

State of Texas	§	Court Order
Collin County	§	2026-xxx-09-28
Commissioners Court	§	

An order of the Commissioners Court approving the filing of the August 31, 2026 minutes.

On Monday, August 31, 2026, 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

Commissioner Fletcher led the Invocation.
Judge Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioner Hale 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 was recessed into Executive Session at 1:59 p.m. and reconvened at 2:26 p.m. Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Judge Hill called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 2:27 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

DECISIONS MANDATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT AUTHORITY:

1. AI-60713 Amendment No. 6 to CSCD, Offender Specimen Collection and Drug Testing Services (Agreement No. 2022-290) with Recovery Monitoring Solutions to extend the agreement for 90 days, CSCD.

FYI NOTIFICATION:

1. **AI-60707** Intra-County transfers transmitted on August 14, 2026, Auditor.
2. **AI-60637** Change Order No. 32 to Healthcare, Medical Examiner and Parking Garage Facilities (CSP No. 2024-018) with Christman Company to provide various changes to the contract, Construction Projects.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BUSINESS:

1. **Consent Agenda Items:** Judge Hill asked for comments or discussion on the consent agenda, pulled 1i6 for discussion and held item 1i9 per staff request. Commissioner Hale pulled 1i11 for comment. Hearing no others, a motion was made to approve the remainder. (Time: 1:32 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Second by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Vote: 3-0 Passed

- a. **AI-60721** Disbursements for the period ending August 20, 2026, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-931-08-31

- b. **AI-60722** Indigent Defense Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-932-08-31

- c. **AI-60712** CPS Disbursements, Auditor.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-933-08-31

d. Advertisement(s):

1. **AI-60697** Computers, Peripherals, and Accessories (IFB No. 2026-390), Information Technology.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-934-08-31

e. Agreement(s):

1. **AI-60703** Personal Services Agreement with Amanda Martinez (Contract No. 2026-429) for Case Manager for Veterans Court, 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 same, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-935-08-31

2. **AI-60708** Personal Services Agreement with Toni Robinson (Contract No. 2026-427) for VALOR Clinician, 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 same, 296th District Court.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-936-08-31

3. **AI-60684** Interlocal Cooperation Contract (Contract No. 2026-426) between Collin County Sheriff's Office and the Collin County Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the VALOR program, Adult Probation.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-937-08-31

4. **AI-60687** Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services (Contract No. 2026-414) with the East Collin Municipal Utility District No. 1, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-938-08-31

5. **AI-60689** Interlocal Agreement for the Use of the Collin County Animal Shelter (Contract No. 2026-415) with the East Collin Municipal Utility District No. 1, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-939-08-31

6. **AI-60700** Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services (Contract No. 2026-421) with the City of Weston, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-940-08-31

7. **AI-60686** Public Safety Training Center, Law Enforcement Rental Agreement (Contract No. 2026-396) through the Collin County Community College District, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Purchasing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-941-08-31

8. **Interlocal Agreement for AD Valorem Tax Collection Services, Tax Assessor-Collector.**

a. **AI-60658** Ariana Public Improvement District of Collin County.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-942-08-31

b. **AI-60657** Celina 241 Public Improvement District of Collin County.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-943-08-31

c. **AI-60675** Legacy Celina Public Improvement District.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-944-08-31

d. **AI-60711** Town of Prosper.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-945-08-31

f. **Amendment(s):**

1. **AI-60690** No. 7 to Insurance, Property (Contract No. 2019-389) with Texas Association of Counties, Risk Management Pool to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2027, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-946-08-31

2. **AI-60701** No. 21 to Interlocal Agreement, Animal Control Services (Contract No. 10111-09) with the City of Melissa to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2027, and further authorize the Purchasing Agent to finalize and execute same, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-947-08-31

g. **Contract Renewal(s):**

1. **AI-60670** Pool Inspection Services (Contract No. 2025-306) with Jose Arellano to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2027, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-948-08-31

2. **AI-60679** Elevator/Escalator Preventative Maintenance & Repairs (Contract No. 2025-398) through Omnia Partners Coop. Contract No. EV2516 with KONE Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2027, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-949-08-31

3. **AI-60727** Building Automation Controls Integrator Services (Contract No. 2025-198) with Quantum Building Solutions, Inc. to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 8, 2027, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-950-08-31

4. **AI-60685** Uniform Jeans (IFB No. 2024-235) with Cavender Stores, LP to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including October 20, 2027, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-951-08-31

5. **AI-60671** Fuels (Contract No. 2023-262) with Petroleum Traders Corporation to extend the contract for one (1) year through and including September 30, 2027, Public Works.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-952-08-31

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

1. **AI-60720** \$989.82 for Education and Conference expenses, Commissioner Precinct 3.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-953-08-31

2. **AI-60705** \$2,000 for Education and Conference expenses, Development Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-954-08-31

3. **AI-60680** \$4,017,898 to budget revenues received from the sale of land to TxDOT, Engineering.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-955-08-31

4. **AI-60706** \$100,000 to upgrade Case Management Software from VertiQ to MOON, Medical Examiner.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-956-08-31

5. **AI-60691** \$10,000 to repair a vehicle purchased with forfeiture funds, Sheriff.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-957-08-31

i. Miscellaneous:

1. **AI-60729** Re-appointment of Jason Browning as the County Fire Marshal for a two (2) year term, Administrative Services.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-958-08-31

2. **AI-60692** Acceptance of the Texas Veterans Commission grant for the Collin County Veterans Mental Health Program-VALOR, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-959-08-31

3. **AI-60694** Acceptance of the Texas Veterans Commission grant for the Collin County General Assistance Program, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-960-08-31

4. **AI-60695** Acceptance of the Texas Veterans Commission grant for the Collin County Veteran Treatment Court Program, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-961-08-31

5. **AI-60693** Acceptance of the Texas Veterans Commission grant for Collin County Misdemeanor Veteran Treatment Court, Budget.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-962-08-31

6. **AI-60730** Boards & Commissions Appointments, Commissioners Court.

Judge Hill stated that the proposed court order recommended Kathy Morgan for appointment to the Historical Commission and needed to be amended. He proposed that Kathy Morgan should instead be appointed by Judge Hill and explained that Commissioner Fletcher did not have the vacancy. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item. (Time 1:32 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 3-0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-963-08-31

7. **AI-60633** Utilization of the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building for the Collin County Bar Association's Mock Trial Competition on Friday, February 26, 2027 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 27, 2027 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and waive fee requirements, Facilities.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-964-08-31

8. **AI-60696** Redesignation of County Road 286 (section north of County Road 284) as S. Standridge Blvd., GIS/Rural Addressing.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-965-08-31

9. **AI-60710** Termination of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Nevada
(Approved on Court Order No. 2026-454-04-20) for the reconstruction of Eugene Lane, Public Works.

HELD

10. **AI-60717** Personnel Appointments, Human Resources.

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-966-08-31

11. **AI-60718** Personnel Changes, Human Resources.

Commissioner Hale congratulated Anthony D'amore, Braxton Terrazas, Logan Goodwin, Mandy Griffin, Ryan Paulson, Todd Caster and Yasmine Yash for receiving promotions. With no further comments, a motion was made to approve the item as presented. (Time: 1:33 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 3-0 Passed

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-967-08-31

2. General Discussion Items:

Presentation, discussion and any action regarding:

- a. **AI-60749 Public Hearing** - for the creation of a Public Improvement District within Collin County, Administrative Services.

Judge Hill stated that two members of the Court were absent and that he needed to abstain from the item so that the Court did not have a quorum. He advised that the items would be held until the next meeting.

Russell Schaffner, Deputy County Administrator, announced that the public hearing for the creation of the Cobble Creek Public Improvement District is rescheduled for September 14, 2026, here in the Commissioners Courtroom, 2300 Bloomdale Road, McKinney, Texas, at 1:30 p.m. The agenda item related to the creation of the Cobble Creek Public Improvement District will also be held at the same time and location. (Time 1:34 p.m.)

HELD

- b. **AI-60748** Resolution authorizing and creating a Public Improvement District in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code providing for related matters; and providing an effective date, Administrative Services.

This item was discussed under AI-60749.

HELD

- c. **AI-60725** Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, Administrative Services.

Judge Hill noted that the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Tax Rate would result in a 5th consecutive year of tax increases and would represent the first tax rate increase in 33 years. He explained that property taxes were affected by both property values and the tax rate, noting that prior increases in property values had not been fully offset by corresponding rate reductions. Judge Hill expressed support for changing course and stated that directing each department to identify 2.76% in savings would provide flexibility to forego a new position, compensation increases, or other expenditures. He noted that departments could work with the Court to identify savings and requested that the department's report their reductions by September 14, 2026, in advance of final budget adoption.

Commissioner Hale acknowledged the intent of the proposal and stated that he opposed higher taxes but recognized that government services were necessary to provide courts, public safety, tax administration, vehicle registration, and county records. He noted that Collin County had operated below population growth plus inflation for the past 10 years and stated that the proposed 2.76% reduction would continue that trend. Commissioner Hale stated that he could not support the reduction given the County's limited operating capacity and the efforts already made to identify savings during the budget process. He commended the Budget Department for providing detailed information for each account and line item and highlighted that additional reductions could affect the ability of public safety, clerks, and courts to maintain the expected level of efficiency and service.

Commissioner Fletcher agreed that Commissioner Hale raised valid points and stated that she supported reviewing the information and receiving feedback from department heads and elected officials. She stated that she was not prepared to commit to the reductions without the full Court present but supported hearing from the departments and evaluating the potential impacts.

A motion was made to direct all departments to reduce their budgets by 2.76% to avoid a tax increase and maintain the effective tax rate. (Time 1:40 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: None

Vote: Failed for lack of Second

Judge Hill requested that any Commissioner who received feedback from a department willing to reduce its budget to notify the Court before final budget adoption. He stated that the Court needed to lead on the issue and that simply asking departments to identify potential reductions did not constitute leadership. Judge Hill expressed concern with increasing taxes for a fifth consecutive year, including an increase in the tax rate in addition to increased property values. He addressed the Texas Public Policy Foundation report, stating that it used a selective time period and noted that data from 2013 through 2025 showed the County budget had grown faster than the combined rates of inflation and population growth.

Commissioner Hale stated that Judge Hill's chart and supporting information prompted him to further review the data. He explained that the State uses population growth plus inflation as a metric, but stated that it did not fully account for the cumulative effect of inflation on the cost of doing business over time. Commissioner Hale mentioned that when the cumulative inflationary impact was considered, the County remained below the combined rate of population growth and inflation.

Commissioner Fletcher clarified that she was seeking information from the departments regarding the potential impact of the proposed reductions, rather than asking them to voluntarily reduce their budgets. She stated that the September 14 deadline would allow departments time to review their budgets and provide feedback. Commissioner Fletcher noted that the County had the lowest tax rate in the State and explained that some counties appeared to have lower rates because their separate hospital district tax rates were not included in the Comptroller's comparison, whereas Collin County funded hospital services through its general budget. She stated that she supported the County's current approach to providing healthcare services and noted that continued population growth created increased demands for public services. Commissioner Fletcher stated that maintaining efficient public services was important and that building improvements, including a designated waiting area, were planned using bond funds. She mentioned that average residential property values had decreased from approximately \$605,000 the prior year to \$588,000 and noted that commercial property values had increased.

Commissioner Hale stated that the County's largest cost driver in recent years had been jail-related healthcare, which had increased from approximately \$8 million to \$24 million over the past 10 years. He noted that the 297% increase significantly exceeded population growth and inflation and stated that continued growth at that rate would place additional pressure on the County's budget and lead to future tax increases. Commissioner Hale expressed hope that the Sheriff and Health Records Director Candy Blair could identify the factors driving the increase and help reduce the cost in future years.

Judge Hill stated that he expected the County to rein in tax increases and expressed hope that the incoming Commissioners would avoid future consecutive tax increases. He noted that the County would soon ask voters to approve a bond election that could increase property taxes and stated that raising taxes in the same year could make passage of the proposed bonds more difficult. Judge Hill identified personnel costs as another significant County expense and discussed the County's compensation policy of targeting the 75th percentile of the market for employee compensation. He stated that this approach could result in continued salary increases as counties compete with one another for compensation levels and noted that targeting the 50th percentile could eventually establish greater equilibrium among counties.

Commissioner Fletcher explained that she was not prepared to support the proposed compensation policy change and expressed concern that reducing the target to the 50th percentile would negatively affect employee recruitment and retention. She noted that the County had experienced higher employee turnover when compensation was targeted at the 50th percentile and highlighted the County's investment in employee training and development. Commissioner Fletcher stated that retaining trained employees was particularly important in law enforcement and expressed concern that employees could leave for higher-paying agencies after receiving training through the County.

Commissioner Hale reported that County wage expenses had increased by approximately 89% over the past 10 years, while employee benefits, including health insurance and healthcare costs, had been the primary drivers of overall compensation growth. He explained that the County's 75th percentile compensation target was based on prior-year data and stated that the current compensation level may be closer to the median among comparable counties. Commissioner Hale suggested that Human Resources review the current compensation levels against comparable counties and emphasized the importance of recruiting and retaining experienced employees.

A motion was made to adopt a new compensation policy that aims for the 50th percentile rather than the 75th percentile. (Time 1:54 p.m.)

Motion by: Judge Chris Hill

Second by: None

Vote: Failed for lack of Second

NO ACTION

d. **AI-60445** 90th Legislative Agenda, Administrative Services.

HELD

Public Comments not related to an item on the Agenda.

Buddy Pilgrim of Parker addressed the Court regarding potential budget savings and a recent Texas Public Information Act request concerning the Huffines Donna Phillip Huffines RTG plat. He stated that the County retained outside counsel to respond to his request and expressed concern that the response was untimely and unnecessarily requested information that he could not reasonably know, including specific dates, times, and parties involved in communications. Pilgrim described the expenditure of County resources on the response as unnecessary and stated that similar issues had previously resulted in significant legal expenses for the City of Parker. He requested that the County consider the cost of responding to future public information requests as part of its budget considerations. (Time 1:58 p.m.)

3. Executive Session Items:

Judge Hill recessed Commissioners Court into Executive Session at 1:59 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, to discuss agenda items AI-60628 and AI-60678. Judge Hill reconvened the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Real Estate (551.072)

AI-60628 Purchase of Right of Way for County Road 1104, Engineering.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of Lot 2 Block 1 of the Blue Bell Subdivision for the amount recommended in attached documentation or proportional lesser amount for a smaller parcel and authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents required at closing. (Time 2:27 p.m.)

Motion by: Commissioner Darrell Hale

Second by: Commissioner Susan Fletcher

Vote: 3-0

COURT ORDER NO. 2026-968-08-31

AI-60678 Collin County Adventure Camp, Administrative Services.

NO ACTION

There being no further business of the Court, Judge Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.