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Collin County	<b>§</b>	2025-733-07-28
Commissioners Court	\$	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the June 23, 2025 minutes.

On Monday, June 23, 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
Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Commissioner Hale led the Invocation.

Commissioner Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Judge Hill called the <u>Collin County Commissioners Court</u> meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Judge Hill recessed the meeting at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:56 p.m. The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m. Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the <u>Collin County Health Care Foundation</u> at 3:55 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

President Hill called to order the meeting of the <u>Collin County Toll Road Authority</u> at 3:55 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

# DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

- 1. AI-58219 Proposed FY2026-2027 Biennium Budget for CSCD, Adult Probation.
- 2. AI-58234 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

## **FYI NOTIFICATION:**

1. AI-58150 P-Card Disbursements, Auditor.

#### **COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:**

## Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

Janet Imhoff, former President of the League of Women Voters of Collin County, expressed her concern about a potential violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act in connection with the June 9, 2025 Commissioners Court vote to adopt hand-marked paper ballots for the upcoming November 2025 election. Ms. Imhoff emphasized that the agenda notice posted on June 6, 2025 referred only to a routine consent item to extend the contract for one year with ES&S (Election Systems & Software) and did not inform the public that a motion related to hand-marked ballots would be introduced. Ms. Imhoff highlighted that the decision could result in long voting lines, voter errors, and decreased confidence in election outcomes. She requested the Court to reconsider the June 9th decision in a future meeting with proper public notice and opportunity for comment. (Time 2:01 p.m.)

Commissioner Fletcher asked the County Administrator to provide an update on the action taken at the June 9, 2025 Commissioners Court meeting regarding election voting systems and services.

Yoon Kim, County Administrator, provided an update that following the Executive Session at the June 9, 2025 Commissioners Court meeting the Court directed staff per Agenda Item 58149 to pursue contracts and procurements for items necessary for BOD (Ballot On Demand). Commissioner Fletcher emphasized that no contracts were finalized on June 9th, only the directive to begin procurements. Commissioner Webb asked for Mr. Kim to explain why the County was looking into options. Mr. Kim stated that it was in response to Executive Order No. 14248 issued by President Trump on March 25, 2025. Commissioner Fletcher clarified the Executive Order mandated that by September 21, 2025 all election machines must comply with standards prohibiting the use of barcodes or QR codes on ballots. Commissioner Webb emphasized that this effectively renders the County's current BMDs (Ballot Marking Devices) noncompliant for the upcoming November election. Mr. Kim highlighted that the County's action was a proactive step to meet these new requirements and ensure readiness for the November constitutional election. Mr. Kim noted that they would still need to set aside BMDs to be HAVA (Help America Vote Act) compliant but based on the guidance from the Secretary of State the Court's directive was for staff to begin to work on solutions to procure the equipment. Commissioner Hale clarified that the vote on June 9th was intended to give time for staff to obtain procurements. Commissioner Williams asked if Collin County would be the only county affected. Mr. Kim noted that all Texas counties are impacted by this order, prompting a statewide demand for compliant equipment. (Time 2:09 p.m.)

Vicki Knutson, Plano, expressed her concern for the lack of transparency and verifiability in BMD voting systems which encode voter selections into barcodes that cannot be read or verified by voters. She pointed out that while BMDs display a voter's choices in plain English the actual vote that is counted is the barcode not human-readable text. She noted that the process forces voters to place blind trust in a system they cannot verify. Ms. Knutson concluded by asking the Court to reject barcode-dependent voting methods and adopt hand-marked paper ballots, emphasizing that this approach is simpler, clearer, and more trustworthy for voters. (Time 2:14 p.m.)

Roxy Dittlof, Plano, voiced her opposition to Collin County's consideration of returning to hand-marked paper ballots, calling the proposal a step backward for a high-tech county. She emphasized that digital voting systems are more accurate, faster, reliable, and efficient than manual voting. Ms. Dittlof concluded by asking the Commissioners to reject hand-marked paper ballots stating that there is no valid reason to move away from secure, proven technology. (Time 2:18 p.m.)

Tara Schulte, Citizens Defending Freedom, spoke in support of hand-marked paper ballots. She emphasized that election trust begins with how ballots are marked and counted and argued that hand-marked paper ballots are the most secure and transparent method available. Ms. Schulte cited support from the National Academy of Sciences and 20 leading cybersecurity experts who endorse hand-marked ballots as the gold standard for election security. She acknowledged the Commissioners' ongoing engagement with the public and thanked them for their willingness to consider and act on this issue noting that volunteers from Citizens Defending Freedom have attended meetings since 2022. (Time 2:23 p.m.)

John Montes, McKinney, advocated for the use of human-readable paper ballots. He referenced the 2018 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report titled Securing the Vote: Protecting American Democracy, which includes recommendations from nonpartisan experts across cybersecurity, intelligence, and election administration. Mr. Montes highlighted that the NAS report said that elections should use human-readable paper ballots, marked by hand or machine, that are capable of being audited or recounted by human inspection. Mr. Montes advocated for following the science, noting that many other countries have reached the same conclusion about paper ballots being the most secure option. (Time 2:26 p.m.)

Todd Milburn, Allen, thanked the Commissioners Court for choosing hand-marked paper ballots stating that this decision protects Collin County from issues experienced in other counties by electronic voting systems that cause votes to be misreported, mismatched or difficult for voters to verify. Mr. Milburn referenced a University of Michigan study that found most voters failed to detect intentional ballot errors, highlighting the risks of relying on BMDs. He explained that hand-marked ballots avoid these problems by eliminating complex software and barcodes, allowing voters to directly verify their marks and enabling more effective audits. Mr. Milburn concluded by affirming that the Court's choice was a smart and responsible decision to ensure election integrity. (Time 2:29 p.m.)

Judi Neal, Plano, responded to opposition against hand-marked ballots, pointing out that critics claimed hand marking undermines trust in elections. Ms. Neal highlighted that mail-in and absentee ballots are already hand marked by many voters, including elderly and disabled individuals, and questioned whether those ballots were considered untrustworthy. She emphasized the inconsistency in trusting hand-marked ballots cast at home but not those marked in polling places. Ms. Neal underscored that hand-marked ballots have been a foundational and trusted method of voting in the United States for over 200 years and praised the Commissioners for addressing this issue thoughtfully. (Time 2:32 p.m.)

Liz Holland, President of the League of Women Voters of Collin County, stated that the League strongly opposed switching to hand-marked ballots, affirming that the current voting systems were safe, secure, and reliable, having undergone rigorous testing. Ms. Holland noted that there was no mandate from the Secretary of State requiring a change to hand-marked ballots. She expressed concerns about introducing risks of human error similar to those seen in absentee ballots, such as overvoting and improper markings, which could lead to ballot rejection and candidate mistrust. She also raised issues about increased wait times due to the slower hand-marking process and potential bottlenecks at scanners, warning that these factors could contribute to voter frustration and disenfranchisement. Ms. Holland referenced low voter turnout in the previous election and said that voting should be made easier, not harder. She also cautioned that adopting hand-marked ballots might lead to a slippery slope toward less efficient methods, citing Gillespie County's experience with inaccuracies, high costs, and delayed results. Ms. Holland concluded by opposing the estimated \$2.4 million expenditure for new equipment as fiscally irresponsible and unnecessary. (Time 2:35 p.m.)

Jeremy Sutka, presiding Alternate Judge in County Election Precinct 10, stated there was no factual evidence that the current voting system failed voters or miscounted ballots. He noted that the Executive Order concerning barcode usage misunderstood that barcodes are simply a font displaying selections and are thoroughly checked during testing. Mr. Sutka emphasized that switching to hand-marked ballots would not increase voter participation but could suppress it. He argued the change primarily served a small activist group rather than the broader Collin County electorate, and questioned what specific evidence supported claims that machine-marked ballots had failed. Mr. Sutka highlighted potential negative impacts of the change, including longer lines deterring working families, increased spoiled ballots from seniors and disabled voters, reduced accessibility features, and more complex training requirements for election workers. Mr. Sutka praised Collin County's election department but urged the Commissioners not to approve funding or implementation of hand-marked ballots before any forced change, encouraging reconsideration to avoid undermining an effective and trusted voting process. (Time 2:38 p.m.)

Barbara Isaacs, Fairview, shared that she had been attending Commissioners Court meetings for over three years to raise concerns about election integrity. She directed those that are skeptical of such claims to review past court testimony and video recordings from Texas legislative election hearings where similar concerns were voiced. Ms. Isaacs expressed strong support for the Commissioners Court's consideration of hand-marked paper ballots stating that it is the only reliable way to ensure voter intent is accurately captured. She concluded by commending both President Trump and the Commissioners Court for addressing the issue and advocating for more secure election practices. (Time 2:40 p.m.)

Debbie Havranek, Allen, expressed appreciation for the Commissioners Court's decision to adopt hand-marked paper ballots and referenced the support of numerous election security experts. She noted that research has consistently shown hand-marked ballots to be the most secure and verifiable method of voting, allowing voters to directly confirm their selections. Ms. Havranek referenced expert testimony warning against the widespread use of electronic BMDs, emphasizing that such systems can introduce undetected errors and are more susceptible to software issues and potential interference. She further stated that studies have shown that a high percentage of voters fail to notice errors on machine-printed ballots, raising concerns about the reliability of electronic voting in close elections. Ms. Havranek concluded by supporting the Commissioners' decision to adopt hand-marked paper ballots. (Time 2:43 p.m.)

Shannon Ayres, Frisco, addressed concerns about the vote-counting process used by certain electronic voting machines, specifically those that encode selections as numerical coordinates rather than recording voter choices in plain language. She explained that while voters may see candidate names printed on their ballots, the system translates those choices into numerical codes, which are then interpreted by scanners using a digital lookup file. Ms. Ayres questioned the transparency and reliability of this process, pointing out that it introduces a layer of complexity and potential for error. She maintained that hand-marked paper ballots eliminate this translation step entirely, allowing voters to directly record their selections in a visible and verifiable manner. Ms. Ayres concluded by stating that hand-marked ballots offer a simpler, more transparent, and more trustworthy voting method, free from hidden codes and computerized interpretation. (Time 2:47 p.m.)

Debbie Linstrom, Texas Elections Director, thanked the Commissioners for their recent decision to move toward hand-marked paper ballots, praising their leadership and noting that other counties across Texas were beginning to follow their example. She referenced a recent webinar hosted by Christina Adkins, the Texas Director of Elections, which was published by the Secretary of State's Office. In that webinar, Ms. Adkins urged county officials to be proactive in response to a federal Executive Order directing the EAC (Election Assistance Commission) to issue new guidance and revise certification standards, particularly concerning BMDs that use barcodes or QR codes containing vote data. Ms. Lindstrom emphasized that these federal changes directly impact Collin County because it currently uses ES&S ExpressVote machines that rely on barcoded ballots. She explained that Texas law requires compliance with federal certification standards, meaning any changes at the federal level will likely affect the validity of voting systems used in the State. Further, she cautioned that ES&S has not yet applied for certification under the updated Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 standards, and the deadline is approaching quickly. Ms. Lindstrom recommended that the County include an escape clause in its contracts to protect taxpayers in the event that current equipment becomes noncompliant. Ms. Lindstrom concluded by reaffirming that although Collin County has a reputation for strong election administration, there is always room for improvement, and proactive steps like the ones already taken would help ensure continued excellence. (Time 2:50 p.m.)

Chuck Reynolds, thanked the Commissioners Court for their decision on June 9th to proceed with hand-marked paper ballots. He expressed appreciation for the Court acknowledging the risks of BMDs, including unverifiable barcodes and potential discrepancies between printed text and encoded data. Mr. Reynolds also thanked the Commissioners for listening to the large numbers of citizens who packed the courtroom in both August 2023 and August 2024 to voice their concerns, as well as for honoring resolutions passed by precinct chairs and senatorial district conventions in support of hand-marked voting. He emphasized that election law favors transparency for the voter and argued that touchscreen systems introduce layers of interpretation that undermine that principle. Mr. Reynolds concluded by commending the Commissioners for making a thoughtful, evidence-based decision. (Time 2:52 p.m.)

Avis Novak, McKinney, expressed her appreciation to the Judge and Commissioners for their proactive decision to implement BOD printers. She praised the leadership for demonstrating fiscal responsibility and forward-thinking governance by adopting technology that aligns with upcoming EAC guidelines, which will require voting systems to avoid storing votes within barcodes. Ms. Novak emphasized that adopting BOD printers is a more cost-effective alternative to purchasing new voting systems and helps protect counties from potential vendor price gouging. She commended the Commissioners for their strategic planning and responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds and asked the Court to continue its efforts to maintain compliant, secure, and efficient election infrastructure. (Time 2:55 p.m.)

Lee Moore, thanked the Judge and Commissioners for their June 9th vote to adopt hand-marked paper ballots for the upcoming November election and said that it was a bold move that establishes Collin County as a leader in election integrity. She acknowledged the years-long efforts by citizens advocating for more transparent and trustworthy elections and emphasized that hand-marked ballots eliminate the issues posed by BMDs, particularly the use of third-party software to convert voter selections into barcodes. Ms. Moore explained that barcodes are unverifiable by voters and make meaningful recounts impossible, whereas hand-marked ballots allow voters to see and confirm their choices directly. She highlighted that nearly everyone is familiar with bubbling in selections from school tests and other common forms, and maintained that hand-marked ballots are simpler, quicker, and more secure. Ms. Moore pointed out that while there is a small risk of voter marking errors, hand-marked paper ballots are widely considered the gold standard for election security. She concluded by again thanking the Commissioners for their leadership and responsiveness to public input. (Time 2:58 p.m.)

Shannon Waller, Celina, commended the recent decision to adopt hand-marked paper ballots describing it as a significant advancement for election transparency and accountability. She emphasized that hand-marked ballots provide a clear and complete audit trail. Ms. Waller noted that BMDs introduce a verification gap as voters cannot confirm whether machine-printed selections truly reflect their intent. She cited research from the University of Michigan that concluded when BMDs were programmed to print incorrect selections 93% of voters failed to detect the error even when instructed to double-check their ballots. She also referenced Professor Philip Stark of UC Berkeley who developed risk-limiting audits and has argued that such audits are only effective if the underlying paper trail is trustworthy. Ms. Waller concluded that hand-marked ballots eliminate ambiguity and software dependence creating a direct and verifiable connection from voter intent to final vote count. She thanked the Commissioners for providing Collin County with elections that are secure, auditable, and worthy of public trust. (Time 3:00 p.m.)

Susan Rentz, Plano, expressed concern about the Courts' decision to return to hand-marked paper ballots. She voiced disappointment that the County is reverting to older methods stating that this change could lead to long lines and voter frustration particularly among older voters. Ms. Rentz questioned the need for this shift in the absence of documented fraud or abuse in the current system. She asked the Commissioners to reconsider the decision, citing concerns about increased costs, inefficiency, and potential voter discouragement. (Time 3:02 p.m.)

K C McClain, Plano, expressed concern that the recent decision to switch to hand-marked paper ballots represents a step backward rather than an improvement in the voting process. He noted that voters, especially younger ones, are comfortable with current technology and may view a return to pen and paper voting as outdated or frustrating. Mr. McClain stated that this change could lead to longer wait times, increased voter frustration, and a rise in undervoted or abandoned ballots. He acknowledged the dedication and capability of the County's election staff but questioned the need for the change, pointing out the lack of documented issues with the current system. He concluded by warning that the shift could result in unnecessary costs, training demands, and potentially suppressed voter participation. (Time 3:05 p.m.)

Maury Marcus, Plano, expressed his support for retaining the County's current voting system. He praised the Elections Department and its leadership for their consistent professionalism and effectiveness. Mr. Marcus described the current system as the most accurate and efficient one used to date, noting its ability to deliver timely results on election night. He emphasized that while no system can entirely eliminate human error, switching to hand-marked paper ballots could introduce new issues. Mr. Marcus asked the Commissioners to preserve the system that has been proven to work well for Collin County voters. (Time 3:07 p.m.)

Woody Huffines, Dallas, expressed his support for the County's move to hand-marked paper ballots. He emphasized that based on his experience, no computer system can be guaranteed to be completely secure regardless of how well it is designed. Mr. Huffines also noted that the lack of visible evidence of problems does not necessarily mean issues do not exist and pointed out that risks may go undetected without thorough auditing. Mr. Huffines challenged the notion that voters would have difficulty with hand-marked ballots, pointing out that individuals routinely manage more complex tasks such as completing tax forms or medical paperwork and are fully capable of marking a paper ballot. (Time 3:10 p.m.)

1. Consent Agenda Items: Judge Hill asked for comments on the consent agenda. Commissioner Hale pulled 1k4 for comment. Judge Hill pulled 1e1, 1e2, 1e3, 1e4, 1g6 and 1k1. With no additional comments, a motion was made to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. (Time: 1:32 p.m.)

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

Vote: 5-0 Passed

a. AI-58182 Disbursements for the period ending June 17, 2025, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-593-06-23

b. AI-58183 Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-594-06-23

c. AI-58188 CPS Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-595-06-23

d. AI-58187 Tax refunds totaling \$1,723,000.19, Tax Assessor-Collector.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-596-06-23

e. Award(s):

1. <u>AI-58229</u> Barcode Scanners for Elections Ballot on Demand (BOD) (Coop Quote No. 2025-279) to SHI Government Solutions, Inc. through DIR Contract No. DIR-CPO-5096, Elections.

Kaleb Breaux, Elections Administrator, presented a comprehensive plan on the County's transition to a BOD voting system, prompted by the recent Executive Order banning barcodes on ballots. He reviewed the Agenda Items needed to support the transition including the purchase of laserjet printers, laptops, consumables, printer carts, privacy booths, and barcode scanners for automating document printing. Additionally, an amendment to the County's current hardware maintenance agreement would reduce the number of BMDs, while retaining one per polling location to comply with ADA laws.

Mr. Breaux explained that after consulting with the Secretary of State's office and studying Denton County's successful implementation of hand-marked paper ballots, his team developed a detailed plan to meet the new requirements in time for the November 2025 Constitutional Amendment election. Mr. Breaux stressed the urgency of a 60–90 day procurement window to receive and deploy the equipment. He noted that staff had already begun coordinating internally to accelerate training and voter education efforts.

Mr. Breaux emphasized that all components were necessary for a smooth transition and reiterated the time sensitivity due to manufacturing and delivery schedules. He also noted efforts to update election worker training materials, forms, and procedures to reflect the new system, and stated that public outreach and education campaigns were already being developed to prepare voters.

Judge Hill asked Mr. Breaux if he had high confidence that he and the Elections staff could complete the implementation to hand-marked paper ballots with excellence for the citizens of Collin County. Mr. Breaux assured the Court that as long as the equipment arrives on schedule the department is fully capable of carrying out the election with excellence. Mr. Breaux also confirmed that for ADA purposes a HAVA compliant device would be available for any citizen that requested it at the polling location.

Commissioner Fletcher raised concerns about overvoting or voters making mistakes on their ballots. Mr. Breaux confirmed that the system in place would catch these issues at the scanner, and voters would be able to correct mistakes by requesting a new ballot, including up to three times without being disenfranchised. Commissioner Fletcher also asked about the impact the new equipment would have on lines and wait times. Mr. Breaux agreed that wait times are a concern but that unlike the ballot marking machines that require power, the new privacy booths are compact, require a smaller footprint, and do not need to be plugged in which should help reduce congestion and long lines.

Commissioner Williams commented that it is unlikely the EAC would be certified across the country but that if they appear to be moving in that direction there is a limited number of products available. She asked Mr. Breaux to explain what would happen if the County decides to wait too long. Mr. Breaux warned that waiting too long to act could put the County at risk of not having the equipment in time and that Collin County was proactive and moved early to secure the equipment they need. He also emphasized that the timing is appropriate as he would not want to implement a new system during a primary election.

Commissioner Hale asked Mr. Breaux to clarify why the County's current machines cannot be used. Mr. Breaux explained that the current BMDs rely on barcodes for tabulation which no longer aligns with the requirements set forth in President Trump's Executive Order. The County's tabulators are designed to read hand-filled bubbles on a grid which is a critical factor for compliance moving forward.

Commissioner Webb asked Mr. Breaux if he felt the County was heading in the right direction and can confirm whether the County had ever had any issues with the current BMDs. Mr. Breaux said that based on the Secretary of State's guidance he felt Collin County was moving in the recommended direction and emphasized that, based on his experience since 2020, the County's elections have been secure and trustworthy with no major issues reported even during recounts. (Time 3:39 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-597-06-23

2. <u>AI-58226</u> Laptops and Printers for Ballot on Demand (BOD) (Coop. Quote No. 2025-281) to Election Systems and Software through BuyBoard Contract No. 710-23, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute agreement for same, Elections.

This item was discussed and voted on under agenda item 1e1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-598-06-23

3. <u>AI-58228</u> Toner and Drum Units for Elections Ballot on Demand (BOD) (Coop Quote No. 2025-278) to ODP Business Solutions, LLC through Omni a. Contract No. 19-12R, Elections.

This item was discussed and voted on under agenda item 1e1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-599-06-23

4. <u>AI-58227</u> Voting Booths and Printer Carts for Elections Ballot on Demand (BOD) (Coop Quote No. 2025-280) to Election Works, Inc. through BuyBoard Contract No. 710-23, Elections.

This item was discussed and voted on under agenda item 1e1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-600-06-23

5. <u>AI-58175</u> Professional Services, Engineering Consulting Services to the Northeast Freeway, from SH 121 to the future US 380 Freeway (RFQ No. 2024-369A) to LJA Engineering, Inc., and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute Engineering Services Agreement for same; budget adjustment in the amount of \$3,565,924, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-601-06-23

6. <u>AI-58223</u> Escalator Repairs at Courthouse (Coop Quote No. 2025-276) to Schindler Elevator Corporation through Sourcewell Contract No. 080420-SCH, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute the order agreement for same, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-602-06-23

7. <u>AI-58159</u> Elevator and Escalator Vertical Transportation Consulting (RFQ No. 2025-137), and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute Professional Service Agreement for same, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-603-06-23

8. <u>AI-58112</u> Law Enforcement Uniforms (Coop. Contract 2025-252) to Galls, LLC through BuyBoard Coop. Contract No. 773-25, Sheriff.

# COURT ORDER NO. 2025-604-06-23

9. AI-58205 Detergents and Dispensers for Laundry (IFB No. 2025-017) to various vendors, Sheriff.

#### COURT ORDER NO. 2025-605-06-23

# f. Agreement(s):

1. <u>AI-58215</u> Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (Contract No. 2025-277) with Collin County MUD No. 1 to extend traffic regulations on Light Farms Way, Engineering.

# COURT ORDER NO. 2025-606-06-23

2. <u>AI-58186</u> Tax Collection Services Agreement between the Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector and Chambers Grove Municipal Utility District No. 1, Tax Assessor-Collector.

#### COURT ORDER NO. 2025-607-06-23

# g. Amendment(s):

1. <u>AI-58158</u> No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement for the Veterans Court (Contract No. 2024-415) with Scott Shoemaker to extend the contract through and including July 31, 2025, update the payment schedule and terms of agreement, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

#### COURT ORDER NO. 2025-608-06-23

2. <u>AI-58154</u> No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement for the VALOR Program (Contract No. 2024-414) with Julian Thomas to extend the contract through and including July 31, 2025, update the payment schedule and terms of agreement, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

# COURT ORDER NO. 2025-609-06-23

3. AI-58156 No. 4 to Personal Services Agreement for the Veterans Court (Contract No. 2024-209) with William Brownfield to extend the contract through and including July 31, 2025, update the payment schedule and terms of agreement, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

## COURT ORDER NO. 2025-610-06-23

4. <u>AI-58152</u> No. 5 to Personal Services Agreement for the VALOR Program (Contract No. 2023-101) with Amanda Garcia to extend the contract through and including July 31, 2025, update the payment schedule and terms of agreement, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

#### COURT ORDER NO. 2025-611-06-23

5. <u>AI-58138</u> No. 5 to Personal Services Agreement for the Veterans Court (Contract No. 2023-121) with Amanda Garcia to extend the contract through and including July 31, 2025, update the payment schedule and terms of agreement, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, 296th District Court.

#### COURT ORDER NO. 2025-612-06-23

6. <u>AI-57755</u> No. 10 to Election Voting System & Services (Contract No. 2018-241) with Election Systems & Software, LLC to provide various changes to the contract and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Elections.

This item was discussed and voted on under agenda item 1e1.

# COURT ORDER NO. 2025-613-06-23

# h. Contract Renewal(s):

1. <u>AI-58113</u> Website/Content Management System (Contract No. 2023-294) with SHI Government Solutions to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including June 23, 2026, Information Technology.

## COURT ORDER NO. 2025-614-06-23

2. AI-58184 WEX Fuels Cards (Contract No. 2021-313) with WEX Bank through Sourcewell Coop. Contract No. 080620-WE to extend the contract through and including September 7, 2025, Public Works.

#### COURT ORDER NO. 2025-615-06-23

3. <u>AI-58185</u> Online Auctioneering Services (RFP No. 2024-195B) with Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. to extend the contract through and including August 31, 2026, Purchasing.

#### COURT ORDER NO. 2025-616-06-23

- i. Budget adjustment(s)/amendment(s):
- 1. AI-58222 \$4,000,000 to fund expenditures for Road and Bridge projects, Public Works.

# COURT ORDER NO. 2025-617-06-23

j. Receive and File, Auditor:	
1. AI-58216 Monthly Financial Reports for April 2025.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-618-06-23
2. Compliance Audit (2nd Quarter FY2025):	
a. <u>AI-58189</u> Animal Services.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-619-06-23
b. AI-58190 Constable, Precinct 1.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-620-06-23
c. <u>AI-58191</u> Constable, Precinct 2.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-621-06-23
d. AI-58192 Constable, Precinct 3.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-622-06-23
e. AI-58193 Constable, Precinct 4.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-623-06-23
f. AI-58194 County Clerk.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-624-06-23
g. <u>AI-58195</u> CSCD.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-625-06-23
h. <u>AI-58196</u> District Attorney.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-626-06-23
i. AI-58197 District Clerk.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-627-06-23
j. <u>AI-58198</u> Elections.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-628-06-23
k. AI-58199 Fire Marshal.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-629-06-23

l. AI-58200 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-630-06-23
m. AI-58201 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-631-06-23
n. AI-58202 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-632-06-23
o. AI-58203 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-633-06-23
p. AI-58204 Juvenile Probation.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-634-06-23
q. AI-58207 Law Library.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-635-06-23
r. <u>AI-58208</u> Medical Examiner.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-636-06-23
s. AI-58209 Myers Park.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-637-06-23
t. AI-58210 Public Works.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-638-06-23
u. <u>AI-58211</u> Sheriff.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-639-06-23
v. <u>AI-58212</u> Tax Assessor-Collector.	COURT ORDER NO. 2025-640-06-23

#### k. Miscellaneous:

1. <u>AI-58239</u> Grant application for the FY2025 HAVA Election Security Grant through the Texas Secretary of State, Elections.

This item was discussed and voted on under agenda item 1e1.

COURT ORDER NO. 2025-641-06-23

2. <u>AI-58218</u> Grant application for the FY2026-2027 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act through the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services, Sheriff.

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3. AI-58235 Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

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4. AI-58236 Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated Inger Meyer and Oleta Porter for receiving promotions. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the agenda item. (Time 1:33 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0 Passed

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#### 2. General Discussion Items:

Presentation, discussion and any action regarding:

a. <u>AI-58206</u> Public Hearing - Rescind the re-plat of Park Meadows Lot 5, Cruz Addition (Court Order 2024-367-04-01) and re-plat of Park Meadows Lot 5, Engineering.

Clarence Daugherty, Director of Engineering, requested the Court's approval on the rescission and re-plat of Park Meadows Lot 5, Cruz Addition. He stated that the re-plat request was prompted by a change in the owner's development plans requiring a reassessment of the existing plat that had not yet been recorded. Mr. Daugherty confirmed the request met all requirements.

Judge Hill opened the Public Hearing at 1:34 p.m. and asked for comments.

Sonesh Chainani, Vice President Nevada Farms LLC, expressed his opposition to the requested re-plat.

He expressed concerns that the subdivision was originally designed for larger 10-acre lots with road

maintenance agreements in place, which have not been honored by the new owner. He worried that

further subdividing the property would degrade road quality, increase maintenance burdens, and devalue

surrounding properties. He clarified that he was not the current owner of the specific lot in question but

maintained other properties nearby.

Commissioner Williams stated that she does not object to not taking action on the re-plat request but it

may still result in being approved. Judge Hill clarified that based on rule of law it would be approved automatically if the Court does not take a legal step to deny it within the designated timetable.

Commissioner Hale confirmed that the next Commissioners Court meeting is not until July 14th which

would be after the clock ran out.

Commissioner Webb commented that the developer should have put in deed restrictions to prevent

subdividing. Commissioner Williams asked if there were any technical reasons to deny the plat. Mr.

Daugherty confirmed that the plat met all technical subdivision requirements but noted that certain

conditions still needed to be met, such as correcting a power line easement incorrectly labeled as a lot.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to rescind the re-plat of Lot 5 of Park Meadows, Cruz Addition

(Court Order 2024-367-04-01) and accept the re-plat of Lot 5 of Park Meadows with the condition that

the developer make the necessary technical edits. (Time: 1:56 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 5-0 Passed

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b. AI-57935 Move Magistrate Court Clerks to District Clerk Department, pursuant to Texas Local

Government Code 54.2210, District Clerk.

**HELD** 

# c. AI-58225 Overview of May 3, 2025 and June 7, 2025 Joint Elections, Elections.

Kaleb Breaux, Elections Administrator, presented an overview of the May 3, 2025 and June 7, 2025 joint elections. He expressed gratitude to the staff and departments that supported the process. The May 3rd Joint Election involved 33 jurisdictions, including Collin College, making it a countywide election with 84 ballot variations and 59 polling locations. Of the 740,482 registered voters, 81,312 cast ballots, which was a turnout of 10.98%. Mr. Breaux highlighted that early voting accounted for 65.7% of the vote, Election Day voting for 33%, and mail-in ballots for 1.3%. The election led to four jurisdictions requiring runoffs. The runoff election was held on June 7th, involving four ballot styles across 15 polling locations and 222,057 eligible voters. A total of 29,398 ballots were cast, resulting in a 13.24% turnout. Most voters cast ballots during early voting at 72.7%, 25.7% voting on Election Day, and 1.5% by mail. Mr. Breaux praised his staff, particularly Cheryl Gorena, Deputy Elections Administrator, and acknowledged Purchasing, Audit, Budget, IT, and Administrative Services, for their critical support. He also noted that the June runoff was the final election using BMDs before the County transitions to BOD. (Time 3:46 p.m.)

**NO ACTION** 

# d. AI-58257 Conference of Urban Counties Update, Commissioner, Precinct 1.

Commissioner Fletcher provided an update on the CUC (Conference of Urban Counties) legislative tracking and those key bills affecting counties. She noted that the Governor's veto period had ended and that CUC tracked over 5,200 of the 9,014 bills filed during the session, focusing on those with potential impacts on County governments. Commissioner Fletcher highlighted House Bill 21 which attempted to restrict housing finance corporations from operating outside their own counties. She noted that while this was a concern for some regions, it was not yet an issue in Collin County. Additionally, Commissioner Fletcher shared that House Bill 103 passed which mandates counties to submit 10 years of bond data for a new public transparency database by September 2, 2025, creating a significant administrative burden. Further she noted Senate Bill 1023 introduces new hyperlink requirements for reporting and House Bill 4466 allows counties to obtain birth certificates at no cost for children in CPS care, easing logistical and financial burdens for those departments. Last, Commissioner Fletcher said that Senate Bill 1523 was flagged as especially important for the Elections Office, as it changes early voting procedures. Once the Secretary of State confirms feasibility, early voting could begin just 91 days later and be immediately followed by Election Day, creating a tight administrative timeline. Additionally, early voting and Election Day polling locations must now be the same, which may reduce the number of available sites, particularly at churches that are active on Sundays. Commissioner Fletcher concluded by noting that a special legislative session is expected between July 15 and August 1, likely without redistricting, and updates will be provided as the Governor's priorities become clearer. (Time 3:51 p.m.)

NO ACTION

3. Executive Session Items:

Judge Hill recessed Commissioners Court into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m. in accordance with Chapter

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

Legal (551.071)

Judge Hill reconvened the meeting at 4:31 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

AI-58231 Settlement of sale of land to TxDOT, Engineering.

Commissioner Webb made a motion that Collin County Commissioners Court authorize the proposed

settlement of Cause #004-02919-2024 to allow for the conveyance of property owned by the County to the

State of Texas. (Time 4:31 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Second by: Commissioner Cheryl Williams

Vote: 5-0 Passed

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Real Estate (551.072)

AI-57443 Consideration of repairs, sale, and lease of the Collin County Adventure Camp,

Administrative Services.

NO ACTION

Public Comments not related to an item on the Agenda.

William Peters & Aiden Wei, Plano West Senior High School students, spoke on behalf of their school

organization, Politics for Teens, which aims to increase political awareness and civic engagement among

young people. They noted that many of their peers lack interest in local government and expressed their

goal of changing that as they both approach voting age. The group hosts nonpartisan educational meetings

on political issues, encourages debate to foster critical thinking, and has collaborated with local and state

representatives. Mr. Peters and Mr. Wei emphasized the importance of local involvement, citing low voter

turnout in recent city elections, and invited the Commissioners to engage directly with students through

future school events. (Time 3:55 p.m.)

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 4:31 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