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Commissioners Court

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An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the April 28, 2025 minutes.

On Monday, April 28, 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 Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2
Commissioner Darrell Hale, Precinct 3

Absent: Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Judge Hill led the Invocation.

Commissioner Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Judge Hill called the <u>Collin County Commissioners Court</u> meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the <u>Collin County Health Care Foundation</u> at 5:32 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

- 1. AI-57907 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.
- 2. AI-57908 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. AI-57873 Intra-County account transfers transmitted April 10, 2025, Auditor.

- 2. <u>AI-57875</u> Addendum No. 1 Emergency Vehicle Equipment and Supplies (IFB No. 2025-056) to change the submission deadline to the Invitation for Bid, Purchasing.
- 3. Notification of budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):
- a. AI-57879 \$5,000 to establish the budget for the FY2025 Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Grant, Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

Debbie Lindstrom, McKinney, spoke in opposition to agenda item AI-57755. She referenced a recent warning from Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, about serious election security vulnerabilities. She stated there was evidence showing electronic voting systems had long been susceptible to hacking and manipulation threatening the integrity of election results. Ms. Lindstrom emphasized that these concerns came from top intelligence officials familiar with sophisticated threats highlighting that the issue was not theoretical but a real security risk. She asked the Court to push for nationwide paper ballots to restore voter confidence. Last, she requested that an escape clause be included in the contract with ES&S (Election Systems & Software) to allow for the protection of taxpayer funds. (Time: 1:35 p.m.)

Avis Novak, McKinney, voiced her opposition to agenda item AI-57755. She noted that BMD (Ballot Marking Devices), firmware, and maintenance fees totaling \$370,000 made up the largest portion of the costs bringing the County's total investment in the voting machines to \$13.5 million. She maintained that the machines lack sufficient security especially since voters cannot read the barcodes used for tabulation creating a variance between what voters saw and what was counted. Ms. Novak pointed to ongoing costs beyond the amendment itself including over \$691,000 paid to ES&S since December 2024 for various services and rentals. She also questioned the timing of the renewal since the contract would not expire until the end of June and recommended waiting for clearer federal guidance and potential legislative changes. Ms. Novak advocated for BOD (Ballot-On-Demand) printers as a more secure and cost-effective alternative contending they could address the security issues and reduce long-term expenses. She asked the Court to postpone the amendment and consider alternative voting solutions. (Time: 1:38 p.m.)

Lee Moore, McKinney, asked the Court to delay the approval of agenda item AI-557755 until after the current legislative session noting that the contract was not due until June and pending legislation could affect voting requirements. She expressed concern that the County had already spent \$13.5 million on BMDs and cautioned the Commissioners against committing more funds before exploring cost-saving alternatives like hand-marked paper ballots which offer greater security and voter verification. Ms. Moore also recommended including a refund clause in the contract in case future legislation alters its scope. (Time: 1:40 p.m.)

1. Consent Agenda Items: Judge Hill pulled item 1g2 and asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Hale asked to hold item 1j2 for comment. With no additional comments, a motion was made to approve the remaining items on the agenda. (Time: 1:46 p.m.)

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

Vote: 4-0 Passed

a. AI-57857 Disbursements for the period ending April 22, 2025, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-409-04-28

b. AI-57858 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-410-04-28

c. AI-57880 Tax refunds totaling \$270,488.55, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-411-04-28

- d. Advertisement(s):
- 1. AI-57922 Armored Car Services (RFP No. 2025-098), Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-412-04-28

- e. Award(s):
- 1. <u>AI-57820</u> Multi-Factor Authentication System Maintenance Subscription (Coop Quote No. 2025-171) to Netsync Network Solutions, Inc., Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-413-04-28

2. <u>AI-57846</u> Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for Elections (Coop Quote No. 2025-196) to SHI Government Solutions, Inc. through DIR Contract No. DIR-CPO-5237, Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-414-04-28

3. <u>AI-57876</u> Grounds Maintenance Equipment (IFB No. 2025-024) Line Item No. 3 to Prindle, Inc., and rescind Grounds Maintenance Equipment (IFB No. 2025-024) Line Item No. 3 to JHouston Holdings LLC d/b/a LSM Outdoor Power per Court Order No. 2025-225-03-03, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-415-04-28

4. <u>AI-57886</u> Chip Spreader (Contract No. 2025-223) to R.B. Everett & Company through Buyboard Contract No. 685-22, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-416-04-28

f. Agreement(s):

1. AI-57856 Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Lewisville, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-417-04-28

g. Amendment(s):

1. <u>AI-57867</u> No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control & Shelter Services (Contract No. 2022-264) with the East Collin Municipal Utility District No. 1 to extend the contract through and including September 30, 2025, set the rate, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-418-04-28

2. AI-57755 No. 10 to Election Voting System & Services (Contract No. 2018-241) with Election Systems & Software, LLC to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 30, 2026, update pricing, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Information Technology.

Judge Hill inquired whether any pending legislation would impact the ES&S maintenance contract. Yoon Kim, County Administrator, confirmed that while some bills were pending none had passed. Kaleb Breaux, Elections Administrator, stated that delaying approval of the contract would not disrupt operations provided it is finalized prior to the start of preventive maintenance during the summer. Commissioner Fletcher recommended revisiting the contract on June 9 after the legislative session concludes to ensure any legislative changes are considered before renewal. Mr. Breaux added that the County's election equipment is approximately at the halfway point of its expected lifespan. He noted that any legislative changes could accelerate discussions around equipment replacement. The Commissioners agreed that postponing the vote on the contract would not cause harm and could provide the benefit of additional clarity. (Time: 1:46 p.m.)

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3. <u>AI-57865</u> No. 18 to Interlocal Agreement for Facility Construction and Use of an Animal Shelter (Contract No. 06668-09) with the City of Celina to revise the total amount for FY2025, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-419-04-28

4. <u>AI-57866</u> No. 19 to Interlocal Agreement for Construction, Operation and Use of Animal Shelter (Contract No. 10097-09) with the City of Anna to revise the FY2025 total amount, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-420-04-28

h. Change Order(s):

1. <u>AI-57872</u> No. 21 to CCADF Medical Mental Health Expansion (CSP No. 2023-398) with Sedalco, Inc. to make various changes to the contract, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Construction & Projects.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-421-04-28

i. Contract Renewal(s):

1. AI-57877 Personal Services Agreement (Contract No. 2024-368) with Billy Bob Aycock for acreage maintenance to extend the contract one (1) year through and including September 30, 2026, Engineering.

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2. <u>AI-57883</u> Security Gate Repair Services (Contract No. 2024-225) with D.H. Pace Company, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 30, 2026, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-423-04-28

3. <u>AI-57884</u> Security Gate Repair Services (Contract No. 2024-225) with Orion Access Control, Inc. d/b/a Royal Access Control to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 30, 2026, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-424-04-28

4. <u>AI-57885</u> Security Gate Repair Services (Contract No. 2024-225) with Dallas Automatic Gate, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 30, 2026, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-425-04-28

j. Miscellaneous:

1. AI-57909 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-426-04-28

2. AI-57910 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated Mark Myars, Jason Franklin, and Terdema Ussery for receiving promotions. A motion was made to approve the item. (Time 1:47 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4-0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-427-04-28

2. General Discussion Items:

Presentation, discussion and any action regarding:

a. <u>AI-57874</u> Public Hearing - Consideration and any action for the issuance of a mass gathering permit for the Vintage Market Days event on May 9-11, 2025 at Myers Park Event Center in accordance to Health and Safety Code Chapter 751, Myers Park.

Judy Moody, Myers Park, requested the Court's approval for a mass gathering permit for the Vintage Market Days event on May 9-11, 2025 at Myers Park Event Center.

Judge Hill opened the Public Hearing at 1:48 p.m. and asked for comments. Hearing none, Judge Hill closed the Public Hearing at 1:48 p.m. A motion was made to approve the item. (Time: 1:48 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 4-0: Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-428-04-28

b. AI-57881 Ask a Master Gardener Program, County Extension Service.

Brad Voss, County Extension Agent with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, introduced Mary Williams, President of the Collin County Master Gardener Association, to present the Ask a Master Gardener Program. Ms. Williams, originally from Oklahoma City, described her experience adjusting to gardening in Texas and how the program assists residents, especially newcomers, with the unique challenges of local horticulture. She highlighted their outreach at community events such as the Showtime events in Frisco and Allen where they interacted with over a thousand attendees.

Ms. Williams explained that the program provides education on a range of topics from vegetable gardening to landscaping after severe weather. She stated that the program helps residents make informed economical choices. Ms. Williams noted they had over 4,000 public contacts in the previous year and were on pace to exceed that number with new efforts to go paperless using QR codes linking to resources on their website.

Commissioner Fletcher thanked Ms. Williams for her service and welcomed her to Texas. Ms. Williams encouraged everyone to use the Ask a Master Gardener resource through their website, ccmgatx.org. (Time: 1:52 p.m.)

NO ACTION

c. AI-57889 ESD/Fire District Update, Administrative Services.

Yoon Kim, County Administrator, briefed the Court on the progress of establishing Emergency Services District No. 1, following a petition accepted on February 24. Mr. Kim reminded the Commissioners that the proposed district aims to provide fire and emergency medical services to all unincorporated areas of Collin County including the ETJs (Extraterritorial Jurisdictions) of cities within the County. However each city must grant consent for its ETJ to be included. Mr. Kim confirmed that as of April 28 the cities that had granted consent were Blue Ridge, Celina, Farmersville, Fate, Josephine, Lavon, Lowry Crossing, McKinney, Melissa, Murphy, Nevada, Princeton, Weston, Wylie, and Royse City. Those that declined were Frisco, Lucas, St. Paul, and Van Alstyne. The cities of Anna, New Hope, Parker, and the Town of Prosper were still considering, while Allen, Garland, Hebron, and Trenton had not yet responded. Judge Hill asked what would become of fire service protection for those residents in ETJs of cities that did not consent or take action. Mr. Kim explained that residents in ETJs of cities that either declined to consent or failed to respond would be excluded from participating in the ESD election and would not receive fire or EMS services from either the County or the ESD (Emergency Services District). These residents would need to rely on their respective cities though cities are not obligated to provide such services in ETJs. Mr. Kim stated that to ensure inclusion in the ESD affected residents could either seek annexation into the city or submit a petition to opt out of the ETJ by June 9.

The Commissioners discussed the need for strong public outreach and directed staff to use the County website, media, and local networks to ensure residents are informed. Mr. Kim said a public hearing to finalize ESD boundaries is scheduled for July with the election to follow in November. Commissioner Fletcher clarified that state law in response to a public petition drives this process not by initiative of the Court itself. The Commissioners reiterated the need for keeping the public aware of their rights, options, and the potential implications for emergency service access and insurance. Mr. Kim confirmed staff will utilize resources and communication channels to disseminate information about the ESD process to citizens. (Time: 2:20 p.m.)

NO ACTION

d. <u>AI-57882</u> Policy regarding Commissioners Court opposition to Municipal Utility Districts and Municipal Management Districts, Administrative Services.

HELD

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

Russell Schaffner, Deputy County Administrator, presented updates to the Court on the 89th Legislative Session. He stated that they were four bills away from House Bill 23 being heard on the House floor and many amendments are being discussed. He noted that it could take two to three hours on the House floor due to the activity surrounding the Bill and promised to send out a status update later that day.

Mr. Schaffner then discussed a proposed resolution supporting House Bill 4211 which aims to protect residents' private property rights when purchasing non-standard interests for residential arrangements. The Bill would prohibit companies from restricting the transfer or sale of those rights or charging fees for transfers. The Bill would also create a new business category for these types of arrangements and address violations under deceptive trade practices lawsuits.

Commissioner Fletcher thanked Mr. Schaffner for putting the resolution together emphasizing the importance of fair housing laws and protecting private property rights of citizens. She acknowledged that although such laws exist some communities still engage in practices that could affect private property rights and potentially tie up the courts.

A motion was made to approve the resolution in support of House Bill 4211. (Time 2:24 p.m.)

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

Vote: 4-0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-429-04-28

3. Executive Session Items:

Judge Hill recessed Commissioners' Court into Executive Session at 1:47 p.m in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, to discuss the following subjects:

Security (551.076)

AI-57904 Collin County After Action Report and Campus Security, Administrative Services.

NO ACTION

<u>AI-57918</u> Sheriff's Office overtime compensation for security, County Judge.

NO ACTION

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Chris Hill, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1

Not Present

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2

Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3

Not Present

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4

ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk