



MINUTES

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Minutes of Commissioners Court, Special Term – REGULAR Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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

On Tuesday, March 14, 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 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

The Invocation was given by Judge Tim O'Hare.

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

IV. AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item VIII, C1 – Removed from Consent Agenda.
No Closed Session.

V. COMMISSIONERS COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ramirez mentioned that last week Will Rogers hosted the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair. He was proud to announce that a rough estimate of what they raised was \$491,000.00. He stated that if anyone wants to get involved with the Junior Livestock program can reach out to the staff in Precinct 4 for information.
Judge O'Hare stated that they are looking into implementing a homestead exemption and the staff is forming a group to look at that and bring data to the court on exactly what the impact will be to the budget based on percentages and anticipates taking that measure up sometime in the next two months in advance of the budget process.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Court Order Number: 140465 - Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023
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**

A. Court Order Number: 140466 - 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 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

VIII. REPORTS AND BUSINESS

A. Administrator (G.K. Maenius)

1. **Court Order Number: 140467** - ** Approval of a Joint Providership Agreement between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Medical Examiner Office and the University of North Texas Health Science Center for the Provision of Continuing Education
2. **Court Order Number: 140468** - **Approval of Loan Agreements for the Tarrant County Historical Commission's 1895 Room Museum at the Tarrant County Courthouse – Archives
3. **Court Order Number: 140469** - ** Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Health Resources and Services Administration Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America – Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A and B Subrecipient Contract with CAN Community Health, Inc. – HIV Administrative Agency
4. **Court Order Number: 140470** - ** Approval of Out-of-State Travel Requests
5. **Court Order Number: 140471** - ** Receive and File Briefing Agenda

B. Auditor (Renee Tidwell)

1. **Court Order Number: 140472** - ** Receive and File the Auditor's Report of the Registry of the Court Accounts Held by the District Clerk as of September 30, 2022
2. **Court Order Number: 140473** - ** Receive and File the Auditor's Report of the Cash Counts for the Public Health Offices

C. Budget and Risk Management (Helen Giese)

1. **Court Order Number: 140474** - Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation Adjustments

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation Adjustments
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Removed from Consent Agenda.

2. **Court Order Number: 140475** - ** Receive and File Risk Management Board Minutes – March 1, 2023

D. County Clerk (Mary Louise Nicholson)

1. **Court Order Number: 140476** - ** Approval of Release of Depository Collateral
2. **Court Order Number: 140477** - ** Receive and File the County Clerk's Monthly Report - February 2023

E. Criminal District Attorney (Phil Sorrells)

1. **Court Order Number: 140478** - ** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office and the Texas Department of Insurance Related to the Investigation and Prosecution of Insurance Fraud Cases

F. Human Resources (Tina Glenn)

1. **Court Order Number: 140479** - 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 Personnel Agenda Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)
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2. **Court Order Number: 140480** - ** Approval of Changes to the Table of Organization – Information Technology

G. Human Services (Lisa Martin)

1. **Court Order Number: 140481** - ** Acceptance of Phase 40 Emergency Food and Shelter Program Grant Funding
2. **Court Order Number: 140482** - ** Receive and File the Human Services Advisory Committee's 2022 Annual Report

H. Purchasing (Melissa Lee)

1. **Court Order Number: 140483** - RFP No. 2023-025 - Annual Contract for Compensation Study Services - Human Resources -

Korn Ferry

a) Award Recommendation

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve RFP No. 2023-025 - Contract for Compensation Study Services with the caveat that we do not repeat the study for the 2024 budget cycle essentially moving this from annual to once every two years.
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

2. **Court Order Number: 140484** - RFP No. 2023-059 - Liquid Chromatograph and Mass Spectrometer - Medical Examiner's Office - Agilent Technologies, Inc.

a) Award Recommendation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve RFP No. 2023-059 - Liquid Chromatograph and Mass Spectrometer - Medical Examiner's Office - Agilent Technologies, Inc.
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

3. **Court Order Number: 140485** - Bid No. 2023-070 - Annual Contract for Fuel - Countywide - Various Vendors - Per Unit Price

a) Award Recommendation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Bid No. 2023-070 - Annual Contract for Fuel - Countywide - Various Vendors - Per Unit Price
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

4. **Court Order Number: 140486** - RFP No. 2023-075 - Professional Consulting Services for Closing the Gap with Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plans - Chronic Disease Prevention - Public Health - IBM Corporation - Per Contract Terms

a) Award Recommendation

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve RFP No. 2023-075 - Professional Consulting Services for Closing the Gap with Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plans - Chronic Disease Prevention - Public Health - IBM Corporation - Per Contract Terms
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

5. **Court Order Number: 140487** - Approval of Invoice Payment - Facilities Management - Artex Overhead Door Company

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner

Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Invoice Payment - Facilities Management - Artex Overhead Door Company
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Daniel Bennett spoke on purchasing item- Invoice Payment with Artex Overhead Door Company.

6. **Court Order Number: 140488** - Approval of Invoice Payment - Award Trophies - Sheriff's Office - Avant Design

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Invoice Payment - Award Trophies - Sheriff's Office - Avant Design
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

7. **Court Order Number: 140489** - ** Bid No. 2022-110 - Annual Contract for Transportation of Human Remains - Medical Examiner's Office - Fort Worth Funerals and Cremations, LLC - Exercise First Option for Renewal - Same Firm Fixed Prices

a) Contract Renewal

8. **Court Order Number: 140490** - ** Approval of Purchase of Public Safety and Firehouse Supplies and Equipment - BuyBoard #698-23 - Sheriff's Office - Nardis, Inc. - Discount From List Price
9. **Court Order Number: 140491** - ** Approval of Maintenance, Repair, and Operations Supplies - OMNIA Partners #R192005 - Countywide - Lawson Products, Inc. - Discount from List Price
10. **Court Order Number: 140492** - ** Authorization to Submit Procurement Card Account Application Form to J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for Tarrant County Procurement Card - Sheriff's Office
11. **Court Order Number: 140493** - ** Annual Contracts Eligible for Renewal Within Ninety Days
12. **Court Order Number: 140494** - ** Permission to Take Bids/RFPs

I. Tax Assessor-Collector (Wendy Burgess)

1. **Court Order Number: 140495** - ** Approval of Property Tax Refunds
2. **Court Order Number: 140496** - ** Receive and File Tax Office Deputizations

J. Transportation Services (Randy Skinner)

1. **Court Order Number: 140497** - ** Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Watauga Related to the Whitley Road Reconstruction Project - 2021 Transportation Bond Program

K. County Judge and Commissioners

1. Interlocal Agreement, Precinct 3 (Commissioner Fickes)

- a) **Court Order Number: 140498** - Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Richland Hills to Rehabilitate and Resurface Norton Drive from Evergreen Road to Richland Road Approximately 725 Linear Feet

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Richland Hills to Rehabilitate and Resurface Norton Drive from Evergreen Road to Richland Road Approximately 725 Linear Feet
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

- b) **Court Order Number: 140499** - Approval to Begin the Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Richland Hills to Rehabilitate and Resurface Norton Drive from Evergreen Road to Richland Road Approximately 725 Linear Feet

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Beginning the Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and the City of Richland Hills to Rehabilitate and Resurface Norton Drive from Evergreen Road to Richland Road Approximately 725 Linear Feet
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

2. Interlocal Agreement, Precinct 4 (Commissioner Ramirez)

- a) **Court Order Number: 140500** - Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the Azle Independent School District for the Full Depth Reclamation of the parking lot at the Azle High School Tennis Courts and the Construction of a new parking lot at the Azle I.S.D. Bus Facility

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Interlocal Agreement with the Azle Independent School District for the Full Depth Reclamation of the parking lot at the Azle High School Tennis Courts and the Construction of a new parking

lot at the Azle I.S.D. Bus Facility
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

- b) **Court Order Number: 140501** - Approval to Begin Interlocal Agreement with the Azle Independent School District for the Full Depth Reclamation of the parking lot at the Azle High School Tennis Courts and the Construction of a new parking lot at the Azle I.S.D. Bus Facility

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Beginning Interlocal Agreement with the Azle Independent School District for the Full Depth Reclamation of the parking lot at the Azle High School Tennis Courts and the Construction of a new parking lot at the Azle I.S.D. Bus Facility
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

L. Appointments to Various Boards

1. **Court Order Number: 140502** - Action Concerning Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Appointment of Randall Davis and Re-Appointment of Jim Hodgson to the Tarrant County Historical Commission for two-year terms ending January 2025.
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

- Court Order Number: 140503** - Action Concerning Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees

Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Appointment of Taylor Hardeman to the CPS Board.
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

2. Action Concerning Appointments to Tax Increment Finance District Boards

IX. 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.

X. VARIOUS CLAIMS AND ADDENDUM

- A. **Court Order Number: 140504** - Approval of Claims and Addendum

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez to Approve Claims and Addendum
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

XI. BRIEFING**A. 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.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Judge O'Hare stated that he received a letter from the Chief Appraiser of TAD and mentioned that one of the key parts in the letter was that he didn't anticipate that the county would need to take legal action and that a TAD board meeting is scheduled for Friday where they will discuss issues that the county had raised in the letter about the recall and filling that position amongst other things.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Roach spoke about the District Attorney.
Robert Buker spoke about the jail and judges.
Daniel Bennett addressed court about his solution with TAD.

No Closed Session.

XIV. CLOSED MEETING

- 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

XVI. COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Court Order Number: 140505 - Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Adjournment.
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)

Commissioners Court was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

APPROVED BY: _____
Tim O'Hare, County Judge

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Louise Nicholson, County Clerk

BY: _____
April Hanks, Deputy