



MINUTES

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Minutes of Commissioners Court, Special Term – REGULAR Meeting
Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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

On Tuesday, August 29, 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

ABSENT

Commissioner Precinct 4 - Manny Ramirez

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

II. INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Hollis Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of Servants to the City in Fort Worth, Texas.

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

IV. AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX, A 2 – No action will be taken on Public Heath – Approval of Out-Of-State Travel Request.
IX, G2, G3 & G4 – Items held.

V. COMMISSIONERS COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge O'Hare invited people to attend the Senior Synergy Expo this Thursday, August 31st at Will Rogers starting at 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
He announced that with the upcoming Commissioners Court approval, effective October 1, 2023, the Administration Building will be known as the G.K. Maenius Administration Building.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**A. Court Order Number: 141522 - Minutes for Regular Meeting of August 15, 2023**

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of August 15, 2023
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

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: 141523 - Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Consent Agenda with changes made.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**A. Court Order Number: 141524 - **Request for Public Hearing - Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 10:00 A.M. - To Consider Approval of a New Property Access and Culvert Policy (Transportation Services)****B. Court Order Number: 141525 - **Request for Public Hearing - Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 10:00 A.M. - To Consider Approval and Adoption of an Ordinance and Fees for the Licensing of Junkyards and Automotive Wrecking and Salvage Yards Located in Unincorporated Areas of Tarrant County (Transportation Services)****C. Court Order Number: 141526 - ** Request for Public Hearing - Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 10:00 A.M. - To Consider Approval and Implementation of the New Development Regulations Manual, Engineering Standards Manual**

and Associated Fee Schedule Related to Development in Unincorporated Tarrant County (Transportation Services)

IX. REPORTS AND BUSINESS

A. Administrator (G.K. Maenius)

1. **Court Order Number: 141527** - Approval of Resolution of Intent to Participate in Harris County's Solar for All Grant Application

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Resolution of Intent to Participate in Harris County's Solar for All Grant Application
Passed 3-1 (Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare); Abstain: (None);
Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

Thirteen public speakers spoke on the item regarding the Approval of Resolution of Intent to Participate in Harris County's Solar for All Grant Application and eighteen non-speakers wished to have their comments read on this item.

2. **Court Order Number: 141528** - Approval of Out of State Travel Requests

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Commissioner, Precinct 1 Out of State Travel Requests.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

3. **Court Order Number: 141529** - ** Receive and File Briefing Agenda

B. Auditor (Renee Tidwell)

1. **Court Order Number: 141530** - Approval of Release and Substitution of Depository Collateral

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Release and Substitution of Depository Collateral
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

C. Budget and Risk Management (Helen Giese)

1. **Court Order Number: 141531** - Discussion and Possible Action

Related to Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation Adjustments

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation Adjustments
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

2. **Court Order Number: 141532** - ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation Adjustments
3. **Court Order Number: 141533** - **Approval of Interim Funding for the Fiscal Year 2023 Grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Reconnecting Youth Program Operated by Tarrant County Juvenile Services
4. **Court Order Number: 141534** - **Approval to Submit the Fiscal Year 2024 Title IV-E Legal Services Contract Annual Review to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for Continued Participation and Reimbursement through the Federal Title IV-E Program
5. **Court Order Number: 141535** - ** Approval to Submit the Fiscal Year 2024 Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Contract Annual Review to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for Continued Participation and Reimbursement through the Federal Title IV-E Program

D. Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Cobi Tittle)

1. **Court Order Number: 141536** - **Approval of an Agreement between Tarrant County and the Community Supervision and Corrections Department of Tarrant County for the Provision of Personnel Benefit Services for Fiscal Year 2024

E. Human Resources (Tina Glenn)

1. **Court Order Number: 141537** - Receive and File the Personnel Agenda

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

2. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Compensation Recommendations

Item held.

3. **Court Order Number: 141538** - Approval of Plan Choices, Service Provider Selections, and the Contribution Rates for Funding Employee and Retiree Healthcare Benefits in Plan Year

2024

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Exhibit A – Increase in HDP Medical Plan Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) limits and carryover of unused FSA funds.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

Court Order Number: 141539 - Approval of Plan Choices, Services Provider Selections, and the Contribution Rates for Funding Employee and Retiree Healthcare Benefits in Plan Year 2024

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Exhibit B – Items 4 and 5- 3% increase in administration fees for UHC plans for active employees and retirees
Item 7 – 3% increase in PEBC Wellness Program administration fee
Item 8 – Recommend increase in HSA employer annual contribution amount from \$750 to \$850 single/family

Item 9 – Stop loss premium – TBD (Rate information unavailable until October 2023)

Item 10 – Decrease in Pharmacy Services administration fee.

Item 11 – Long-Term Disability Insurance premium – rate renewal pending per PEBC

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

Court Order Number: 141540 - Approval of Plan Choices, Services Provider Selections, and the Contribution Rates for Funding Employee and Retiree Healthcare Benefits in Plan Year 2024

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Exhibit C1 – Active Employees: Rate hold and medical premium holiday for active employees in December 2024.

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

Court Order Number: 141541 - Approval of Plan Choices, Services Provider Selections, and the Contribution Rates for Funding Employee and Retiree Healthcare Benefits in Plan Year 2024

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Exhibit C2 – Pre-65 Retirees: Rate hold

Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

Court Order Number: 141542 - Approval of Plan Choices, Services Provider Selections, and the Contribution Rates for Funding Employee and Retiree Healthcare Benefits in Plan Year 2024

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Exhibit C3 – Post -65 Retirees: Rate hold for Medicare Advantage PPO Plan and rate change approved by the PEBC Board on March 9, 2023, for Medicare Advantage HMO Plan
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

Court Order Number: 141543 - Approval of Plan Choices, Services Provider Selections, and the Contribution Rates for Funding Employee and Retiree Healthcare Benefits in Plan Year 2024

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Exhibit D – Dental and Vision Plans: Rate increase in employee/retiree monthly contributions for the self-funded PPO dental plan; rate hold for the fully insured Delta DHMO dental plan and the VSP vision plan
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

4. **Court Order Number: 141544** - Approval of a Change to the Table of Organization – Budget and Risk Management

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve Change to the Table of Organization – Budget and Risk Management
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

5. **Court Order Number: 141545** - Approval of a Change to the Table of Organization - Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Change to the Table of Organization - Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

6. **Court Order Number: 141546** - Approval of Changes to the Table of Organization - 372nd and 432nd District Court

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve Changes to the Table of Organization - 372nd and 432nd District Court
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

7. **Court Order Number: 141547** - Approval of Equipment Operator and Mechanic Recruitment Program – Commissioner Precincts

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Equipment Operator and Mechanic Recruitment Program

– Commissioner Precincts by offering a \$1,500.00 recruitment incentive payable at three months and the second \$1,500.00 payable at the end of the probationary period.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

8. **Court Order Number: 141548** - ** Approval of Salary Administration Guidelines Revisions

F. Juvenile Services (Bennie Medlin)

1. **Court Order Number: 141549** - ** Approval of the First Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Juvenile On-Site Medical Services Contract between Tarrant County and Acclaim Physician Group, Inc. for the Provision of Medical Services to Youth in the Lynn W. Ross Juvenile Detention Center
2. **Court Order Number: 141550** - **Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Contract between Tarrant County and Acclaim Physician Group, Inc. for the Provision of On-Site Juvenile Medical Services at the Lynn W. Ross Juvenile Detention Center

G. Public Health (Vinny Taneja)

1. **Court Order Number: 141551** - ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Subrecipient Agreement with My Health My Resources of Tarrant County to Support the Help Me Thrive Program through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention American Rescue Plan Act Innovation Grant
2. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Service Provider Contract with Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County for the Provision of Juvenile Crime Prevention Program Services through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Prevention and Early Intervention Program Community Youth Development Grant

Item held.

3. ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Service Provider Contract with Camp Fire First Texas for the Provision of Teens in Action Program Services through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Prevention and Early Intervention Program Community Youth Development Grant

Item held.

4. ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Service Provider Contract with Girls Inc. of Tarrant County for the Provision of Girl Power Program Services through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Prevention and Early Intervention Program Community Youth Development Grant

Item held.

5. **Court Order Number: 141552** - ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Service Provider Contract with My Health My Resources of Tarrant County for the Provision of Youth Advisory Committee Services and Youth Leadership Development Services through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Prevention and Early Intervention Program Community Youth Development Grant
6. **Court Order Number: 141553** - ** Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Service Provider Contract with Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star for the Provision of Mentoring Services through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Prevention and Early Intervention Program Community Youth Development Grant
7. **Court Order Number: 141554** - **Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Centers for Disease Control Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement: Public Health Workforce Contract between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Public Health and the Department of State Health Services for Workforce Funding

H. Purchasing (Melissa Lee)

1. **Court Order Number: 141555** - RFQ No. 2023-107 - Annual Contract for Juvenile Residential Services - Juvenile Services - Various Vendors

a) Award Recommendation

b) Contract Approval

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve RFQ No. 2023-107 - Annual Contract for Juvenile Residential Services - Juvenile Services - Various Vendors
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

2. **Court Order Number: 141556** - RFQ No. F2023107A - Annual Contract for Juvenile Residential Services - Juvenile Services - Various Vendors

a) Award Recommendation

b) Contract Approval

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 – Gary Fickes to Approve RFQ No. F2023107A - Annual Contract for Juvenile Residential Services - Juvenile Services - Various Vendors
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

3. **Court Order Number: 141557** - RFP No. 2023-136 – Annual Contract for Behavioral Management and Support Services - Juvenile Services - Lena Pope Home, Inc.

a) Award Recommendation

b) Contract Approval

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare to Approve RFP No. 2023-136 – Annual Contract for Behavioral Management and Support Services - Juvenile Services - Lena Pope Home, Inc.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

4. **Court Order Number: 141558** - **RFP No. 2021-099 - Family Centered Multifaceted Wraparound Services - Juvenile Services - Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. - Exercise Second Option for Renewal - Same Contract Terms

a) Contract Renewal

b) Contract Approval

5. **Court Order Number: 141559** - **RFP No. 2021-107 - Intensive Spanish Language Mental Health Services - Juvenile Services - Lena Pope Home, Inc. - Exercise Second Option for Renewal - Same Contract Terms

a) Contract Renewal

b) Contract Approval

6. **Court Order Number: 141560** - **RFP No. 2021-130
Transportation Services for Juvenile Justice Alternative Education
Program - Juvenile Services - Durham School Services - Exercise
Second Option for Renewal - Same Contract Terms
 - a) Contract Renewal
 - b) Contract Approval
7. **Court Order Number: 141561** - ** Bid No. 2023-144 - Plaza
Building Chiller Replacement - Facilities Management - Endur
Contractors, LLC
 - a) Award Recommendation
 - b) Contract Approval
 - c) Acceptance of Payment Bond
 - d) Acceptance of Performance Bond
8. **Court Order Number: 141562** - **Approval of Amendment No.
1 - RFP No. 2022-054 - Annual Contract for Reconnecting Youth
Program - Juvenile Services - Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. - Per
Contract Terms
 - a) Contract Approval

I. Tax Assessor-Collector (Wendy Burgess)

1. **Court Order Number: 141563** - ** Approval of Property Tax
Refunds

J. County Judge and Commissioners

1. **Court Order Number: 141564** - Discussion and Possible Action
Concerning a Vote of No Confidence for Jeff Law, Chief
Appraiser and Executive Director, Tarrant Appraisal District

<p>Motion made by Presiding - County Judge – Tim O'Hare and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons to Approve Vote of No Confidence for Jeff Law, Chief Appraiser and Executive Director, Tarrant Appraisal District and send a letter from the court to all the TAD board members calling on the replacement of the chief appraiser.</p> <p>Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)</p> <p>Three public speakers spoke on the item regarding discussion and possible action concerning a vote of no confidence for Jeff Law, Chief Appraiser and Executive Director with Tarrant Appraisal District and two non-speakers wished to have their comments read regarding this item.</p>
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K. Appointments to Various Boards

1. **Court Order Number: 141565** - Action Concerning
Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions, Committees, or

Tax Increment Finance District Boards

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Appointment of Jason Thomas to the Kennedale TIF #1, Mansfield TIF # 1, Mansfield TIF #2 and Mansfield TIF # 3.
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

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: 141566 - 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 4 – Manny Ramirez)

XII. BRIEFING**A. Tarrant County Subdivision Regulations Project**

The Commissioners Court will view a presentation on the Tarrant County Subdivision Regulations Project presented by Daniel Harrison with Freese and Nichols (FNI).

B. Tarrant County Video Magistration Program

The Commissioners Court will be briefed on Tarrant County's Video Magistration Program and its impact on the County's Confinement Program.

C. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Issues

The Commissioners Court will consider requests from all county, district and state departments, as well as private organizations, which are requesting County funding for FY 2024. These requests may include salaries, benefits and other personnel issues, departmental operational expenses, travel expenses, educational expenses, professional services, precinct road operations, road maintenance operations, capital expenditures and other budgetary requests. The Commissioners Court will also discuss budget related issues concerning Juvenile Services operations and Public Health

activities.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Merl Glasscock asked the court to consider listening to the public comments about non agenda items at the beginning of the meetings.
Lavonne Cockerell asked the court to consider free parking to the public speakers.
Robert Vann spoke on mental health inmates in the jail.
Nan Terry spoke on the Tarrant County jail and inmate deaths.
Mike Brewster spoke about the Paxton case.
Doreen Geiger spoke about the mentally ill inmate Cory Rodriquez who was injured by county jail employees.
Public Speaker spoke about being falsely arrested and other various topics.
Public Speaker spoke with concerns about citizen who was arrested for trespassing and the diversion center.

Commissioners Court recessed into Closed Session at 1:06 p.m.

XV. CLOSED MEETING

A. Pending or Contemplated Litigation

B. Real Estate Matters

C. Personnel Matters

1. Position No. 20000275, County Administrator

D. Advice of Counsel

E. Security Related Issues

F. Contract Deliberations

G. Economic Development Prospects

XVI. COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED

Commissioners Court Reconvened at 1:25 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, Absent

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Court Order Number: 141567 - Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Alisa Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks to Approve Adjournment
Passed 4-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (Commissioner Precinct 4 – Manny Ramirez)

Commissioner Courts was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

APPROVED BY: _____
Tim O'Hare, County Judge

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Louise Nicholson, County Clerk

BY: _____
April Hanks, Deputy