

AGENDA ITEM # 11

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Hear recommendations from Citizens Criminal Justice Committee.

Wade Todd addressed the court with recommendations from Citizens Criminal Justice Committee concerning the criminal justice needs of the county.

Dr. William Kelly, Director of Criminology at the University of Texas addressed the court with the outline and goal of the study to collect information needed to work with the county to develop a long term cost effective criminal and juvenile strategic plan.

The time line for the project is aggressive and provides survey results six weeks from the launch of the project and will have information ready for the architects by June to begin their decision making process with a final report to commissioners court by August of this year.

Wade Todd requested the court authorize Judge Doerfler to enter into an agreement with the Citizens Criminal Justice Committee with the cost not to exceed \$92,700.00.

Commissioner Boatright questioned the survey of county residents and how it will be conducted.

Mr. Todd explained the survey would be conducted at random based on the population of the county with the purpose of the survey being to address issues and define what the public perceptions of the justice system are in terms of what they perceive the needs to be and how the jail and court system operate.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

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