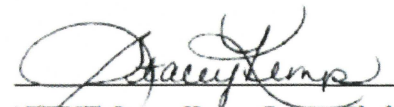
Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk