

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2024-1073-10-07
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the August 19, 2024 minutes.

On Monday, August 19, 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
- Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Webb led the Invocation
Commissioner Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Judge Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 1:30 p.m. The meeting recessed at 5:53 p.m., and reconvened at 5:53 p.m. Judge Hill recessed the meeting into Executive session at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:07p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 5:53 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION:

1. AI-56481 Collin County Master Wellness Volunteer Update.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-56444 Intra-County account transfers transmitted August 1, 2024, Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

Bob Hall, Texas Senator, shared his thoughts on improving election integrity. Among his suggestions to accomplish this were switching to hand-marked paper ballots, using paper poll books, and a non-software programmable dumb optical reader with a write-once memory stick. He explained how many of the changes in the election process which were intended to make voting easier actually sacrificed election security. He said the issue of election integrity was second on the list of Republican Party platform priorities to be addressed in legislation in the coming year. He concluded by sharing some suggestions to minimize voting errors and improve election security. (Time 2:11 p.m.)

Commissioner Fletcher offered her own thoughts on Mr. Hall's comments and asked about currently available technology to audit the barcodes on ballots from 2020 and 2022. She also expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the current County Elections Administrator and his staff in diligently providing a fair and professional election.

Mr. Hall clarified his concerns noting the likelihood for error using the current election system handed down by the State, as opposed to negligence on the part of the election administration staff. He felt the use of election electronics provides the conditions for human error as well as opening the door for election tampering.

Lisa Hendrickson, State Republican Executive Committee SD12, asked the Court to move forward with the purchase of paper ballots. She said she understood the importance of being fiscally responsible. However, it was more important to provide a safe and honest election. (Time 2:33 p.m.)

Mike Grilz, McKinney, spoke on the importance of election integrity and the budget to support it. He outlined a list of election items currently being used which do not contribute towards the safety and accuracy of elections. He urged the Court to reallocate funds currently used to support a machine-based election for the purchase of BOD (Ballot on Demand) printers in order to reduce election security risks and restore voter trust and confidence in the election process. (Time 2:35 p.m.)

Susie West, McKinney, asked the Court to approve a budget which included BOD printers and to use them in the upcoming election. She said current election machines have resulted in lower voter participation and greater distrust in election security. Ms. West said the current voting system did not comply with 52 USC 21081 as it does not permit voters to verify the votes before the ballot is cast and counted nor does it produce a record with an audit capacity. She also expressed her concern over paying for a vulnerable election system and the use of foreign made components used in election electronics. (Time 2:38 p.m.)

Paige Streeter, Allen, offered insight on why many voters in the County have less trust in election processes. A situation during the most recent mid-term election resulted in 18 spoiled ballots as a result of printer error. Many voters simply feel their votes don't count. She also shared a petition with signatures for citizens requesting the inclusion of BOD printers in the FY2025 budget. (Time 2:40 p.m.)

David Kemp, Plano, expressed his distrust for voting systems which are vulnerable to being hacked. (Time 2:42 p.m.)

Commissioners Fletcher and Hale responded to Mr. Kemp's comments explaining measures taken to ensure electronic voting machines used by the County did not have the means to connect with the internet to prevent the threat of hacking. (Time 2:44 p.m.)

Dr. Stephanie Crise, McKinney, expressed support for Bob Hall's comments. She urged the Court to replace the ES&S (Election Systems & Software) voting system prior to the upcoming election. She said numerous issues have been identified with the system and paper ballots are preferable as they uphold principles of voter privacy and offer a more transparent electoral process. She asked the Court to approve the necessary funding to purchase and use BOD printers. (Time 2:47 p.m.)

Don Silver, McKinney, shared his experience with faulty electronic voting equipment highlighting the fact that machines malfunction and pose a risk to elections. (Time 2:48 p.m.)

Sue Silver, McKinney, said Collin County needs to set the example for election integrity by using hand-marked ballots in the upcoming elections. She said BOD printers were more affordable and reliable. (Time 2:49 p.m.)

Mellany Lamb, Flower Mound, said as a resident of Denton County she is proud of the clean, well-run elections in her county. She said votes are sacrosanct and voters need to know their votes count. She suggested eliminating the 3-day gap prior to Election Day to avoid the need to transport voting equipment back and forth. (Time 2:51 p.m.)

Dave Vardell, McKinney, expressed his concerns to the Court over non-citizens being able to vote, border security, and the need for a statistically valid sample of votes to confirm a legally defensible election outcome. (Time 2:55 p.m.)

Judge Hill and Commissioner Hale responded to Mr. Vardell's comment saying current audit standards did not yield a statistically valid sample and future legislative changes in this area could improve election integrity. Commissioner Fletcher said harsher penalties were needed to discourage election fraud.

Kyle Sims, McKinney, said the power needed to be handed back to the people. He suggested wiping out voter rolls and starting over, as well as switching to paper ballots. Mr. Sims said accountability was needed to rebuild trust in the voting system. (Time 3:00 p.m.)

Commissioner Fletcher responded to Mr. Sims stating it was not possible to wipe the voter rolls. She commended Debbie Lindstrom for her efforts in identifying persons who currently have the ability to vote but shouldn't be eligible to do so.

Rick Worrel, McKinney, said his experience as a radio frequency systems engineer gave him insight into election security risks. He outline several vulnerabilities with the current election process and urged the Court reconsider the use of election electronic devices which can be easily hacked. (Time 3:04 p.m.)

Joshua Murray, McKinney, commented on past and present tax rates and the need to adopt a rate sufficient to address the needs of Collin County citizens. He also shared his concerns over the pay rates for election workers. (Time 3:08 p.m.)

Robert Canright, McKinney, asked the Court to fund the purchase of BOD printers. He said automated practices in the election process make it possible for cheating and election fraud and voters should be able to have confidence that their votes will be counted correctly. (Time 3:11 p.m.)

Commissioner Fletcher briefly commented on Mr. Murray's concerns. She noted the changes in FY2024 which moved employee wages up to the 75th percentile to offer competitive compensation. By contrast, elected officials were paid at the 50th percentile and a recent policy adopted during the FY2025 Budget Workshop will keep elected official salaries in line with like and surrounding counties.

Dan Chandler, McKinney, said nothing was more important than voter integrity as it was the foundation of democracy. He said the cost for paper ballots should not prevent Collin County from taking the lead in election integrity. (Time 3:16 p.m.)

Shannon Ayres, Citizens Defending Freedom, said elections should truly represent the will of the citizens, not the interests of government officials nor those of private companies. She noted several aspects of a voter's rights which included fair, legal and auditable elections. She asked the Court to move to hand-marked ballots to provide transparency and strengthen the integrity of elections. (Time 3:19 p.m.)

Avis Novak, McKinney, asked the County to switch to more cost-effective BOD printers. She highlighted the past and current costs of using BMDs (Ballot Marking Devices). She suggested some cost-saving measures including a trade-in of BMDs for credit towards BOD printers. (Time 3:24 p.m.)

Chuck Reynolds, McKinney, expressed his appreciation for recent Court support towards improving election integrity. He reiterated his concerns over various risks that come from the use of electronic election devices. He urged the Court to add BOD printers to the budget even if it meant delayed funding for other items which had already been approved. (Time 3:27 p.m.)

Debbie Lindstrom, Citizens Defending Freedom, shared information on how logic and accuracy testing is conducted in Collin County. She questioned the reliability of testing results and highlighted the need for improved testing standards. She asked the Court to switch to hand-marked ballots to preserve the safety and integrity of elections. (Time 3:30 p.m.)

Tara Schulte, Executive Director of Citizens Defending Freedom, raised her concern that the recommended changes to the election process for Collin County had not been implemented. They recognize the logistical challenges with implanting changes such as hand-marked ballots this close to the election. With that said, their organization's goal is to see hand-marked ballots for elections as soon as realistically possible. (Time 3:33 p.m.)

Dr. Pamela Sardo, Councilwoman, provided the 2024 platform wording for the Election section was 'Secure Texas Elections.' Dr. Sardo continued to read the process by which the platform recommended elections be secured. In addition, she expressed concern over the training and knowledge base of individuals tasked to run the current voting machines. (Time 3:36 p.m.)

Jessica Halcy, Collin County GOP Election Protection Committee, requested the Court approve the purchase of 300 BOD printers for hand-marked ballots prior to the November 2024 election. In addition, she said Collin County broke the law due to not being able to verify the barcode printed on the current ballots. (Time 3:38 p.m.)

Commissioner Fletcher asked Mr. Kim if he was aware as to whether the Secretary of State had certified Collin County's current voting machines. He confirmed that he believed them to be certified. Commissioner Fletcher made the comment if the State certified the voting machines how can Collin be breaking federal laws; is it a problem with the State or with Collin County? Mr. Kim was not aware of any of Collin's methods violating any laws but will research the accusation. (Time 3:39 p.m.)

Judge Hill confirmed with the audience's approval there would be no formal breaks during the remainder of the Commissioners Court, but the Court members may from time to time excuse themselves momentarily. (Time 3:40 p.m.)

Dr. Bob Koons, Republican EC, Citizens Defending Freedom, expressed concern over election integrity. Dr. Koons discussed the high percentage of citizens who felt the upcoming election would be effected by election fraud. He stated the election committees he was involved with all had a high majority of

individuals who believed the 2020 election to be fraudulent. The dominion machines that were said to be secure were hacked in a matter of seconds so what assurances can the Court provide that Collin County's machines will not suffer the same insecurities. (Time 3:43 p.m.)

Richard Cromack, Jr., Allen, spoke on his support of election integrity for Collin County. The ballot of a jury member and of a voting citizen were equally valuable. He implored the Court to understand the gravity and civic responsibility they hold and to take all actions necessary to ensure the accuracy, applicability, and the agency of every legitimate vote cast in the upcoming election. (Time 3:46 p.m.)

Barbara Isaacs, McKinney, expressed frustration over presenting election reform over the course of the past four years with little change. She stated the machines utilized in the election voting process were vulnerable and able to be hacked. She discussed the ramifications of a 'Manchurian Candidate' and the importance of safeguarding the vote in order to avoid that type of situation. Instituting a hand-marked ballot voting system would ensure the security of the vote. (Time 3:49 p.m.)

David Lethe, Plano, shared the voting results of Gillespie County which experimented with voting machines. He stated based on those results paper ballots, as well as micro RFID tags should be implemented to avoid counterfeiting, but due to the cost he understood this would not be the Court's course of action. Mr. Lethe recommended several security protocols to avoid hacking of the voting machines as well as concern over the Ballot Board review process and the security of the technology being utilized. (Time 3:52 p.m.)

Commissioner Fletcher asked Mr. Lethe for clarification on which ballots specifically were reviewed by the Ballot Board. He confirmed the ballots in question were mail-in ballots. (Time 3:53 p.m.)

Melinda Preston, Executive Director, Citizens Defending Freedom of Denton, spoke of her experience with utilizing Hart Varsity voting system with BOD forms in Denton County. The system prints ballots that have been hand-marked by the voter. She discussed the security measures taken with this system and assured the Court the machines utilized with the hand-marked ballots were significantly more secure than the BMD. In addition to the Hart Varsity system she recommended precinct level voting. (Time 3:55 p.m.)

Sandy Sammons, McKinney, expressed her concern with the growing population of illegal immigrants within the County and asked what steps were being taken to ensure these individuals were not allowed to register to vote. Ms. Sammons shared her personal experience with illegal registration having occurred in Tarrant County and requested the Court take measures to ensure this will not happen in Collin County. (Time 3:58 p.m.)

Commissioner Fletcher empathized with Ms. Sammons' concerns and confirmed she recently received information on this topic and she is concerned about the situation as well. Commissioner Fletcher stated

that the deputy registrars were responsible for ensuring legitimacy of potential voters and should they allow illegitimate registrations, they should be legally held accountable. (Time 3:58 p.m.)

Denise Stufflebeam, Allen, recommended the Court remove all connections to Wi-Fi enabled and Bluetooth devices, maintain software updates on the voting machines monthly, update computer operating systems regularly and remove obsolete operating systems. (Time 4:02 p.m.)

Jill Krout, McKinney, stated that she understood the urgency in taking the necessary steps in order to ensure the transition to paper ballots before the election. She was originally from Minnesota and felt her vote did not count in her home state and did not want to feel disenfranchised when voting here in Collin County Texas. (Time 4:04 p.m.)

Debra Boehm, McKinney, thanked all individuals involved in the analyzation and advocacy for election integrity for Collin County. She expected the objections to be factors of time and of money. She said the requests and recommendations for changes to the process had been submitted for several years, negating the factor of timing. She asked the Court to take the time to review the data provided by citizens on this topic. (Time 4:07 p.m.)

Lee Moore, McKinney, asked the Court to urgently purchase BOD printers for the upcoming Primary Election and associated support equipment. (Time: 4:11 p.m.)

Colleen Epstein, McKinney, spoke in favor of hand-marked ballots and asked the Court to expedite these changes prior to the November Primary Election. She said BMD are not 100% secure and the tests ran on election machines are inadequate. (Time: 4:14 p.m.)

Cynthia Brugge, Fairview, expressed her concerns and insecurities about the upcoming Primary Election and urged the Court to make a change. (Time: 4:17 p.m.)

Charles Bonafilia, McKinney, said the current voting machines are not safe and expressed the importance of purchasing BOD printers. BOD printers produce the ballot on sight at the polling locations insuring each voter receives the correct ballot. (Time: 4:20 p.m.)

Justin Bennett, McKinney, said he sent Judge Hill an email which included a video explaining the issues and concerns with voting machines. Mr. Bennett said the voting machines used on voting day cannot be trusted. (Time: 4:24 p.m.)

Commissioner Fletcher said she watched the video sent by Mr. Bennett as well as sent it out to other staff. She agreed the information in the video was concerning, however, Collin County does not use the software referred to in the video. (Time: 4:24p.m.)

Vicki Knutson, McKinney, expressed her concern over the amount of money the County has spent on election machine equipment. She said 83% of Americans are uncomfortable with our elections and 54% of registered voters in Texas did not participate in the 2022 and 2023 elections. Ms. Knutson said she, along with My Vote Counts in Texas, recommended that Collin County should move to precinct voting. (Time: 4:28 p.m.)

Alice James, said the current voting machines are unreliable and unsafe. (Time: 4:31 p.m.)

Dennis Jarett, McKinney, discussed his experiences during his 50 year long career working in microchip manufacturing. He asked the Court to ensure money is added to the budget for election machine testing and expressed his support for hand-marked ballots. (Time: 4:35 p.m.)

John H., said he is concerned about the Logic & Accuracy Testing, loose thumb drives located in the voting locations, and Dominion Voting Systems being located next to a Collin County voting location with no security. (Time: 4:36 p.m.)

1. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Hale pulled item 1e1 and 1k6 for comment. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder. (Time 1:34 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5-0 Passed

a. **AI-56422** Disbursements for the period ending August 13, 2024, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-784-08-19

b. **AI-56423** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-785-08-19

c. **AI-56443** Tax refunds totaling \$42,437.37, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-786-08-19

d. **Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-56472** Collin County Courthouse Chilled Water Lines Replacement (IFB No. 2024-419), Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-787-08-19

2. AI-56446 Short-and Long-Term Liability (RFP No. 2024-335), Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-788-08-19

e. **Agreement(s):**

1. AI-56447 Personal Services Agreement with Billy Bob Aycock (Contract No. 2024-368) for maintenance of the Collin County Outer Loop right-of-way segment 1, as described in Exhibit A of the agreement, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Engineering.

Commissioner Hale said he does not support this agenda item and suggested the Court use this land to generate revenue for the County or to produce hay for horses in the Veteran Equine Therapy Program. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

HELD

2. AI-56451 Engineering Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (RFQ No. 2023-083) for Collin County Outer Loop Segments 2 & 4 from US 380 to the Rockwall County Line, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same; budget adjustment in the amount of \$4,000,000, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-789-08-19

3. AI-56449 Possession and Use Agreement for Transportation Purposes with Additional Payment of Independent Consideration with TxDOT for the US 380 project, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-790-08-19

f. **Amendment(s):**

1. AI-56441 Amend the 2018 Tax Note project list, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-791-08-19

2. AI-56421 No. 3 to Audio Video Upgrade for Collin County Courthouse (RFP No. 2021-158) with Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC to provide various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-792-08-19

g. Change Order(s):

1. **AI-56459** No. 1 to Road Materials, Flexbase (Grade 1, Type A) (Contract No. 2023-343) with GLS Materials & Trucking to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, include a price redetermination, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-793-08-19

2. **AI-56466** No. 6 to Construction: Collin County Adult Detention Facility, Phase 2 Addition, CUP (IFB No. 2022-299) with Sedalco, Inc. to provide various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-794-08-19

h. Contract Renewal(s):

1. **AI-56460** Road Materials, Flexbase (Grade 1, Type A) (IFB No. 2023-343) with Green Dream International LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-795-08-19

2. **AI-56380** GPS Offender Monitoring (Contract No. 2022-230) with Buddi US LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including August 31, 2025, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-796-08-19

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

1. **AI-56469** \$198,235,000 for the allocation of the FY2024 Bond proceeds to Facility, Road and Open Space projects, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-797-08-19

2. **AI-56483** \$194,021 to budget interest earnings for the Adventure Camp, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-798-08-19

3. **AI-56442** \$2,692,013.08 to re-budget funds received from TxDOT for the sale of land for the US 380 project, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-799-08-19

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

1. AI-56470 July 22, 2024.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-800-08-19

k. Miscellaneous:

1. AI-56467 Increase the cash drawer for the County Clerk from \$100 to \$500, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-801-08-19

2. AI-56465 Purchase of 22 cell phones to be used by election judges and workers, Elections.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-802-08-19

3. AI-56458 Final plat for Acorn North Phase 2, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-803-08-19

4. AI-56448 Acceptance of the Sysco Corporation Rewards Program rebate in the amount of \$423.19, of which \$291.88 to be deposited in the Going the Extra Mile Employee Incentive Program line item and \$131.31 to be credited toward prior invoices, and budget amendment for same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-804-08-19

5. AI-56474 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-805-08-19

6. AI-56475 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated Liam Sartor and Maryann Greiss for receiving promotions. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:37 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-806-08-19

2. General Discussion Items:

Presentation, discussion and any action regarding:

a. FY2025 Budget:

1. AI-56431 Public Hearing - Proposed FY2025 Tax Rate.

Monika Arris, Director of Budget, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Collin County FY2025 proposed tax rate. The new construction within the County has remained steady, averaging between 3-5% every year. The proposed tax rate for FY2025 was \$0.149343 per \$100 valuation, which is the same as the current FY2024 tax rate. Collin County has not raised the tax rate since 1993. The homestead exemption will remain at 5%. Ms. Arris said the average Collin County home is valued at \$599,916, which is a 2.9% increase from the prior year's average home value. The FY2025 proposed total combined budget is \$531.8 million, which is a 13.1% increase from last year. Ms. Arris also discussed the new positions and position changes coming to the County in FY2025. (Time: 1:52 p.m.)

Judge Hill opened the public hearing at 1:52 p.m. and asked for comments.

Eddie Sims, Blue Ridge City Secretary, spoke to the Court regarding emergency services in Melissa, Blue Ridge, Farmersville, and other district. She noted how the proposed FY2025 did not include sufficient funds to assist with fire services in these areas. She urged the Court to work with these cities to fund and provide better emergency services. (Time 1:56 p.m.)

Judge Hill and Commissioner Fletcher both expressed interest in providing fire service in unincorporated areas and welcomed the opportunity to further discuss ways to address emergency service needs for the growing population. (Time 2:00 p.m.)

This item is continued under Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

Judge Hill closed the public hearing at 5:48 p.m.

NO ACTION

2. AI-56432 Public Hearing - Proposed FY2025 Budget.

This item was discussed under AI-56431.

NO ACTION

a. AI-56492 Election Integrity.

Judge Hill said election integrity is one of his top priorities and made a motion that Collin County adopts hand-marked paper ballots for the upcoming November 2024 election. (Time: 5:43 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: None

Vote: Failed

The commissioners expressed multiple concerns towards the motion made by Judge Hill including time and financial constraints, logistics, building size, and lack of staffing. (Time: 5:11 p.m.)

Commissioner Hale made a motion to direct staff to present options on the acquisition or construction of an election facility, election equipment for hand-marked and equipment scanned or equipment marked and equipment scanned, as well as a timeline to enable both of these options at the earliest opportunity with potential for a bond election so County voter intent can be determined. (Time: 5:47 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-807-08-19

3. AI-56433 Adoption of an order setting and approving the FY2025 Elected Officials salaries.

A motion was made to adopt this item as presented. (Time: 5:49 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-808-08-19

4. AI-56434 Adoption of an order setting the maintenance and operating tax rate for FY2025.

A motion was made to adopt the rate at \$0.108387. (Time: 5:50 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-809-08-19

5. AI-56435 Adoption of an order setting and approving the debt services tax rate for FY2025.

A motion was made to adopt this rate at \$0.040956. (Time: 5:50 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-810-08-19

6. AI-56436 Adoption of an order setting the combined tax rate for FY2025.

A motion was made to adopt the total combined tax rate of \$0.149343 which is a 6.31% 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: 5:50 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-811-08-19

7. **AI-56437** Adoption of an order setting and approving the FY2025 Budget.

A motion was made to approve the FY2025 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: 5:52 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4-1: Passed

Nay: Judge Chris Hill

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-812-08-19

8. **AI-56438** Adoption of an order setting and approving the Trails of Blue Ridge FY2025 Budget.

A motion was made to adopt the FY2025 Trails of Blue Ridge Budget. (Time: 5:52 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-813-08-19

A motion was made to adopt the Trails of Blue Ridge Tax Rate at \$0.15. (Time: 5:53 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-814-08-19

9. **AI-56439** Restrictions on funds in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Boards (GASB) Statement Number 54 for FY2025.

A motion was made to adopt the FY2025 committed fund balance. (Time: 5:52 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 5-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-815-08-19

3. Executive Session Items:

Judge Hill recessed Commissioners' Court into Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, to discuss the following subjects:

Personnel (551.074)

Judge Hill reconvened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Commissioner Webb did not return to Commissioners Court following Executive Session.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

AI-56473 FY2025 Salary for County Auditor.

A motion was made to approve the County Auditors salary to be maintained at \$214,213.31 and to receive a onetime payment of \$8569. (Time: 6:07 p.m.)

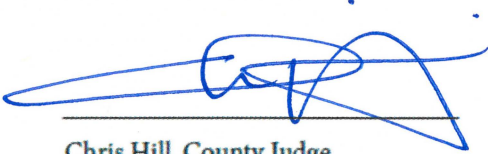
Motion: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

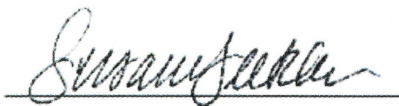
Vote: 4-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-816-08-19

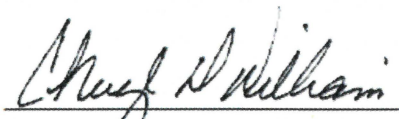
With no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge



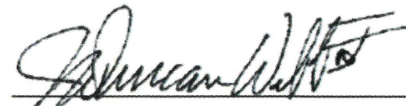
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



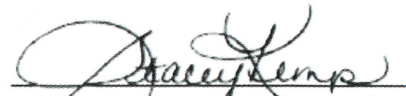
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Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk