



MINUTES

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Minutes of Commissioners Court, Special Term – REGULAR Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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

On Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM, 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 presented, B. Glen Whitley, County Judge, called the meeting to order with members present:

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Commissioner Precinct 2 - Devan Allen

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 Senior Leader Steven Springer with Global Presence Ministries in Keller, Texas.

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

IV. AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item X, A 8 – Removed from Consent Agenda.
Items X, E 1&3 – Held.
Item X, G 2 – Revised Court Communication.
IT Steering Committee Meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the Family Law Center.

V. COMMISSIONERS COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. **Court Order Number: 139432** - Minutes for Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

VII. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognition of 2022 United Way Campaign Kick-Off

No action taken.

VIII. 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: 139433** - Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Consent Agenda

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **Court Order Number: 139434** - Public Hearing – To Consider Amendment No. 3 to the Program Year 2021 Action Plan – Community Development

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – J.D. Johnson to Approve Public Hearing – To Consider Amendment No. 3 to the Program Year 2021 Action Plan – Community Development

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

Public Hearing opened at 10:28 a.m. and closed at 10:29 a.m. without audience participation.

X. REPORTS AND BUSINESS**A. Administrator (G.K. Maenius)**

1. **Court Order Number: 139435** - Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Activities Associated with the Impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on Tarrant County Citizens, Businesses and County Government Operations

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Receive and File Tarrant County Covid-19 Recovery Report Weekly Update.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

2. **Court Order Number: 139436** - Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Tarrant County American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funds Program Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – J.D. Johnson to Receive and File List of agenda items that appear on the October 18, 2022, Commissioners Court agenda and have been previously approved or recommended for funding through Tarrant County’s State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF).

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

3. **Court Order Number: 139437** - ** Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and Texas A&M School of Law for Basic Mediation Training Services
4. **Court Order Number: 139438** - ** Approval of a Resolution Relating to the Issuance of Tax Exempt Financing by the Rogers Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation for the Benefit of Trinity Preparatory Academy for Certain Facilities Located in Tarrant County, Texas
5. **Court Order Number: 139439** - ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Denton County Medical Examiner District Agreement
6. **Court Order Number: 139440** - ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Johnson County Medical Examiner District Agreement
7. **Court Order Number: 139441** - ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Parker County Medical Examiner District Agreement
8. **Court Order Number: 139442** - Acceptance of the 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Award for Tarrant County Cyber Security Enhancement

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Acceptance of the 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Award for Tarrant County Cyber Security Enhancement

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

Removed from Consent Agenda.

Two public participants had questions about the Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Award and G.K. answered their concerns.

9. **Court Order Number: 139443** - ** Acceptance of the 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Award for Tarrant County Emergency Management Program Enhancement
10. **Court Order Number: 139444** - ** Approval to Renew a Memorandum of Agreement between Tarrant County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Program Management Office
11. **Court Order Number: 139445** - ** Approval of the Program Year 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant Program Agreement between Tarrant County and The Salvation Army - Arlington for Emergency Shelter Operations – Community Development
12. **Court Order Number: 139446** - ** Approval of Amendment No. 8 to the Lease Agreement with My Health My Resources of Tarrant County – Property Management Division for Space Located at 5000 and 5020 Resource Drive – Resource Connection
13. **Court Order Number: 139447** - ** Approval of Amendment No. 17 to the Resource Connection Lease Agreement with My Health My Resources of Tarrant County – Mental Health Clinic for Space Located at 1200 Circle Drive – Resource Connection
14. **Court Order Number: 139448** - ** Approval of Amendment No. 18 to the Resource Connection Lease Agreement with My Health My Resources of Tarrant County – IDD Services for Space Located at 1300 Circle Drive - Resource Connection
15. **Court Order Number: 139449** - ** Approval of an Exception to the Travel Policy for Within Region Travel - Constable, Precinct 3

16. **Court Order Number: 139450** - ** Approval of an Out-of-State Travel Request
17. **Court Order Number: 139451** - ** Receive and File Briefing Agenda

B. Auditor (Renee Tidwell)

1. **Court Order Number: 139452** - Receive and File the Tarrant County Financial Statements for August 2022

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – J.D. Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Receive and File the Tarrant County Financial Statements for August 2022

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

C. Budget and Risk Management (Helen Giese)

1. **Court Order Number: 139453** - **Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation Adjustments
2. **Court Order Number: 139454** - **Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation Adjustments
3. **Court Order Number: 139455** - ** Approval of Exceptions to Fee Schedule for Court Interpreters
4. **Court Order Number: 139456** - ** Approval of Claims Recommended by the Risk Management Board
5. **Court Order Number: 139457** - ** Receive and File Risk Management Board Minutes – October 5, 2022

D. Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Leighton Iles)

1. **Court Order Number: 139458** - ** Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Award from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for the Reaching Independence Through Self-Empowerment Program
2. **Court Order Number: 139459** - ** Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Award from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for the Drug Impact Rehabilitation Enhanced Comprehensive Treatment Court Program

E. Criminal Courts Administration (J. Gregory Shugart)

1. ** Acceptance of a Grant Award to Assist with the Criminal Courts Backlog

Item held.

2. **Court Order Number: 139460** - **Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Award for the Veterans Treatment Court Program and the Mental Health Diversion Court Program
3. **Approval of Professional Services Contracts between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Veterans Treatment Court, and Brandon Barnett, and Leon Reed Jr. for the Provision of Legal Services for Participants of the Tarrant County Veterans Treatment Court Program

Item held.

F. Criminal District Attorney (Sharen Wilson)

1. **Court Order Number: 139461** - ** Ratification and Approval to Use Forfeiture Funds for Capital Expenditures – Criminal District Attorney’s Office
2. **Court Order Number: 139462** - ** Approval of Letter of Agreement between Tarrant County and Tarrant County College District for Law Enforcement Training

G. Human Resources (Tina Glenn)

1. **Court Order Number: 139463** - Rescind Court Order No. 139376, and Receive and File the Personnel Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – J.D. Johnson to Rescind Court Order No. 139376, and Receive and File the Personnel Agenda

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

2. Approval of an Extension of Project Employment – Archives

No action taken. Item held.

3. **Court Order Number: 139464** - Approval of a Change to the Table of Organization – Auditor’s Office

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Change to the Table of Organization – Auditor's Office

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

4. **Court Order Number: 139465 - Approval of a Change to the Table of Organization – Community Development**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Change to the Table of Organization – Community Development

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

5. **Court Order Number: 139466 - Approval of Changes to the Table of Organization – Domestic Relations Office**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Changes to the Table of Organization – Domestic Relations Office

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

Revised Court Communication

6. **Court Order Number: 139467 - ** Approval of a Change to the Table of Organization – Public Health**

7. **Court Order Number: 139468 - ** Approval of a Change to the Table of Organization – Sheriff's Office**

8. **Court Order Number: 139469 - ** Receive and File the Sheriff's Department Civil Service Commission's Meeting Report for Monday, October 3, 2022**

H. Information Technology (Christopher Nchopa-Ayafor)

1. **Court Order Number: 139470 - Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Everman Regarding the Remote Video Magistration Project**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Everman Regarding the Remote Video Magistration Project

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

I. Public Health (Vinnny Taneja)

1. **Court Order Number: 139471** - **Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between Tarrant County and the Arlington Housing Authority to Provide Housing for Nurse Family Partnership Homeless Clients
2. **Court Order Number: 139472** - ** Approval of Two Memorandums of Understanding between Tarrant County and UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Center, and Samaritan Housing, Inc. to Utilize Various Services for Individuals Living with HIV/AIDS
3. **Court Order Number: 139473** - ** Approval of a Subrecipient Contract between Tarrant County and Chris Howell Foundation for Services Related to the Texas Department of State Health Services Ending the HIV Epidemic Grant Contract
4. **Court Order Number: 139474** - **Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Texas Department of State Health Services Contract for Sexually Transmitted Disease/Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Disease Intervention Specialists

J. Purchasing (Melissa Lee)

1. **Court Order Number: 139475** - Bid No. 2022-195 - Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases - Countywide - Various Vendors - WestAir Gases & Equipment, Inc. - Per Unit Price and Discount from List Price

a) Award Recommendation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Bid No. 2022-195 - Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases - Countywide - Various Vendors - WestAir Gases & Equipment, Inc. - Per Unit Price and Discount from List Price

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

2. **Court Order Number: 139476** - RFP No. 2022-212 - Purchase of Robotics Kits and Curriculum for Primary School Classrooms - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Lego Brand Retail Inc. d/b/a LEGO Education US - \$111,944.45

a) Award Recommendation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve RFP No. 2022-212 - Purchase of Robotics Kits and Curriculum for Primary School Classrooms - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Lego Brand Retail Inc. d/b/a LEGO Education US - \$111,944.45

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

3. **Court Order Number: 139477** - Bid No. 2022-079 - Annual Contract for Toner Cartridges and Maintenance Supplies for Inkjet and Laser Printers - Countywide - Various Vendors - Per Unit Price and Discount from List Price

a) Cancel Award to The Tree House, Inc.

b) Award to Next Low Bidders Meeting Specifications

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Bid No. 2022-079 - Annual Contract for Toner Cartridges and Maintenance Supplies for Inkjet and Laser Printers - Countywide - Various Vendors - Per Unit Price and Discount from List Price. Cancel Award to The Tree house, Inc. & Award to Next Low Bidders Meeting Specifications.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

4. **Court Order Number: 139478** - Bid No. 2022-139 - Annual Contract for Automotive and Light Truck Parts and Supplies - Countywide - Various Vendors

a) Approve Contract Termination

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Bid No. 2022-139 - Annual Contract for Automotive and Light Truck Parts and Supplies - Countywide - Various Vendors. Approve Contract Termination.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

5. **Court Order Number: 139479** - ** Econet.com, Inc. d/b/a Sentinel IPS - Sentinel Intrusion Prevention System Equipment with Network Cloaking and Collective Intelligence Network

Security, Sentinel Monitoring, Support, and Testing Services -
Information Technology

a) Sole Source Renewal

6. **Court Order Number: 139480** - **Approval of Microsoft Unified Support Services Work Order - #DIR-CPO-4911 - Information Technology - Microsoft Corporation - \$325,746.00
7. **Court Order Number: 139481** - ** Approval of Request for Fleet Fuel Cards - Constable - Precinct 5
8. **Court Order Number: 139482** - ** Annual Contracts Eligible for Renewal Within Ninety Days

K. Tax Assessor-Collector (Wendy Burgess)

1. **Court Order Number: 139483** - ** Approval of Property Tax Refunds

L. Transportation Services (Randy Skinner)

1. **Court Order Number: 139484** - ** Approval and Acceptance of a Dedication Deed and Temporary Construction Easement for the Construction of Bentley Bridge Drive
2. **Court Order Number: 139485** - ** Approval for New Automotive Wrecking and Salvage Yard License - Valdivia Auto Parts, LLC - Precinct 2
3. **Court Order Number: 139486** - ** Approval of Final Plat and Acceptance of Construction Bond - Reagan Estates - Precinct 3
4. **Court Order Number: 139487** - ** Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lake Worth for the Striping of Intersections at Lakeside Drive and Grand Lake Drive, Canyon Trail and Grand Lake Drive, and Lakeside Drive and Woodlake Drive - Precinct 4
5. **Court Order Number: 139488** - ** Approval to Begin Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lake Worth for the Striping of Intersection Markings at Lakeside Drive and Grand Lake Drive, Canyon Trail and Grand Lake Drive, and Lakeside Drive and Woodlake Drive

6. **Court Order Number: 139489 - ** Approval of Renewal and Amendment to Funding Interlocal Agreement with City of Hurst Related to 2006 Transportation Bond Program**

M. Appointments to Various Boards

1. **Court Order Number: 139490 – Action Concerning Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – B. Glen Whitley to Approve Appointment of Melondy M. Doddy-Munoz replacing Arthurlene Jackson to the Child Protective Services Board.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

Court Order Number: 139491 - Action Concerning Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – B. Glen Whitley and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Appointment of Camille Drinan to the Historical Commission Board.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

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

XI. APPROVAL OF BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF SELF-INSURANCE

Setting of the official bond of self-insurance amounts and/or approval of bond or certificate of self-insurance for person elected or appointed in the past 60 days.

XII. VARIOUS CLAIMS AND ADDENDUM

- A. Court Order Number: 139492- Approval of Claims and Addendum**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – J.D. Johnson to Approve Claims and Addendum

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen)

XIII. BRIEFING

- A. 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.

B. Tarrant County Hospital District Bond Package and District Activities Update

The Commissioners Court will be briefed on the status of the Tarrant County Hospital District Bond Package and other activities.

C. 2021 Transportation Bond Program Discussion

The Commissioners Court will be briefed by representatives of DEC-North Texas, LLC and Tarrant County staff on the status of the Countywide Initiatives category of the 2021 Transportation Bond Program.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public participant spoke about concerns with TAD and Fred Campos.
One public participant addressed the Court with concerns about flooding issues in his home.
Eight public participants stated their concerns with the jail deaths and are requesting an independent investigation regarding the death of inmate Robert Miller.
One public participant wished to have his comment read stating his concerns over the jail deaths.
Commissioner Brooks expressed his thoughts about the jail deaths and would like a report of the findings about the inmates death. He wanted to thank the Broadway Baptist Church Justice Committee members for coming to express their concerns on this issue and calling for justice for these individuals.

Commissioners Court recessed into Closed Session at 12:02 p.m.

XVI. CLOSED MEETING

A. Pending or Contemplated Litigation

B. Real Estate Matters

C. Personnel Matters

1. Position No. 20005285 (Tina Glenn, Human Resources Director)
2. Personnel No. 70796 (Renee Tidwell, Auditor)

D. Advice of Counsel

1. Pay Equity Study

E. Security Related Issues

F. Contract Deliberations

G. Economic Development Prospects

XVI. COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED

Commissioners Court Reconvened at 1:16 p.m.
Honorable B. Glen Whitley, County Judge, Presiding
Roy Charles Brooks, Commissioner Precinct #1, Present
Devan Allen, Commissioner Precinct #2, Absent
Gary Fickes, Commissioner Precinct #3, Present
J. D. Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4, Absent

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners Court was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

APPROVED BY: _____
B. Glen Whitley, County Judge

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Louise Nicholson, County Clerk

BY: _____
April Hanks, Deputy