

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2026-337-03-23
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the February 24, 2026 Special Session minutes.

On Tuesday, February 24, 2026 the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in Special Session in the Center Hallway, First Level, of the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building, 2100 Bloomdale Road, City of McKinney, Texas, with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

Commissioner Susan Fletcher, Precinct 1
 Commissioner Darrell Hale, Precinct 3
 Commissioner Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent:
 Judge Chris Hill
 Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

Senator Angela Paxton welcomed attendees to the commemorative event marking the 190th anniversary of the Alamo Letter, written by William B. Travis. She recognized and welcomed elected officials, candidates, and special guests in attendance and noted the significance of the anniversary date. She recognized Senator Bob Hall and Senator Brent Hagenbuch; State Representatives Katrina Pierson, Shelly Luther, Chris Richardson, Matt Shaheen, and Keresa Richardson; District Attorney Greg Willis; Judge Jennifer Edgeworth; Darla Wright on behalf of Judge David Ripple; District Clerk Mike Gould; County Clerk Stacey Kemp; Commissioners Susan Fletcher, Commissioner Darrell Hale, and Commissioner Duncan Webb; County Administrator Yoon Kim; members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas; members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas; members of the Blue Star Mothers of America; and U.S. Air Force veteran Colin Kimball.

Senator Bob Hall expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the dedication and noted his involvement with the project from its inception. He recognized Bill McNutt, Chairman of the Alamo Letter Society, for his leadership and acknowledged Sloan McNutt for originating the idea to place the “Victory or Death” letter in Texas courthouses.

Sloan McNutt, Alamo Letter Society Originator, stated the idea for placing the “Victory or Death” letter in courthouses across Texas began during her visit to the Alamo in January 2023. She explained that she wanted students to have greater access to this important part of Texas history. Ms. McNutt spoke about the historical significance of the letter. She shared her personal heritage, noting her family’s Texan and

Mexican ancestry. She emphasized the importance of teaching accurate Texas history and expressed gratitude for the dedication event in Collin County.

Bill McNutt, Alamo Letter Society Co-Founder, stated the Society's mission was to educate Texans about their forefathers' struggle through Colonel Travis's 220-word letter. He noted Collin County as one of the first courthouses to host the plaque and credited his daughter, Sloane McNutt, for the idea. Mr. McNutt highlighted the lasting legacy of the Alamo defenders and the importance of preserving Texas history.

Senator Angela Paxton stated the dedication honored the 190th anniversary of William B. Travis's victory or death letter and provided a permanent memorial in Collin County. She reflected on the events of the Texas Revolution, including the Battle of Gonzales, the siege and fall of the Alamo, the Texas Declaration of Independence, and the Goliad Massacre. She noted that even actions appearing futile can inspire future generations, citing Travis's letter as an example. She emphasized the importance of remembering history to guide present and future Texans, emphasizing courage, conviction, and the Alamo spirit. Senator Paxton stated that the memorial would serve as a lasting symbol of sacrifice, determination, and liberty for future generations.

Commissioner Hale called to order the Special Session of the Collin County Commissioners Court at 11:12 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

Public comments related to an item on the Agenda.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

a. AI-59602 Accept the donation of an Alamo Letter Plaque gifted by Senator Angela Paxton, Commissioners Court.

A motion was made to approve acceptance of a plaque donation to the County. (Time: 11:13 a.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Duncan Webb

Vote: 3-0

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With no further comments, Commissioner Hale adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Senator Brent Hagenbuch stated it was an honor to participate in the dedication and recognized Mr. Errol Flannery, fourth great-grandson of Davy Crockett, for his work preserving Texas history. He noted Mr.

Flannery's involvement with the Crockett Family Organization, the David Crockett chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and other historical organizations. Senator Hagenbuch highlighted Mr. Flannery's efforts in bringing history to life at events, including the Alamo Letter Society plaque dedications across Texas.

Errol Flannery, 4th Great Grandson of David (Davy) Crockett read Colonel William B. Travis's "Victory or Death Letter".

"Commandancy of The Alamo

Bexar, February 24th 1836

To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World

Fellow Citizens and compatriots

I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna- I have sustained a continual Bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man- The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken - I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls- I shall never surrender or retreat then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch - The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country - Victory or Death.

William Barret Travis.

Lt. Col. Comdt.

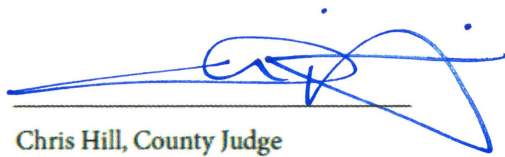
P. S. The Lord is on our side - When the enemy appeared in sight we had not three bushels of corn - We have since found in deserted houses 80 or 90 bushels and got into the walls 20 or 30 head of Beeves.

Travis"

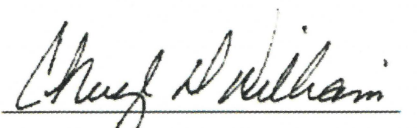
Bill McNutt, Alamo Letter Society Co-Founder, stated that Albert Martin, the Alamo rider, bravely carried Colonel Travis's letter and recruited 32 Patriots to fight at the Alamo. He presented the Captain Albert Martin Award to Senator Angela Paxton for her dedication and service in the Texas spirit.

Dianne Martin, President of the Collin McKinney Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, stated that her organization preserves and educates about Texas history and represents descendants of early Texans and Alamo participants. She expressed honor in participating in the dedication.

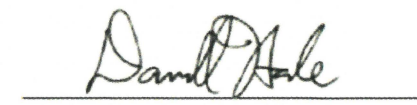
Senator Angela Paxton thanked the Collin County Commissioners, the Alamo Letter Society, courthouse staff, and her own team for making the event possible. She led attendees in a closing remembrance, encouraging all to say together: "Remember the Alamo."

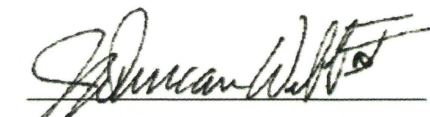

Chris Hill, County Judge

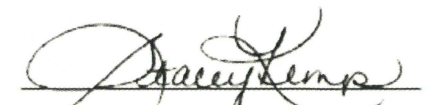

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ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk