State of Texas \$ Court Order
Collin County \$ 2024-1074-10-07
Commissioners Court \$

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the August 26, 2024 minutes.

On Monday, August 26, 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:

Commissioner Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1 Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2 Commissioner Darrell Hale, Precinct 3

Absent:

Judge Chris Hill

Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Fletcher led the Invocation.

Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Commissioner Hale called to order the meeting of the <u>Collin County Commissioners Court</u> at 1:30 p.m. The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Commissioner Hale called to order the meeting of the <u>Collin County Health Care Foundation</u> at 2:49 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Commissioner Hale called to order the meeting of the <u>Collin County Toll Road Authority</u> at 2:49 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

- 1. AI-56453 P-Card Disbursements, Auditor.
- 2. <u>AI-56482</u> Intra-County account transfers transmitted August 8, 2024, Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

Joshua Murray, Lavon, spoke on agenda item AI-56507 and election integrity. He said Judge Hill's comments during the August 19, 2024 Commissioners Court meeting were manipulative towards the people. Due to many reasons, the election changes proposed by Judge Hill are not possible prior to the November 2024 election. (Time: 1:35 p.m.)

1. **Consent Agenda Items:** Commissioner Hale pulled item 1i7 for comment. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 3-0: Passed

a. AI-56455 Disbursements for the period ending August 20, 2024, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-817-08-26

b. AI-56456 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-818-08-26

c. AI-56489 Tax refunds totaling \$151,882.12, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-819-08-26

- d. Advertisement(s):
- 1. AI-56486 Mowing Various Locations (IFB No. 2024-346), Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-820-08-26

- e. Award(s):
- 1. AI-56484 Carpet Replacement at Juvenile Detention Offices (Coop Quote No. 2024-424) to Gomez Floor Covering, Inc. through BuyBoard Cooperative Contract No. 736-26, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-821-08-26

f. Agreement(s):

1. <u>AI-56491</u> Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Collin County Sheriff's Office and the Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the SCORE/VALOR programs, Adult Probation.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-822-08-26

2. <u>AI-56490</u> Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services, Out of County Housing (Contract No. 2024-384) with Archer County, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-823-08-26

g. Change Order(s):

1. <u>AI-56324</u> No. 1 to Vertiv/Liebert UPS Maintenance (Contract No. 2024-155) with Vertiv Corporation to remove various standard maintenance services from the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-824-08-26

2. <u>AI-56488</u> No. 2 to Road Materials, Aggregate for Surface Treatment and Rip Rap (IFB No. 2022-333) with Vulcan Construction Materials LLC d/b/a Vulcan Materials Company 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. 2024-825-08-26

h. Contract Renewal(s):

1. <u>AI-56461</u> Road Materials, Flexbase (Grade 1, Type A) (IFB No. 2023-343) with JCL L4 Construction, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-826-08-26

2. <u>AI-56462</u> Road Materials, Flexbase (Grade 1, Type A) (IFB No. 2023-343) with Denton Trucking Company to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-827-08-26

3. <u>AI-56485</u> Road Materials, Aggregate for Surface Treatment and Rip Rap (IFB No. 2022-333) with Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-828-08-26

4. AI-56487 Road Materials, Aggregate for Surface Treatment and Rip Rap (IFB No. 2022-333) with Nobles Materials, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2025, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-829-08-26

i. Miscellaneous:

1. <u>AI-56495</u> Acceptance of the FY 2024-2025 Veterans Treatment Court Grant award in the amount of \$400,000, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-830-08-26

2. <u>AI-56478</u> Acceptance of the Bissell Pet Foundation Empty the Shelters Grant award in the amount of \$3,860, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-831-08-26

3. <u>AI-56536</u> Adoption of an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated areas of Collin County, Fire Marshal.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-832-08-26

4. <u>AI-56493</u> Exemption from the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and further authorize the Human Resources Director to submit proper notice to authorities, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-833-08-26

5. <u>AI-56480</u> Utilize the State of Texas Commercial Charge Card services contract (Texas Smartbuy Contract No. 946-M2) through and including August 31, 2025, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-834-08-26

6. AI-56506 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-835-08-26

7. AI-56507 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated Levi Respaldiza and Madison Young for receiving promotions. With

no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 3-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-836-08-26

2. General Discussion Items:

Presentation, discussion and any action regarding:

a. AI-56504 Exemptions from the markings and inscription section of the updated vehicle policy, Public

Works.

Yoon Kim, County Administrator, said all required forms have been received from each department for

the updated vehicle policy and asked the Court for approval.

Commissioner Hale said he is supportive of the exemptions as presented and told County staff that prior

to ordering a different colored vehicle to come to the Court and ask for an exemption.

A motion was made to approve this item as presented. (Time: 1:39 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 3-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-837-08-26

3. Executive Session Items:

Commissioner Hale recessed Commissioners Court into Executive Session at 1:39 p.m. in accordance with

Chapter 551 of the Government Code, to discuss the following subjects:

Commissioner Hale reconvened the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Legal (551.071)

AI-56318 Haley and Olson, P.C. to file lawsuit against 547 Land Development, LLC and Great Midwest

Insurance Company regarding the roadways in Colina Creek Phases 3, 4 and 5, Engineering.

A motion was made to approve Haley and Olson, P.C. to file lawsuit against 547 Land Development, LLC

and Great Midwest Insurance Company regarding the roadways in Colina Creek Phases 3, 4 and 5. (Time:

2:22 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 3-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-838-08-26

AI-56514 State of Texas v. Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr. Cause Nos. 1555100, 1555101, 155102,

Administrative Services.

NO ACTION

Real Estate (551.072)

AI-56477 Right of way acquisition of Parcel 306 for Project RI18005CO, FM 546/Myrick Rd Phase 1 from

CR 393 to US 380, Engineering.

NO ACTION

AI-56502 Right of way acquisition for the Outer Loop, Engineering.

A motion was made for the Commissioners Court to authorize Collin County staff to seek to acquire the property described in exhibits A and B attached hereto for purposes of the Collin County Outer Loop

segment two, including, without limitation, obtaining any necessary appraisals, making any necessary

offers to the land owners. (Time: 2:21p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 3-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-839-08-26

A motion was made to authorize County Staff to retain the law firm of Banowsky, P.C. to file suit against Liberty Tierra, Ltd. and Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC to void the purported transfer of the property described on Exhibits A and B attached hereto as an unlawful subdivision of land and to enter into an agreement with the City of Royse City to jointly pursue such litigation. (Time: 2:21 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 3-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2024-840-08-26

Public Comments not related to an item on the Agenda.

Debora Boehm, McKinney, said people across our County are suffering and are trying to survive with the skyrocketing costs at the grocery stores and increased crime rates. By doing nothing to secure the November election, the Commissioners are personally responsible for the demise of the country. She said the most fundamental role of government is to protect the right to choose representatives and encouraged the Court to take the step to move to hand-marked ballots, precinct voting on Election Day, replace the BMD (Ballot Marking Device) and continue to educate themselves. (Time: 2:25p.m.)

Paul Wesebaum, Anna, expressed his support for election security and hand-marked, machine counted, and sequentially number paper ballots. (Time: 2:26p.m.)

Barbara Isaacs, McKinney, said she, along with others, have been coming to Commissioners Court meetings for four years to provide education on election integrity. She expressed her distrust in electronic voting machines and recommended hand-marked paper ballots. Between 70-80% of the precinct chair members have expressed their distrust in the Collin County voting machines. Ms. Isaacs suggested that Collin County should develop their own Election Integrity Committee and said Commissioners Court has done nothing to secure the elections. (Time: 2:29 p.m.)

Chuck Reynolds, McKinney, said the discussions held during the August 19, 2024, Commissioners Court meeting were disappointing. He said he sent an email in April 2024 to move towards hand-marked paper ballots in time for the November 2024 election, a response was never received. Voter confidence is gone due to the electronic translation that occurs after the ballot is printed from the BMD. (Time: 2:33p.m.)

Debbie Lindstrom, McKinney, said no system could be declared 100% secure. She also mentioned the election audit done by the Secretary of State, which deemed Collin County the model for elections in Texas, was far from complete. Ms. Lindstrom questioned the money the election administrator requested during budget and suggested lower cost items. She encouraged each Commissioner to meet with Citizens Defending Freedom and hear their ideas. (Time: 2:36p.m.)

Lee Moore, McKinney, said the public wants transparency and the ability to trust the current elections system. One way to insure this is to purchase on-demand printers and hand-marked paper ballots. The election law states each voter must be able to verify his or her vote; and the BMD's do not preserve the voter's intent. The issue lies with the machines; they lack security, transparency, and fail to safe guard voter intent. (Time: 2:39p.m.)

Barbara Lyke, Wylie, expressed her support for law enforcement needs and requests. (Time: 2:42p.m.) David Hancock, Nevada, said there is an ongoing, deteriorating road condition located near his house in Nevada. He said he has been in contact with TxDOT who referred him to the County. He asked the Court for help in resolving this matter. (Time: 2:43p.m.)

Ben Brown, McKinney, said the Court is moving in the right direction to secure the elections; however, he questioned how long the process would take and encouraged the Court to move as fast as they can. (Time: 2:46p.m.)

Avis Novak, McKinney, expressed her concerns towards public safety funding and election integrity. In addition, the inconsistency in approaching major electoral changes is deeply concerning. She urged the Court to prioritize these critical issues long term, develop a long-term sustainable funding strategy for public safety, and establish consistent transparent policies on electoral system changes. (Time: 2:49p.m.)

With no further business of the Court, Commissioner Hale adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Chris Hill, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2

Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3

Buncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4

ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk