BE IT REMEMBERED at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 24th day of March 2009, on a motion made by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District No. 3 and seconded by Mike Cantrell, Commissioner of District No. 2, the following Order was adopted:

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court was briefed on March 17, 2009 about the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board; and

Whereas, key stakeholders met on June 23, 2008 to discuss the need for a more coordinated, policy driven approach to improving the criminal justice system throughout Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas County criminal justice system is a complex process of inter-relationship between numerous local, county, state and federal agencies that requires high level coordinated leadership and attention; and

WHEREAS, to understand the complexities and inter-relationship of agencies involved in Dallas County’s criminal justice system the need exists to create a new policy-oriented mechanism that will position justice leadership, officials of public government, business and community leaders and the public to work together in partnership to make recommendations for the improvement of Dallas County’s criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, current research and literature in the field of criminal justice indicates the effectiveness of establishing local criminal justice advisory boards in improving local systems through more collaborative and better coordinated decision making processes; and

WHEREAS, in a follow-up meeting held on October 6, 2008, key stakeholders agreed to active participation and support of the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and approved the organizational structure; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mike Cantrell was affirmed as Chair and Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle was affirmed as Vice-Chair of the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Commissioners Court of Dallas County recognizes and supports the establishment of the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 24th day of March 2009.

Jim Foster, County Judge

ABSENT
Maurine Dickey, District #1
Mike Cantrell, District #2

John Wiley Price, District #3
Kenneth A. Mayfield, District #4

Recommended by:
Ron Stretcher, Director of Criminal Justice