State of Texas

Court Order

Collin County

Commissioners Court

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An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the July 21, 2025 minutes.

On Monday, July 21, 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:

Commissioner Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1 Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2 Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent:

Judge Chris Hill Commissioner Darrell Hale, Precinct 3

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA TO THE NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Collin County Commissioners Court will address the additional matter(s) of business as follows during the REGULAR SESSION. Following is the agenda for said meeting:

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

- 1. Consent Agenda Items:
- i. Miscellaneous:
- 5. AI-58349 Budget adjustment in the amount of \$110,000 for jail operations overtime, Sherriff.

Commissioner Webb raised concerns about an \$110,000 budget adjustment to cover overtime in the Sheriff's Office, noting that the funds were sourced from unused portions of the Sheriff's existing budget. He stressed that there were no remaining internal funds within the Sheriff's budget to cover future overtime for the fiscal year and warned that if necessary, cuts would be made to other departments to fund the Sheriff's overtime. He asked the County Administrator for a plan to identify non-core functions within the Sheriff's budget that could be reduced in the next fiscal year to increase overtime funding.

Yoon Kim, County Administrator, confirmed that the current adjustment was for the pay period ending July 20, 2025 and that, while past overtime had been covered using salary savings within the Sheriff's Office, this time funds had to be pulled from the Pre-Trial Release budget, allowable under the Texas Local Government Code §111.041. He stated the Court would be presented options to use funds from other departments if future internal savings could not be found. Mr. Kim added that future budget planning could include evaluating non-core programs to redirect funds toward overtime needs.

Commissioner Fletcher confirmed that the \$110,000 came from the Pre-Trial Release budget, which would soon transfer to the District Clerk's office. She questioned Sheriff Skinner about the use of 55 newly funded positions, pointing out that despite their hiring, overtime was still being used extensively. Commissioner Williams highlighted that the Sheriff had never agreed on or conceded that the Court had the correct Relief Factor. Sheriff Skinner stood by his budget practices, stating that he had consistently relied on salary savings to offset low overtime allocations. He emphasized his statutory responsibilities and explained that some positions were redirected to cover new state-mandated duties, such as gang intelligence tracking under the TexGang initiative.

Commissioner Fletcher questioned the lack of formal budget requests for these duties, insisting that funding must be requested explicitly in the budget process. Sheriff Skinner responded that he had submitted such requests, but some were denied. Johnny Jaquess, Assistant Chief Deputy, further explained that while new positions were filled, many were still in training and could not yet be deployed to relieve overtime demands. He emphasized that the jail runs lean and all staff have critical functions, including positions not funded in the budget but necessary for operations, such as officers in the kitchen or handling inmates with mental health needs. Commissioner Williams asked about the jail's ability to operate a disciplinary or special housing unit (SHU). Chief Jaquess stated the SHU was being used as a mental health pod due to rising numbers of inmates with serious mental illness, delaying disciplinary action for others.

Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Fletcher continued to express frustration about ongoing overtime despite increased staffing, questioning whether the Sheriff's Office was managing its resources efficiently. Commissioner Webb warned the Court that due to state-imposed budget caps, future growth in the Sheriff's budget would force cuts in other departments. Commissioner Fletcher reiterated that the County cannot exceed its budget or use the fund balance to patch ongoing shortfalls and asked the Sheriff to provide a list of budget items he had requested but did not receive.

Sheriff Skinner closed by acknowledging the fiscal constraints faced by the Court and reaffirmed his commitment to public safety and his statutory duties, noting that the increasing population and rising inmate numbers require adequate resources. He thanked the Court for their past support but insisted that all functions in his department were essential. (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

Motioned by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 3-0 Passed

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