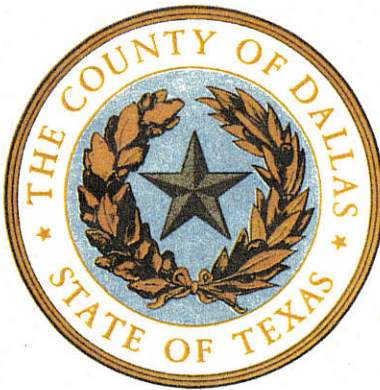


# Resolution



ORDER NO. 2017-0502

DATE: April 18, 2017

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District #1 and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District #4, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The Dallas County Commissioner's Court takes special notice when an individual has given long and faithful service to Dallas County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ron Stretcher started his tenure in the Dallas County Health & Human Services Department. There, he managed programs funded by federal HIV and AIDS grants when the medical community was just beginning to understand the virus. Later, he moved to the Dallas County Juvenile Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Serving as Deputy Director for the Dallas County Juvenile Department, Mr. Stretcher oversaw a variety of programs such as the Juvenile Justice Charter School, alternative education programs, residential treatment and in-home family services. He was later promoted to the position of Director for the Criminal Justice Department in which he has served for the last ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Stretcher currently leads planning efforts for new programs including the 24-hour district attorney intake, the outpatient competency restoration and a local residential treatment program. He led efforts to improve cooperation among criminal justice agencies that impacted a dramatic decrease of the jail population from 7,300 daily to near and sometimes below 5,200 inmates. He has also implemented processes that have increased jail releases on pre-trial bonds and increased the number of defendants in jail diversion programs. He also serves as the primary liaison with the Dallas County IT Services on all criminal justice related IT projects; and

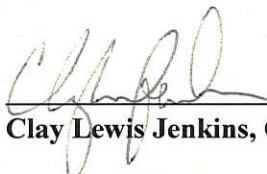
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Stretcher currently serves as Chair of the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority, where he oversees the managed behavioral healthcare services provided to persons that are eligible for Medicaid and/or public behavioral health funds in the NorthStar region. He is also on the steering committees for the Dallas County Re-Entry Project and Project Transform, which focuses on improving the local behavioral health service delivery system. Mr. Stretcher is leading efforts to organize a statewide organization of criminal justice planners to promote information sharing among Texas counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Stretcher is well-known for his ability to focus on systemic problems and bring together various parties using his unique leadership style. In his new position, he will continue working to keep nonviolent offenders out of jail and better served in an addiction or mental health program as needed. Mr. Stretcher has continually prioritized serving the citizens of Dallas County. In a recent news article he was quoted as saying, "*My focus is on getting folks where they need to be, helping them out. So it's gratifying. It makes a difference in people's lives*"; and

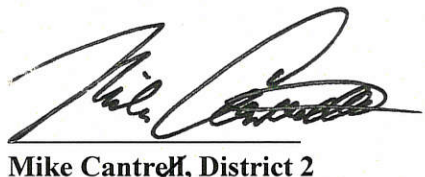
**WHEREAS**, This year, Mr. Stretcher celebrates 26 years of dedicated service to Dallas County. We proudly join him, his wife Yvonne and his daughter Amanda in celebrating his retirement from Dallas County today; and

**WHEREAS**, Of great loss is the institutional knowledge that will walk out the door when he leaves. That knowledge has been used to make a profound difference in people's lives and will be dearly missed by commissioners, administration, staff, colleagues and recipients of services alike.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby honor and appreciate **Ron Stretcher** for his 26 years of dedicated service to Dallas County and its residents, and congratulate him on his retirement, wishing him well in his new endeavors.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

  
Mike Cantrell, District 2

  
John Wiley Price, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4