

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2024-1282-12-09
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the November 11, 2024 Special Session minutes.

On Monday, November 11, 2024 the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Special Session in the Center Hallway, Russell A. Steindam Courts Building, 2100 Bloomdale Road, City of McKinney, Texas, with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

Judge Chris Hill
Commissioner Darrell Hale, Precinct 3
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent:
Commissioner Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1
Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

Judge Hill led the Invocation.
Paul Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Linda Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Judge Hill called to order the Special Session of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 11:01 a.m.

Judge Hill shared that the North Texas Fallen Warrior Portrait Project has been ongoing for more than a decade, with remarkable progress made over the years. The project's mission is to honor and memorialize all of Collin County's fallen soldiers, as well as the individuals whose names are enshrined in the Collin County Hall of Honor in McKinney.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Colin Kimball came forward to present five portraits of Collin County Fallen Warriors to be put on permanent display. Mr. Kimball recognized his former partner in the project, RD Foster, who passed away last year.

Vernon Wayne Woody, 20, of Princeton, Texas was a Corporal in the second Battalion 34th Armored Regiment, known as the "Dreadnoughts" of the 25th Infantry Division United States Army. While on a mission on the rugged, steep Black Virgin Mountain in Tay Ninh Province of South Vietnam on 30 January 1970, Woody was killed after being run over by an armored vehicle. He was married and became a father of a daughter who never knew him.

Louis F. Bass, 23, Princeton, Texas was a second Lieutenant in the 577th Squadron of the 392nd Bomb Group, Eighth Army Air Force. His bomb group took off from Wendling Airfield in Norfolk, England, on 21 April 1944. They encountered severe icing conditions at altitude, forced to abandon the mission, and returned to base. His B- 24 nicknamed " Kentucky Girl" suffered a catastrophic condition that caused the bomber to explode. Bass was unable to bail out and is one of the eight-crew members from Kentucky Girl memorialized in a memorial at the site of the crash near the village of North Tottenham near Norwich. England.

Ray W. Henslee, 23, Farmersville, Texas was a 1st Lieutenant for the 439th Bomb Squadron of the 319th Bomb Group of the 12th US Army Air Force. He was a navigator on the B- 26 Maurader who recently arrived in England. On 12 November 1942, his B- 2641- 17777, christened as " Boogie Woogie" was shot down by a Nazi ME- 109 near Cherbourg-en, France as his bomb group was transitioning to Algeria to participate in Operation Torch. The commander of the Bomb Group was aboard Henslee's aircraft. A memorial was erected to honor Henslee and his crewmembers in Les Pieux, France.

Maurice Johnson, 31, Princeton, Texas was a WWII Veteran who earned a Distinguished Flying Cross in that war. In the Korean War, he flew a C-119 tail number 8345 for the 314th Troop Carrier Group. He participated in Operation Tomahawk the last Airborne Operation of that war. A week later on 29 March 1951 the right engine of his battle wary airplane fell off in flight. He order his four-man crew to bail out, and stayed at the controls. He lost his life when his plane crash-landed near Hongchon Korea. His four crewmembers survived.

Nimrod Sheppard Shipp, 23 Princeton, Texas was in the United States Merchant Marines. He served on the SS Gulfbelle transporting fuel from a refinery on the eastern seaboard toward the Panama Canal, and ultimately for a destination in the Pacific Theater. Traveling at night without navigation lights as a precaution due to the Nazi U-boats that operated in those waters, the Gulfbelle collided with the SS Gulfland off the coast of Palm Beach, Florida. Civilians on shore heard the cries for help as each ship carrying fuel erupted into flames.

Mr. Kimball noted these five portraits bring the total completed portraits to 105.

Judge Hill said he and his wife endeavor to teach their children how precious liberty is. He thanked those in attendance who have served or are still serving in the armed forces. We are grateful for all those who serve and given their all for our community and nation. In addition, Judge Hill expressed his gratitude towards Mr. Kimball and the late Mr. Foster.

1. **Consent agenda to approve:**

- a. **AI-57014** Accept the donation of portraits of Collin County heroes, Commissioners Court.

Judge Hill called to order a special meeting of the Commissioners Court. A motion was made to approve acceptance of the gift of these portraits as a donation to the County. (Time: 11:18 a.m.)

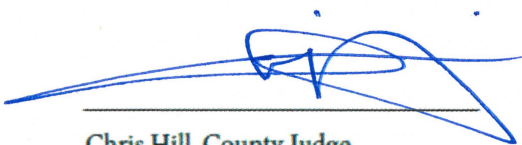
Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

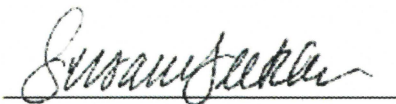
Vote: 3-0: Passed

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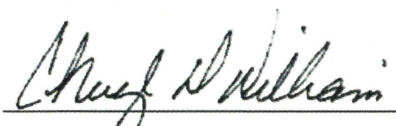
With no further comments, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:18 p.m.



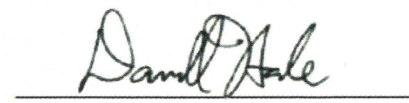
Chris Hill, County Judge



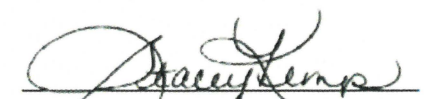
Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2


Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3

Not Present


Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4
ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk