



MINUTES

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Minutes of Commissioners Court, Special Term, REGULAR Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:00 A.M., the Honorable Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, Texas met for Special Term – Regular Meeting in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Courthouse in the City of Fort Worth.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Commissioners' Court Clerk having called roll and a quorum being present, B. Glen Whitley, County Judge, called the meeting to order with members present:

County Judge - B. Glen Whitley	Presiding
Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks	Present
Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen	Present
Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes	Present
Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson	Present

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

II. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Chris Nchopa-Ayafor with Tarrant County.
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III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF TEXAS

IV. AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes for Regular Meeting of November 10, 2020

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen to Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of November 10, 2020

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Court Order Number: 134239

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Texas Association of Counties 2020 Best Practice Awards (Judge Whitley)

Motion made by County Judge - B. Glen Whitley and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen to Receive and File the Texas Association of Counties 2020 Best Practice Awards (Judge Whitley)

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Court Order Number: 134240

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

B. Proclamation - Small Business Saturday (Judge Whitley)

Motion made by County Judge - B. Glen Whitley and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson to Ratify Proclamation - Small Business Saturday (Judge Whitley)

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Court Order Number: 134241

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson to Approve Consent Agenda

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134242

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

VIII. REPORTS AND BUSINESS

A. Administrator (G.K. Maenius)

1. Discussion, and Possible Action, Concerning Activities Associated with the Impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on Tarrant County Citizens, Businesses and County Government Operations

Motion made by County Judge - B. Glen Whitley and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes to Approve additional compensation for those working at Elections through Friday, November 13, 2020 as follows: (a) time-and-half for the County's hourly employees, (b) one day off for the County's salaried employees, and (c) double the contract rate for the regular hours of contract employees, as calculated by the Auditor.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134243

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. Approval of Agreement with the Tarrant County 911 District for the Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds as Part of the Local Partners Assistance Program

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes to Approve Agreement with the Tarrant County 911 District for the Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds as Part of the Local Partners Assistance Program

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134244

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

3. Approval of Agreements with Guardianship Services Inc. and Tarrant Area Food Bank for the Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds as Part of the Non-Governmental Organization Assistance Program

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes to Approve Agreements with Guardianship Services Inc. and Tarrant Area Food Bank for the Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds as Part of the Non-Governmental Organization Assistance Program

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134245

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

4. Approval of Court Interpreter Policy

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen to Approve Court Interpreter Policy

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134246

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

5. Approval of Amended Shared Sick Leave Program Policy

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen to Approve Amended Shared Sick Leave Program Policy

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134247

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

6. ** Ratification of an Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Arlington for the Provision of Staff to Assist Tarrant County in COVID-19 Testing

Court Order Number: 134248

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

7. ** Ratification of the Contract between Tarrant County and Arlington Independent School District for Use of a Parking Lot at the Professional Development Center for a COVID-19 Testing Location

Court Order Number: 134249

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

8. ** Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2021 Violence Against Women Formula Grants Award from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Protective Order Unit

Court Order Number: 134250

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

9. ** Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs for Program Year 2020 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development - Community Development

Court Order Number: 134251

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

10. ** Receive and File Briefing Agenda

Court Order Number: 134252

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

B. Auditor (Renee Tidwell)

1. Receive and File the Auditor's Report for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Commissary Operation for Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019

Motion made by County Judge - B. Glen Whitley and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes to Receive and File the Auditor's Report for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Commissary Operation for Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134253

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. ** Approval of the Constable's Office, Precinct 7, Fiscal Year 2020 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification

Court Order Number: 134254

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

3. ** Approval of the Sheriff's Office Fiscal Year 2020 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification

Court Order Number: 134255

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

C. Budget and Risk Management

1. ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriation Adjustments

Court Order Number: 134256

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation Adjustments

Court Order Number: 134257

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

3. ** Receive and File Risk Management Board Minutes - November 4, 2020

Court Order Number: 134258

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

D. Criminal District Attorney (Sharen Wilson)

1. ** Approval of the 2021-2022 Legislative Service Subscription Agreement with the Texas Legislative Service

Court Order Number: 134259

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. ** Approval of Exemption from Competitive Bidding for Retention of a Professional Consultant, Kelly Johnson Enterprises, LLC, by the Criminal District Attorney's Office

Court Order Number: 134260

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

E. Elections Administration (Heider Garcia)

1. Canvass Results of the General Election Held on November 3, 2020

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks to Approve Canvass Results of the General Election Held on November 3, 2020

Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Court Order Number: 134261

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

Roy Charles Brooks, Commissioner Precinct 1, left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

F. Facilities Management (David Phillips)

1. ** Approval of Construction Contract with TST Construction Services, LLC and Acceptance of Performance and Payment Bonds for Masonry Construction Services Related to the Tarrant County Law Enforcement Memorial Project Located on the 1895 Courthouse Grounds

Court Order Number: 134262

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

G. Human Resources (Tina Glenn)

1. Receive and File the Personnel Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by County Judge - B. Glen Whitley to Receive and File the Personnel Agenda

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134263

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. Approval of Out-of-Class Pay Extension – Criminal Court Administration

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson to Approve Out-of-Class Pay Extension – Criminal Court Administration

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134264

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

3. ** Approval of the Administrative Services Only Agreement between Tarrant County and Cigna Health and Life Insurance

Court Order Number: 134265

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

4. ** Approval of Payment to Retiree Under Section 415(b) of the Internal Revenue Code

Court Order Number: 134266

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

H. Purchasing (Jack Beacham)

1. RFP No. 2019-116 - Annual Contract for Policy Management System - Public Health - Medical Consultants Network, d/b/a MCN Healthcare - \$6,989.00

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes to Approve RFP No. 2019-116 - Annual Contract for Policy Management System - Public Health - Medical Consultants Network, d/b/a MCN Healthcare - \$6,989.00. Approve Invoice Payment.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134267

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. RFP No. 2020-159 - Annual Contract for Printing and Mailing of Absentee Ballots - Elections Administration - Runbeck Election Services - \$102,507.95

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes to Approve RFP No. 2020-159 - Annual Contract for Printing and Mailing of Absentee Ballots - Elections Administration - Runbeck Election Services - \$102,507.95. Approve Invoice Payment

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134268

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

3. Approval of Invoice Payment - Community Supervision and Corrections Department - Cummins Allison - \$88.07

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson to Approve Invoice Payment - Community Supervision and Corrections Department - Cummins Allison - \$88.07

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134269

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

4. Approval of Invoice Payment - Sheriff's Office - Commercial Electronics Corporation - \$3,750.50

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes to Approve Invoice Payment - Sheriff's Office - Commercial Electronics Corporation - \$3,750.50

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134270

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

5. ** RFO No. 2021-025 - Purchase of Rugged Laptops and Tablet Cradles - #DIR-TSO-3763 - Information Technology - GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. - \$159,094.60

Court Order Number: 134271

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

6. ** RFO No. 2021-027 - Purchase of Palo Alto Security - #DIR-TSO-4116 - Information Technology - Kudelski Security, Inc. - \$87,507.00

Court Order Number: 134272

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

7. ** RFO No. 2021-029 - Purchase of Dell Laptops - #DIR-TSO-3763 - Information Technology - GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. - \$109,190.65

Court Order Number: 134273

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

8. ** Bid No. 2019-223 - Annual Contract for Sign Shop Supplies - Transportation Services and All Precincts - Various Vendors - Exercise First and Final Option for Renewal - Same Firm Fixed Prices

Court Order Number: 134274

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

9. ** RFP No. 2020-001 - Full-Body Rapid Digital Radiology System for Forensic Pathology - Medical Examiner's Office - Clinical Image Management Systems, LLC - Exercise First Option for Renewal - Same Contract Terms

Court Order Number: 134275

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

10. ** Approval of Property Coverage Insurance - Budget and Risk Management - Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool - \$753,100.00

Court Order Number: 134276

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

11. ** Approval of Safekeeping Agreement for Off-Site Document and Media Storage - Information Technology - Safesite, Inc.

Court Order Number: 134277

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

12. ** Acknowledgement of Notification of Acquisition and Vendor Name Change of Crenshaw Consulting Group, LLC to Bluefin, LLC

Court Order Number: 134278

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

13. ** Permission to Take Bids/RFPs

Court Order Number: 134279

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

I. Tax Assessor-Collector (Wendy Burgess)

1. ** Approval of Property Tax Refunds

Court Order Number: 134280

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. ** Approval of Renewal of Pay Connexion Service Terms with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Court Order Number: 134281

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

3. ** Approval of Point of Sale Contract with RML Burleson, LLC, d/b/a Burleson Honda for use of Web Dealer for Motor Vehicle Registrations

Court Order Number: 134282

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

4. ** Receive and File Tax Office Deputation for Motor Vehicle Dealer

Court Order Number: 134283

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

J. Transportation Services (Randy Skinner)

1. ** Approval of Final Plat - Southfork Estates Phase 4 - Precinct 1

Court Order Number: 134284

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. **** Approval of a Resolution and Order Decreeing Public Necessity for a Public Project at Church Street at Retta Mansfield Road for Sight Visibility Easement at the Intersection - Precinct 1**

Court Order Number: 134285

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

3. **** Approval of the Procedure to Sell Approximately 8,510 Square Feet of Right-of-Way, Known as Linkcrest Drive South, Out of the Linkwood Estates Addition - Precinct 4**

Court Order Number: 134286

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

K. Appointments to Various Boards

1. **Action Concerning Appointments to Tax Increment Finance District Boards**

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes to Approve Tax Increment Finance District Board Appointments - Commissioners Pct. 4:

TIF #4 - Southside	Alice Moore
TIF #6 - Riverfront	Alice Moore
TIF #9 - Trinity River Vision	J.D. Johnson
TIF #15 - Stockyards	Alice Moore

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134287

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

2. Action Concerning Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 3 Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen to Approve Reappointment of Rebecca Barksdale as Representative to the City of Euless TIRZ#3 Glade Park Board.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134288

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

IX. APPROVAL OF BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF SELF-INSURANCE

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson to Approve Certificate of Self-Insurance for Melissa E. Lee, First Assistant Purchasing Agent Acting as Purchasing Agent.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134289

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

X. VARIOUS CLAIMS AND ADDENDUM

A. Approval of Claims and Addendum

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 2 Devan Allen and seconded by Commissioner - Precinct 4 J.D. Johnson to Approve Claims and Addendum

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner - Precinct 1 Roy Charles Brooks)

Court Order Number: 134290

It is so ordered.

Official documents on file with County Clerk.

XI. BRIEFING

- A. Tarrant County Hospital District Monthly Update** A representative from the Tarrant County Hospital District will give the Commissioners Court a monthly update on activities and events.
- B. Current and Emerging Health Issues** The Public Health Department will update the Commissioners Court on current and emerging health issues in Tarrant County including COVID-19, West Nile Virus and Influenza. This will be a standing item on the Commissioners Court Agenda as long as necessary.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seven public participants addressed the Court about their concerns with the mask mandate and Covid-19. Three public participants wished to voice their concerns with the Court via telephone about Covid-19. Sixty-nine public participants wished to have their comments read stating their concerns about issues related to Covid-19. Official documents are on file with the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioners Court recessed into Closed Session at 1:51 p.m.

XIV. CLOSED MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

- A. Pending or Contemplated Litigation**
- B. Real Estate Matters**
- C. Personnel Matters**
- D. Advice of Counsel**
- E. Security Related Issues**
- F. Contract Deliberations**
- G. Economic Development Prospects**

XV. COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED

Commissioners Court Reconvened at 3:00 p.m.
Honorable B. Glen Whitley, County Judge, Presiding
Roy Charles Brooks, Commissioner Precinct #1, Absent
Devan Allen, Commissioner Precinct #2, Present
Gary Fickes, Commissioner Precinct #3, Present
J.D. Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4, Present

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners Court was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY: _____
B. Glen Whitley, County Judge

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

BY: _____
April Hanks, Deputy