

State of Texas
Collin County
Commissioners Court

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Court Order
2025-447-05-05

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the April 7, 2025 minutes.

On Monday, April 7, 2025, 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 Darrell Hale, Precinct 3

Absent:
Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Judge Hill led the Invocation.
Commissioner Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Judge Hill called the Collin County Commissioners Court meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting recessed at 1:57 p.m., and promptly reconvened the meeting at 1:57 p.m. The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 1:57 p.m. and Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 1:57 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-57805 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-57762 Intra-County account transfers transmitted March 20, 2025, Auditor.
2. AI-57766 Addendum No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 to Juvenile Probation Renovation (IFB No. 2024-480) to make various changes to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.

3. AI-57797 Addendum No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 to Electronic Health Records (RFP No. 2024-280) to make various changes to the Request for Proposal, Purchasing.

4. AI-57798 Turnover, Human Resources.

5. AI-57799 Voluntary Terminations, Human Resources.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

Lee Moore, Collin County, expressed opposition to Agenda Item 1i1, the proposed \$46,500 purchase of the Civera ballot redaction tool. She contended the purchase would increase third-party access while reducing transparency and auditability for citizens. She emphasized the root issue is the county-wide voting system, which compromises ballot secrecy due to precinct-specific voting patterns. Ms. Moore urged Commissioners to delay the purchase until further vetting is done and advocated for a return to precinct-level voting for improved transparency.

Judge Hill asked Ms. Moore whether the opposition was to redaction in general or specifically to the Civera tool. Ms. Moore clarified that she is specifically against the use of Civera. She stated that instead of addressing that root problem the Secretary of State is opting to redact ballot information which she believes should remain accessible for public audits. Judge Hill acknowledged concern about ballot secrecy being compromised when a voter is the only one from their precinct voting at a different location. However, he stated that the Secretary of State addressed this by requiring redaction and the County is bound by the Secretary of State's directive to implement redaction. Judge Hill noted that if the objection is only to Civera the County may be open to considering alternatives whereas a broader opposition to all redaction measures would be more difficult to accommodate. Ms. Moore reiterated her concern specifically about Civera and urged Commissioners to take a closer examination before proceeding with the purchase. (Time: 1:37)

Chuck Reynolds, Collin County, stated opposition to Agenda Item 1i1 and raised concerns about the security and necessity of Civera. He criticized spending new election funds on third-party tools with potential unknown risks instead of addressing the unreliability problem with the current BMDs (Ballot Marking Device). Mr. Reynolds further questioned the safety of using uncertified election tools and advocated for a return to hand-marked paper ballots as a more secure and trustworthy solution. He urged the Court to reconsider moving forward. (Time 1:40 p.m.)

1. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill pulled item 1i1 for comment then asked for comments on the remainder of the consent agenda. Commissioner Hale pulled item 1k7 for comment. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder. (Time 1:40 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 3-0 Passed

a. **AI-57764** Disbursements for the period ending April 1, 2025, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-337-04-07

b. **AI-57765** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-338-04-07

c. **AI-57770** Tax refunds totaling \$376,571.39, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-339-04-07

d. **Advertisement(s):**

1. **AI-57788** Collin County Adult Detention Facility Housing Washer and Dryer (IFB No. 2025-129), Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-340-04-07

2. **AI-57801** Culverts, Bands, Drop Structures (IFB No. 2025-178), Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-341-04-07

e. **Award(s):**

1. **AI-57716** Juvenile Detention Roof Replacement (IFB No. 2024-425) to Eskola, LLC and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute construction agreement for same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-342-04-07

f. **Agreement(s):**

1. **AI-57789** Interlocal Agreement with the City of Celina (Contract No. 2025-209) concerning the Wilson Creek Park Trail Project, Bond Project No. OI23PG02, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-343-04-07

2. AI-57686 Professional Services Agreement with Justice Benefits, Inc. (Contract No. 2025-042) for assistance to obtain federal financial participation for SCAAP funding, 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 documentation for same, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-344-04-07

g. Amendment(s):

1. AI-57745 No. 10 to Professional Services, Architectural, Adult Detention Center Expansion, Phase 2 & 3 (RFQ No. 2021-353) with Brinkley Sargent Wigninton Architects, Inc. to add funds for construction testing and inspection services to the contract, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-345-04-07

h. Contract Renewal(s):

1. AI-57768 Medical Supplies (Contract No. 2023-288) with Henry Schein, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including July 10, 2026, Health Care.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-346-04-07

2. AI-57774 Medical Supplies (Contract No. 2023-288) with McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including April 30, 2026, Health Care.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-347-04-07

3. AI-57783 On-site Grinding, Mulching, Tree Trimming and Cutting including Removal of Debris (IFB No. 2024-199) with Shawnee Mission Tree Service, Inc. d/b/a Arbor Masters to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 2, 2026, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-348-04-07

4. AI-57784 On-site Grinding, Mulching, Tree Trimming and Cutting including Removal of Debris (IFB No. 2024-199) with TOR Texas, LLC d/b/a The Organic Recycler of Texas to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 2, 2026, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-349-04-07

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

1. **AI-57746** \$46,500 for the purchase of the Civera Ballot Redaction tool and first year of support and maintenance, Elections.

Judge Hill asked Kaleb Breaux, Elections Administrator, for clarification on the Civera ballot redaction tool purchase. Mr. Breaux explained that initially a batch of ballots would be sent to Civera for test redaction to configure the system for the County's specific ballot format. He assured Judge Hill that once that setup is complete redactions would be done in-house and no ongoing data transfers to Civera would occur.

Judge Hill also inquired about alternative vendors. Mr. Breaux stated he is not aware of any other vendors currently offering this type of redaction tool. He stated Civera was chosen partly because neighboring counties like Tarrant County already use their full suite.

Commissioner Fletcher asked Mr. Breaux if it would be possible to send mock ballots with placeholder names and data to Civera for initial setup in order to protect real voter data and increase public trust. Mr. Breaux responded that while mock ballots could potentially be used sample ballots typically lack critical data points that need redaction. He recognized that creating mock election ballots with simulated but realistic data might be a viable alternative.

Commissioner Fletcher clarified that while voting members may dislike the redaction requirements the County is legally bound to follow the Secretary of State's directives for election procedures.

Commissioner Hale asked whether full ballots including judge signatures and other official marks are used during public tests. Mr. Breaux said the ballots used are marked with "demonstration" labels and do not include the personal data. Commissioner Hale suggested utilizing these test ballots to assist with the redaction process, and in addition could be sent to Civera for further analysis and testing. Mr. Breaux clarified that they were actively exploring whether mock election ballots could be used to test the redaction process and would further investigate. (Time: 1:51 p.m.)

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2. **AI-57769** \$47,320 to cover six (6) months of salary and benefits for one (1) Lead Clerk, training, dues and subscriptions, and computer equipment, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-350-04-07

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

1. **AI-57760** March 10, 2025.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-351-04-07

2. AI-57791 March 17, 2025.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-352-04-07

k. Miscellaneous:

1. AI-57756 Street sign plan for Anna Ranch Estates, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-353-04-07

2. AI-57773 Road name change on final plat for Acorn South MUD No. 2, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-354-04-07

3. AI-57775 Participate in the Texas Overdose Data to Action public health program through the Texas Department of State Health Services at no cost to the county, Medical Examiner.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-355-04-07

4. AI-57780 Grant application for the FY2026 UASI Regional grant, through the Office of the Governor, State Homeland Security Grants Division, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-356-04-07

5. AI-57811 Boards & Commissions Appointments, Commissioners Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-357-04-07

6. AI-57803 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-358-04-07

7. AI-57804 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated Diana Torres for receiving a promotion. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time 1:51 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 3-0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-359-04-07

2. General Discussion Items:

Presentation, discussion and any action regarding:

a. AI-57802 FY 2026 Budget Update, Budget.

Teresa Funk, Assistant Director of Budget, informed the Commissioners that all department budgets were submitted by the April 2, 2025 deadline. (Time: 1:52 p.m.)

NO ACTION

b. AI-57386 89th Legislative Session Update, Administrative Services.

Russell Schaffner, Deputy County Administrator, presented three resolutions for consideration. Mr. Schaffner explained House Bill 1080 which allows alternative methods for publishing public notices, saving over \$54,000 in publication costs. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:52 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 3-0: Passed

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Mr. Schaffner then presented resolutions in non-opposition for Colmena Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1 and Grasslands County Municipal Utility District No. 1. He stated that while neither Bill has been filed yet they do meet the required criteria of contracts for supplemental police, fire, emergency services, and animal control with County review. Mr. Schaffner stated that historically these districts have been created at the State level and although the Court has not supported MMDs (Municipal Management District) or MUDs (Municipal Utility District) they have issued a resolution in non-opposition whenever requirements have been met.

Judge Hill explained the Court does not have the authority to approve MUDs, whereas it is handled by the State. He explained that by working with the Delegation they have been able to ensure that MUDs and MMDs provide essential services preventing them from becoming a financial burden on Collin County taxpayers. In the case of Colmena Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1 and Grasslands County Municipal Utility District No. 1 the conditions were met allowing the Court to present a resolution in non-opposition. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the items. (Time: 1:57 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 3-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-361-04-07

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Mr. Schaffner concluded that additional resolutions will be presented to the Court at the next Commissioners Court meeting for consideration, specifically House Bill 23 and House Bill 242. He stated that they are currently refining the language to ensure it is appropriate and accurate for its intended purpose. (Time 1:57 p.m.)

3. Executive Session Items:

Judge Hill recessed Commissioners Court into Executive Session at 1:57 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss agenda item AI-57793.

Legal (551.071)

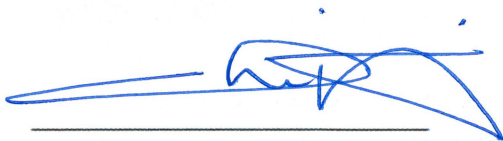
AI-57793 Legal advice and consultation on possible legal liabilities and outcomes of recognizing the purported release by law of extraterritorial jurisdiction that has not been recognized as released by the City of Celina, Administrative Services.

NO ACTION

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Public Comments not related to an item on the Agenda.

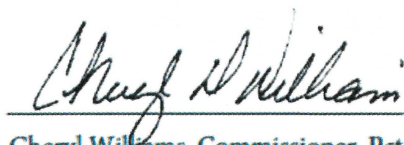
There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.



Chris Hill, County Judge

Not Present

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



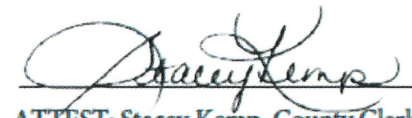
Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2



Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3

Not Present

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk