



MINUTES

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Minutes of Commissioners Court, Special Term – REGULAR Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

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

On Tuesday, February 28, 2023 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, 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 4-Manny Ramirez

ABSENT

Commissioner Precinct 3 - Gary Fickes

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 Pastor Perry Crenshaw with The Church On The Move in Grand Prairie, Texas.

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

IV. AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items IX C3, IX H9, IX I4 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

V. COMMISSIONERS COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Simmons wanted to thank all the departments that are housed out at the Resource Connection for hosting and informing her and her staff about their services that take place there. Judge O'Hare shared a note that a constituent dropped off at his office. The note honored three employees, Annette Higgins, Nancy Box, and Daniela Castillo in the Tax Assessor's office for providing extraordinary and courteous service to a taxpayer.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**A. Court Order Number: 140346 - Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 21, 2023**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 21, 2023
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

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: 140347 - Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Consent Agenda with changes made.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**A. Court Order Number: 140348 - Public Hearing - To Consider Amendment No. 9 to the Program Year 2020 Action Plan - Community Development**

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Open Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m. - To Consider Amendment No. 9 to the Program Year 2020 Action Plan - Community Development
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

Public Speaker spoke on the Public Hearing Amendment No. 9 to the program year 2020 action plan regarding the Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act funds.

Court Order Number: 140349 - Public Hearing - To Consider Amendment No. 9 to the Program Year 2020 Action Plan - Community Development

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Close Public Hearing at 10:19 a.m. - To Consider Amendment No. 9 to the Program Year 2020 Action Plan - Community Development
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

- B. Court Order Number: 140350 - ** Request for Public Hearing – Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 10:00 AM - To Consider Amendment No. 4 to the Program Year 2021 Action Plan – Community Development**

IX. REPORTS AND BUSINESS

A. Administrator (G.K. Maenius)

- 1. Court Order Number: 140351 - Approval of Subrecipient Agreement between Tarrant County and the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Worth, d/b/a Fort Worth Housing Solutions Related to the Hughes House Development as Part of the Tarrant County Fiscal Recovery Funds Program**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Subrecipient Agreement between Tarrant County and the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Worth, d/b/a Fort Worth Housing Solutions Related to the Hughes House Development as Part of the Tarrant County Fiscal Recovery Funds Program
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

- 2. Court Order Number: 140352 - Approval of Subrecipient Agreement between Tarrant County and Presbyterian Night Shelter Related to the Journey Home II Supportive Housing Development as Part of the Tarrant County Fiscal Recovery Funds Program**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Subrecipient Agreement between Tarrant County and Presbyterian Night Shelter Related to the Journey Home II Supportive Housing Development as Part of the Tarrant County Fiscal Recovery Funds Program
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

- 3. Court Order Number: 140353 - Approval of Subrecipient Agreement between Tarrant County and Tobias Place, LP Related to the Tobias Place Development as part of the Tarrant County Fiscal Recovery Funds Program**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Subrecipient Agreement between Tarrant County and Tobias Place, LP Related to the Tobias Place Development as part of the Tarrant County Fiscal Recovery Funds Program
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

4. **Court Order Number: 140354** - ** Notice of Public Meeting - Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM - To Consider Approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement with RSI North America Inc.
5. **Court Order Number: 140355** - **Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the City of Mansfield Tax Increment Financing Zone Number Three Participation Agreement and Resolution, Providing for Modification of the Date for the Deposit of Tax Increment
6. **Court Order Number: 140356** - **Receive and File the 2022 Racial Profiling Data from the Tarrant County Constables' Offices
7. **Court Order Number: 140357** - ** Approval of Out-of-State Travel Requests
8. **Court Order Number: 140358** - ** Receive and File Briefing Agenda

B. Auditor (Renee Tidwell)

1. **Court Order Number: 140359** - **Receive and File the Auditor's Report for the Exit Review of the Criminal District Attorney

C. Budget and Risk Management (Helen Giese)

1. **Court Order Number: 140360** - **Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation Adjustments
2. **Court Order Number: 140361** - ** Approval of Claims Recommended by the Risk Management Board
3. **Court Order Number: 140362** - Receive and File Risk Management Board Minutes – February 8, 2023 and February 15, 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Receive and File Risk Management Board Minutes – February 8, 2023 and February 15, 2023
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

Removed from Consent Agenda.

Daniel Bennett spoke about the Risk And Management Board.

4. **Court Order Number: 140363** - ** Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Contract No. 582-20-13754-VW for Precinct 2

D. District Clerk (Tom Wilder)

1. **Court Order Number: 140364** - ** Authorization to Remove Uncollectible Court Costs from the Taxing Units Accounts Receivable Balances

E. Facilities Management (Michael Amador)

1. **Court Order Number: 140365** - **Approval of Request from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter to Use the 1895 Courthouse Lawn Area for the 110th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage March
2. **Court Order Number: 140366** - **Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract with Baird, Hampton & Brown Inc. for Additional Engineering Services Required to Add a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System in the Pool Area of the Resource Connection Campus as Part of the Rooftop Unit Replacement Project

F. Human Resources (Tina Glenn)

1. **Court Order Number: 140367** - Receive and File the Personnel Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Receive and File the Personnel Agenda.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

2. **Court Order Number: 140368** - Approval of a Change to the Table of Organization – Criminal District Court 3

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Change to the Table of Organization – Criminal

District Court 3. Commissioner Brooks would like an opinion from the Attorney General on this item and Judge O'Hare would like an opinion from the District Attorney's office as well. Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

3. **Court Order Number: 140369** - Approval of Changes to the Table of Organization – Constable Precinct 5

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Changes to the Table of Organization – Constable Precinct 5
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

4. **Court Order Number: 140370** - ** Approval of a Change to the Table of Organization – Criminal Court Administration
5. **Court Order Number: 140371** - ** Approval of Changes to the Table of Organization – Precinct 2

G. Information Technology (Christopher Nchopa-Ayafor)

1. **Court Order Number: 140372** - ** Receive and File the Tarrant County Information Technology Department Business Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2022

H. Purchasing (Melissa Lee)

1. **Court Order Number: 140373** - Bid No. 2023-058 - Elections Mercantile Lease Space Furniture - Elections Administration - Various Vendors - 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. 2023-058 - Elections Mercantile Lease Space Furniture - Elections Administration - Various Vendors - Per Unit Price
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

2. **Court Order Number: 140374** - Approval of Exemption from Competitive Bidding Requirements - Purchase of Drug Reagents, Controls, Equipment Parts, and Proficiency Testing Materials - Public Health - Various Vendors

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Exemption from Competitive Bidding Requirements - Purchase of Drug Reagents, Controls, Equipment Parts, and Proficiency Testing Materials - Public Health - Various Vendors
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

3. **Court Order Number: 140375** - Bid No. 2023-064 - Purchase of Reusable Bulk Containers - Elections Administration

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

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Bid No. 2023-064 - Purchase of Reusable Bulk Containers - Elections Administration. Reject All Bids. Rebid with Revised Specifications.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

4. **Court Order Number: 140376** - Approval of Fifth Amendment – RFP No. 2017-057 and RFP No. 2020-054 - Annual Contract for Mainframe Hosting, Managed Services and Disaster Recovery Services, and Annual Contract for Mainframe Application Support - Information Technology - Data Management Associates of Brevard, Inc. d/b/a Data Management

- a) Contract Approval

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Fifth Amendment – RFP No. 2017-057 and RFP No. 2020-054 - Annual Contract for Mainframe Hosting, Managed Services and Disaster Recovery Services, and Annual Contract for Mainframe Application Support - Information Technology - Data Management Associates of Brevard, Inc. d/b/a Data Management
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

5. **Court Order Number: 140377** - Bid No. 2023-043 - Purchase of Full-Size Pickup Trucks - Sheriff's Office - Various Vendors

- a) Approve Contract Termination
- b) Rebid with Revised Specifications

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Bid No. 2023-043 - Purchase of Full-Size Pickup

Trucks - Sheriff's Office - Various Vendors. Approve Contract Termination. Rebid with Revised Specifications.
 Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

6. **Court Order Number: 140378** - **RFO No. 2023-090 - Purchase of Audio Visual Equipment - The Interlocal Purchasing System Contract No. 200105 - Information Technology - Visual AV LLC

a) Award Recommendation

7. **Court Order Number: 140379** - ** RFO No. 2023-091 - Purchase of Reflection Enterprise Suite Software Maintenance - BuyBoard #661-22 - Information Technology - SHI Government Solutions, Inc.

a) Award Recommendation

8. **Court Order Number: 140380** - ** RFP No. 2021-063 - Disaster Debris Monitoring and Consulting Services - Emergency Management - Various Vendors - Exercise Second and Final Option for Renewal - Same Contract Terms

a) Contract Renewal

9. **Court Order Number: 140381 – (Vote Failed)** DMT Solutions Global Corporation d/b/a BlueCrest - Elevate Mail Sorter, License, Maintenance, and Upgrades - Elections Administration

a) Sole Source Designation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to (Vote Failed) Approve DMT Solutions Global Corporation d/b/a BlueCrest - Elevate Mail Sorter, License, Maintenance, and Upgrades - Elections Administration
 Failed 2-2 (Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare, Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

Removed from Consent Agenda

Charles Wedemeyer spoke on purchasing item regarding the elevate mail sorter, license, maintenance, and upgrades for Elections Administration.

10. **Court Order Number: 140382** - ** Approval of Maintenance, Repair, and Operations Supplies - OMNIA Partners #R192006 - Countywide - Lowe's Home Centers, LLC
11. **Court Order Number: 140383** - ** Annual Contracts Eligible for Renewal Within Ninety Days
12. **Court Order Number: 140384** - ** Permission to Take Bids/RFPs

I. Sheriff's Department (Bill Waybourn)

1. **Court Order Number: 140385** - **Approval of Contract for Transfer of Law Enforcement Animal between Tarrant County and Charles Wiesman
2. **Court Order Number: 140386** - **Approval of Contract for Transfer of Law Enforcement Animal between Tarrant County and Jeffrey Jones
3. **Court Order Number: 140387** - ** Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and City of Dallas for Participation in the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
4. **Court Order Number: 140388** - Approval to Pay Texas Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services Invoice and Submit the Fiscal Year 2023 Quarterly Production Record to the Texas Office of the Attorney General for Reimbursement

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve To Pay Texas Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services Invoice and Submit the Fiscal Year 2023 Quarterly Production Record to the Texas Office of the Attorney General for Reimbursement
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

Removed from Consent Agenda.

J. Tax Assessor-Collector (Wendy Burgess)

1. **Court Order Number: 140389** - ** Approval of Property Tax Refunds

K. Transportation Services (Randy Skinner)

1. **Court Order Number: 140390** - ** Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Southlake Related to the West Continental Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project - 2021 Transportation Bond Program

L. County Judge and Commissioners

1. Interlocal Agreement, Precinct 3 (Commissioner Fickes)

- a) **Court Order Number: 140391** - Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Euless to Resurface Pamela Drive from Euless Boulevard to West Pipeline Road, Himes Drive from SH 183 to Lee Drive, Oak Forest Trail from Main Street to Cedar Ridge Terrace, Shelmar Drive from Greenhill Street to Main Street, Oakwood Drive from South Pipeline Road to Hollywood Boulevard, and Limestone Drive from Limestone Court to Midway Drive

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Euless to Resurface Pamela Drive from Euless Boulevard to West Pipeline Road, Himes Drive from SH 183 to Lee Drive, Oak Forest Trail from Main Street to Cedar Ridge Terrace, Shelmar Drive from Greenhill Street to Main Street, Oakwood Drive from South Pipeline Road to Hollywood Boulevard, and Limestone Drive from Limestone Court to Midway Drive
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

- b) **Court Order Number: 140392** - Approval to Begin Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Euless to Resurface Pamela Drive from Euless Boulevard to West Pipeline Road, Himes Drive from SH 183 to Lee Drive, Oak Forest Trail from Main Street to Cedar Ridge Terrace, Shelmar Drive from Greenhill Street to Main Street, Oakwood Drive from South Pipeline Road to Hollywood Boulevard, and Limestone Drive from Limestone Court to Midway Drive

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Beginning Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Euless to Resurface Pamela Drive from Euless Boulevard to West Pipeline Road, Himes Drive from SH 183 to Lee Drive, Oak Forest Trail from Main Street to Cedar Ridge Terrace, Shelmar Drive from Greenhill Street to Main Street, Oakwood Drive from South Pipeline Road to Hollywood Boulevard, and Limestone Drive from Limestone Court to Midway Drive
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

M. Appointments to Various Boards

1. Action Concerning Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees
2. **Court Order Number: 140393** - Action Concerning Appointments to Tax Increment Finance District Boards

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Appointment of Tracey Knight to Azle TIF #1, Fort Worth TIF #6, Haltom City TIF #2, River Oaks TIF #1, Saginaw TIF #1 and White Settlement TIF #1.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

X. 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.

XI. VARIOUS CLAIMS AND ADDENDUM

- A. Court Order Number: 140394** - Approval of Claims and Addendum

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Claims and Addendum
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

XII. BRIEFING

- A. Aids Outreach Center Seasoned Survivors Program Update**

The Commissioners Court will receive information from AIDS Outreach Center on the Seasoned Survivors Program, funded through ARPA.

Court recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:02 p.m.

- B. Tarrant County Purchasing RFP Process**

The Commissioners Court will view a presentation from Melissa Lee, Tarrant County Purchasing Agent, regarding the Tarrant County Purchasing RFP Process.

C. Legislative Issues

The Commissioners Court will receive a weekly update concerning legislative activities of the Texas Legislature, along with Federal Government initiatives. Staff will provide materials that summarize the previous week's activities, county legislative initiatives and other issues relating to legislative activities. If needed, the Commissioners Court may take action regarding pending legislative issues.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

County Clerk Mary Louise Nicholson explained to the court that due to spring break the passport offices are extremely busy with appointments but walk ins are welcome before noon. They are trying to assist the public as much as they can.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Merl Glasscock spoke about concerns with Tarrant County jail inmates being transferred to Garza County prison.
Gwen Johnson spoke about election integrity.
Daniel Bennett spoke about election integrity.
LaVonne Cockerell spoke about jail death inmate George Zink.
Thirteen people wished to have their comments read regarding ARPA funds, funding for affordable housing, Tarrant County jail and voter integrity task force.

Commissioners Court recessed into Closed Session at 12:38 p.m.

XV. CLOSED MEETING

- A. Pending or Contemplated Litigation**
- B. Real Estate Matters**
- C. Personnel Matters**

1. Specialty Courts Case Manager

D. Advice of Counsel

E. Security Related Issues

F. Contract Deliberations

G. Economic Development Prospects

XVI. COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED

Commissioners Court Reconvened at 1:19 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, Absent
Manny Ramirez, Commissioner Precinct #4, Present

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Court Order Number: 140395 – Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Adjournment
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes)

Commissioners Court was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. in Memory of Corporal Aron Iseman and the grandson of Chief Calvin Bond.

APPROVED BY: _____
Tim O'Hare, County Judge

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Louise Nicholson, County Clerk

BY: _____
April Hanks, Deputy

