



MINUTES

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Minutes of Commissioners Court, Special Term – REGULAR Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024

All items have been so ordered. Official documents on file with the County Clerk.

On Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, Texas met for Special Term – Regular Meeting in the Commissioners Courtroom at the G.K. Maenius Administration Building in the City of Fort Worth.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Commissioners Court Clerk having called roll and a quorum being presented, Tim O'Hare, County Judge, called the meeting to order with members present:

PRESENT

Presiding - County Judge - Tim O'Hare
Commissioner Precinct 1 - Roy Brooks
Commissioner Precinct 2 - Alisa Simmons
Commissioner Precinct 3 - Gary Fickes
Commissioner Precinct 4 -Manny Ramirez

ABSENT

None

and County Clerk Mary Louise Nicholson, represented by her duly appointed Deputy April Hanks, when the following orders were made.

II. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Spiritual Growth and Development Pastor Juan Contreras with MET Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF TEXAS

IV. AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items IX, A2 and IX, G6 hold until after Closed Session.
Item IX, G1 hold until later court date.
Item XI, K1a removed from the Consent Agenda.

V. COMMISSIONERS COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Tarrant County Departments for the 2023 United Way Campaign

B. Court Order Number: 142954 - Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month (Judge O'Hare)

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month (Judge O'Hare)
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

C. Court Order Number: 142955 - Proclamation - Community Health Worker Week (Commissioner Brooks)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Proclamation - Community Health Worker Week (Commissioner Brooks)
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

D. Court Order Number: 142956 - Congratulatory Resolution – JPS Health Network 2024 Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award Winner (Commissioner Brooks)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Congratulatory Resolution – JPS Health Network 2024 Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award Winner (Commissioner Brooks)
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

E. Court Order Number: 142957 - Proclamation – National Volunteer Week 2024 (Commissioner Ramirez)

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Proclamation – National Volunteer Week 2024 (Commissioner Ramirez)
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All items with asterisks () are a part of the Consent Agenda. Public hearing and**

review are held collectively unless opposition is presented, in which case the contested item will be heard separately.

A. Court Order Number: 142958 - Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Consent Agenda as amended.
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Court Order Number: 142959 - ** Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 2, 2024

IX. REPORTS AND BUSINESS

A. Administrator (Chandler Merritt)

1. Court Order Number: 142960 - Approval of Out-of-State Travel Requests

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Out-of-State Travel Requests
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

2. Court Order Number: 142961 - Approval of Participation in the City of Mansfield Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone #4 - Harvest Point

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Participation in the City of Mansfield Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone #4 - Harvest Point
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Item held until after Closed Session.

3. Court Order Number: 142962 - ** Approval of the Issuance of Series 2024 Hospital Revenue Bonds in One or More Series by the Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation for CHRISTUS Health in an Amount Not to Exceed \$600,000,000.00

4. Court Order Number: 142963 - ** Receive and File Briefing Agenda

B. Auditor (Kimberly Buchanan)

1. **Court Order Number: 142964** - ** Approval of Release and Substitution of Depository Collateral

C. Budget and Risk Management (Helen Giese)

1. **Court Order Number: 142965** - Discussion and Possible Action Related to Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Adjustments

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Adjustments
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

2. **Court Order Number: 142966** - ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Adjustments
3. **Court Order Number: 142967** - ** Approval of Exceptions to Fee Schedule for Court Interpreters
4. **Court Order Number: 142968** - ** Approval of Risk Management Board Minutes
5. **Court Order Number: 142969** - **Approval of Notice of Award between Tarrant County and the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Public Health
6. **Court Order Number: 142970** - **Approval of Notice of Award for Supplemental Funding between Tarrant County and the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for the Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Modernization Program – Public Health
7. **Court Order Number: 142971** - **Approval to Submit the Fiscal Year 2025 Interlocal Cooperation Contract Form A Face Page to the Department of State Health Services for Tarrant County Public Health’s Laboratory Milk and Dairy Testing Activities – Public Health

D. Community Development and Housing (James McClinton)

1. **Court Order Number: 142972** - **Approval of Contract between Tarrant County and Teague, Nall & Perkins, Inc., for Engineering Services for the City of Forest Hill Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act Project
2. **Court Order Number: 142973** - ** Approval of Change Order No.1 with Atkins Bros. Equipment Co., Inc. for the Reconciliation of Quantities for the City of Everman, Texas 48th Year Community Development Block Grant Project
3. **Court Order Number: 142974** - **Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract with Melchior Architecture, Inc. for Architectural Services for the City of Richland Hills Library Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements Project as Part of the Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act Project

E. HIV Administrative Agency (Lisa McKamie-Muttiah)

1. **Court Order Number: 142975** - **Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Health Resources and Services Administration Ryan White Treatment Extension Act Part A Subrecipient Contract Renewal with AIDS Outreach Center
2. **Court Order Number: 142976** - ** Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Texas Department of State Health Services Ryan White Treatment Extension Act Part B Subrecipient Contract Renewal with AIDS Outreach Center
3. **Court Order Number: 142977** - ** Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Health Resources and Services Administration Ryan White Treatment Extension Act Part A Subrecipient Contract Renewal with AIDS Healthcare Foundation
4. **Court Order Number: 142978** - ** Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Health Resources and Services Administration Ryan White Treatment Extension Act Part A Subrecipient Contract Renewal with Tarrant County Preventive Medicine Clinic
5. **Court Order Number: 142979** - ** Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Texas Department of State Health Services

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Contract
for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Grant Funding

F. Human Resources (Tina Glenn)

1. **Court Order Number: 142980** - Approval of Out-of-Class Pay Extension – Precinct 2

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Out-of-Class Pay Extension – Precinct 2
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Hold until after Closed Session.

2. **Court Order Number: 142981** - ** Receive and File the Personnel Agenda

G. Purchasing (Melissa Lee)

1. Bid No. F2024049 - Purchase of Digital Inkjet Envelope Printing System - Reproduction Center - Print & Finishing Solutions

a) Award Recommendation

Item held until later court date.

2. **Court Order Number: 142982** - Bid No. F2024068 - Purchase of Full-Size Three Quarter Ton Pickup Trucks - Sheriff’s Office - Sames Laredo Chevrolet - Per Unit Price

a) Award Recommendation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Bid No. F2024068 - Purchase of Full-Size Three Quarter Ton Pickup Trucks - Sheriff’s Office - Sames Laredo Chevrolet - Per Unit Price
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

3. **Court Order Number: 142983** - Bid No. F2024073 - Purchase of Shoulder Machine - Precincts 1 and 2 - Bane Machinery Inc. - Per Unit Price

a) Award Recommendation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Bid No. F2024073 - Purchase of Shoulder Machine - Precincts 1 and 2 - Bane Machinery Inc. - Per Unit Price
 Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

4. **Court Order Number: 142984** - Bid No. F2024016 - Rescind Court Order #142494 and Award Miller Avenue Complex Security Fence - Facilities Management - Cowboys Roofing, LLC d/b/a DSA Contractors

- a) Rescind Court Order #142494
- b) Award Recommendation
- c) Contract Approval
- d) Acceptance of Payment Bond
- e) Acceptance of Performance Bond

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Bid No. F2024016 - Rescind Court Order #142494 and Award Miller Avenue Complex Security Fence - Facilities Management - Cowboys Roofing, LLC d/b/a DSA Contractors. Award Recommendation. Contract Approval. Acceptance of Payment Bond. Acceptance of Performance Bond.
 Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

5. **Court Order Number: 142985** - Bid No. F2024063 - J.D. Johnson Northwest Subcourthouse Multi-Purpose Community Room Build-Out - Facilities Management-Construction Services

- a) Reject All Bids
- b) Rebid with Revised Specifications

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Bid No. F2024063 - J.D. Johnson Northwest Subcourthouse Multi-Purpose Community Room Build-Out - Facilities Management-Construction Services. Reject All Bids & Rebid with Revised Specifications.
 Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

6. **Court Order Number: 142986** - Approve Purchase of Voter Registration Election Management System – BuyBoard #710-23 – Elections Administration – VR Systems, Inc.

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Presiding -

County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Purchase of Voter Registration Election Management System – BuyBoard #710-23 – Elections Administration – VR Systems, Inc.
 Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Item held until after Closed Session.

7. **Court Order Number: 142987 - Permission to Take Bids/RFPs**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Permission to Take Bids/RFPs
 Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

8. **Court Order Number: 142988 - **RFO No. F2024090 - Purchase of Flu Vaccine - MMCAP - Public Health - Various Vendors - Per Unit Price**

a) Approve Award Recommendation

9. **Court Order Number: 142989 - ** Bid No. F2024021 - Sale of Surplus Electronic and Computer Equipment - Information Technology**

a) Reject All Bids

10. **Court Order Number: 142990 - ** Bid No. F2024035 - Purchase and Installation of Dock Risers - Elections Administration**

a) Reject All Bids

11. **Court Order Number: 142991 - ** RFP No. 2022-083 - Annual Contract for Mediation Training Services - County Administrator's Office - Various Vendors - Exercise Second and Final Option for Renewal - Same Contract Terms**

a) Contract Renewal

12. **Court Order Number: 142992 - ** Bid No. 2023-120 - Annual Contract for Pistols - Sheriff's Office - Various Vendors - Exercise First Option for Renewal - Same Firm Fixed Prices**

a) Contract Renewal

13. **Court Order Number: 142993 - ** Bid No. 2022-031 - Annual Contract for Various Concrete Services - Precinct 2 - Reliable Paving, Inc.**

a) Acceptance of Payment Bond

14. **Court Order Number: 142994** - ** Bid No. 2022-097 - Annual Contract for Installation and Removal of Guard Fence - Precinct 1 - Vann/Elli, Inc.
 - a) Acceptance of Payment Bond
15. **Court Order Number: 142995** - **Northpointe, Inc. d/b/a equivant - COMPAS Classification Software Application and Maintenance Services - Sheriff's Office
 - a) Sole Source Renewal
16. **Court Order Number: 142996** - ** Approval of Amendment - RFO No. 2023-104 - Annual Contract for Microsoft Enterprise Licenses - Information Technology - Microsoft Corporation
17. **Court Order Number: 142997** - ** Approval of Purchase of Book Preservation and Archival Digitization Services - TXMAS #23-92001 - County Clerk's Office - Kofile Technologies, Inc.
18. **Court Order Number: 142998** - ** Approval of Master Supply Agreement with DiaSorin Inc. to Purchase Testing Products for Hepatitis C Antibody Testing - Public Health
19. **Court Order Number: 142999** - ** Approval of NASPO Participating Addendum for Electronic Monitoring Services for Juvenile Services - Satellite Tracking of People, LLC
20. **Court Order Number: 143000** - ** Acknowledgment of Notification of Acquisition and Vendor Name Change of CI Technologies, Inc. to Versaterm Public Safety US, Inc.
21. **Court Order Number: 143001** - ** Approval of Request for Fleet Fuel Cards – Sheriff's Office
22. **Court Order Number: 143002** - ** Receive and File Annual Contracts Eligible for Renewal Within Ninety Days

H. Sheriff's Department (Bill Waybourn)

1. **Court Order Number: 143003** - ** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Tarrant County and Opportunity Resource Services to Provide Services to Tarrant County Jail Inmates
2. **Court Order Number: 143004** - ** Approval to Sell or Destroy and Sell as Scrap Metal Property in the Possession of the Tarrant County Auto Crimes Task Force

- 3. **Court Order Number: 143005** - **Acceptance of Property Awarded to the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force through Forfeiture and Judgment and Approval to Sell Said Property at a Tarrant County Auction
- 4. **Court Order Number: 143006** - ** Approval to Donate Certain Property Acquired by the Tarrant County Auto Crimes Task Force to the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force

I. Tax Assessor-Collector (Wendy Burgess)

- 1. **Court Order Number: 143007** - ** Approval of Property Tax Refunds
- 2. **Court Order Number: 143008** - ** Receive and File Tax Office Deputizations

J. Transportation Services

- 1. **Court Order Number: 143009** - **Approval of Final Plat - Pyramid Acres Unit No. 2 - Precinct 1

K. County Judge and Commissioners

- 1. County Judge (Judge O’Hare)

- a) **Court Order Number: 143010** – Approval of Professional Services Contract with Noah Betz

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 3 Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Professional Services with Noah Betz Passed 3-2 (Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks, Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Six public participants spoke regarding the professional services contract. Two public participants wished to have their comments read regarding the professional services contract.

Item removed from the Consent Agenda.

- 2. Precinct 3 (Commissioner Fickes)

- a) **Court Order Number: 143011** - ** Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Richland Hills to Rehabilitate and Resurface Norton Drive from Evergreen Road to Glenview Road
- b) **Court Order Number: 143012** - ** Approval to Begin Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Richland Hills to Rehabilitate and Resurface Norton Drive from Evergreen Road to Glenview Road
- c) **Court Order Number: 143013** - **Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Keller to Rehabilitate and Resurface Bear Creek Parkway from Whitley Road to Rufe Snow Drive and Spring Branch Drive from Oak Valley Drive to Cul-de-Sac
- d) **Court Order Number: 143014** - **Approval to Begin Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Keller to Rehabilitate and Resurface Bear Creek Parkway from Whitley Road to Rufe Snow Drive and Spring Branch Drive from Oak Valley Drive to Cul-de-Sac
- e) **Court Order Number: 143015** - **Acceptance of Monetary Donations from the Tarrant County Special Events Foundation for Northeast Transportation Service, Call A Ride Southlake and Social Transportation for Seniors
- f) **Court Order Number: 143016** - ** Approval of Contracts to Provide Transportation Services to Residents of Tarrant County, Precinct 3

L. Appointments to Various Boards

- 1. **Court Order Number: 143017 – (Failed)** Action Concerning Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions, Committees, or Tax Increment Finance District Boards

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare **(Failed)** to Appoint Judge Tim O'Hare and Commissioner Roy Brooks to the Committee as liaisons between the judges to determine the future of the CCA. Failed 2-2 (Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks, Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons); Abstain: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes); Absent: (None)

Court Order Number: 143018 - Action Concerning Appointments

to Various Boards, Commissions, Committees, or
Tax Increment Finance District Boards

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Reconsider Commissioner Ramirez’s motion regarding the appointment of Judge Tim O’Hare and Commissioner Roy Brooks to the Committee as liaisons between the judges to determine the future of the CCA.
Passed 4-1 (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Court Order Number: 143019 - Action Concerning Appointments
to Various Boards, Commissions, Committees, or Tax Increment
Finance District Boards

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O’Hare to Appoint Judge Tim O’Hare and Commissioner Roy Brooks to the Committee as liaisons between the judges to determine the future of the CCA.
Passed 3-1 (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons); Abstain: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes); Absent: (None)

Court Order Number: 143020 - Action Concerning Appointments
to Various Boards, Commissions, Committees, or Tax Increment
Finance District Boards

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Appoint Dustin Austin, replacing Zim Zimmerman, to the JPS Board of Managers.
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

X. VARIOUS CLAIMS AND ADDENDUM

A. Court Order Number: 143021 - ** Approval of Claims and Addendum

XI. BRIEFING

A. Tarrant County Hospital District Update

The Tarrant County Hospital District will give the Commissioners Court an update on activities and events.

B. Discussion Related to the Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners Court, the County Election Board, the County Election Commission, and the Election Administrator with Regard to Election Management

The Commissioners Court will discuss the roles and responsibilities of

Commissioners Court, the County Election Board, the County Election Commission, and the Election Administrator with regard to Election Management.

Court Order Number: 143022 – (Failed) Discussion Related to the Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners Court, the County Election Board, the County Election Commission, and the Election Administrator with Regard to Election Management

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks **(Failed)** to Waive the Commissioner Courts privilege so that the county attorney, Mark Kratovil, can answer a question for the public.
 Failed 2-3 (Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare, Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes, Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Three public participants spoke regarding the briefing item discussion related to the roles and responsibilities with regard to election management.
 Two public participants wished to have their comments read regarding the election administrator, pre-numbered ballots and voting precincts.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Griffin spoke regarding the working group on CCA.
 One public participant spoke regarding the dilemma on managing the court system.
 One public participant spoke regarding jail misconduct and abuse.
 One public participant spoke regarding decorum.
 One public participant wished to have their comments read regarding pre-numbered ballots.
 One public participant wished to have their comments read regarding jail misconduct.

Commissioners Court recessed into Closed Session at 12:27 p.m.

XIV. CLOSED MEETING

A. Pending or Contemplated Litigation

- 1. Miguel Hernandez - CLAIM

B. Real Estate Matters

C. Personnel Matters

- 1. Position No. 20002956
- 2. Position Nos. 20003018 and 20003025

D. Advice of Counsel

- 1. Elections Administration Voter Registration and Election Management System

E. Security Related Issues

F. Contract Deliberations

G. Economic Development Prospects

XV. COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED

Commissioners Court Reconvened at 2:25 p.m.
 Honorable Tim O’Hare, County Judge, Presiding
 Roy Charles Brooks, Commissioner Precinct # 1, Present
 Alisa Simmons, Commissioner Precinct # 2, Present
 Gary Fickes, Commissioner Precinct # 3, Present
 Manny Ramirez, Commissioner Precinct # 4, Present

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners Court was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY: _____
Tim O'Hare, County Judge

SUBMITTED BY: **Mary Louise Nicholson, County Clerk**

BY: _____
April Hanks, Deputy