

Consider approval of the Jury Selection Plan for Williamson County Courts.

Moved: Commissioner Mehevec

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To approve of the Jury Selection Plan for Williamson County Courts.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0

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### **Jury Selection Plan Williamson County**

On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1998, at a meeting for the purpose of selecting a Williamson County jury plan, the District Judges of Williamson County, Texas, unanimously agree upon and recommend to the Williamson County Commissioners Court the following plan for the selection of persons for jury service.

#### **SOURCE OF NAMES**

The source from which the jury wheel shall be constituted is the names of all persons on the current voter registration lists from all the precincts in Williamson County, Texas, all names on a current list to be furnished by the Department of Public Safety showing the citizens of Williamson County who hold a valid Texas driver's license and the citizens of Williamson County, other than persons who are disqualified from jury service, who hold a valid personal identification card or certificate issued by the Department. The names of the persons listed in a register of persons exempt from jury service may not be used in preparing the record of names from which a jury list is selected.

#### **METHOD**

Persons for jury service shall be selected at random with the aid of electronic equipment in a fair, impartial and objective manner from the source of names as specified above.

#### **OFFICIAL IN CHARGE**

The Clerk of the District Courts of Williamson County, Texas is designated as the official to be in charge of the selection process, and shall have the duties and authority set forth herein.

#### **DATE OF RECONSTITUTION OF JURY SOURCE**

At a time each year, on or before December 31, the jury source shall be reconstituted from the certified list provided by the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Government Code.

#### **NOTICE OF JURY SERVICE**

The Judges of the District Courts, County Courts at Law and Justice Courts shall provide, in a timely manner to the District Clerk, information regarding the required jury panels for the respective courts.

A true and complete written list showing the names and addresses of the persons summoned to begin jury service on a particular date shall be kept by the District Clerk until said list has been used.

The District Clerk shall provide the Sheriff of Williamson County a written summons for each prospective juror showing the date, time and place the juror is to appear. The summons shall be provided to the Sheriff of Williamson County in a timely manner. The Sheriff of Williamson County shall deliver the summons to the prospective jurors by the United States Postal Service.

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**GENERAL JURY PANEL**

The District Judges of Williamson County, Texas shall determine the approximate number of prospective jurors that are reasonably necessary for each jury week of the year for a general panel of jurors for service in the county court, the justice courts and all district and statutory county courts. The jurors so selected, qualified, instructed and sworn shall constitute the general panel for the week for service as jurors and thereafter as required in all district courts, county courts at law, county court, and justice courts in Williamson County, Texas, and shall be used interchangeably in all of said courts. The District Judge to whom the general panel initially reports shall assign such jurors as may be needed out into panels to the different courts as requested by the Judges of said courts.

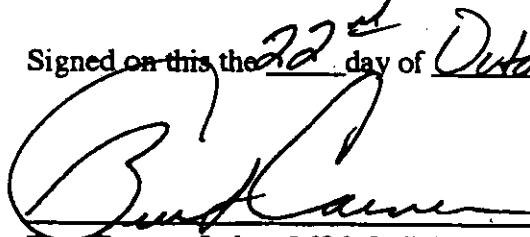
**ADDITIONAL JURORS**

Whenever the District Judge in charge of the general jury panel determines that the number of jurors previously selected for any designated date is insufficient, that Judge shall direct the District Clerk to prepare a supplemental list containing a specified number of persons to be called for jury service in addition to those previously selected. Such additional persons shall be selected and summoned in the same manner as those previously selected.

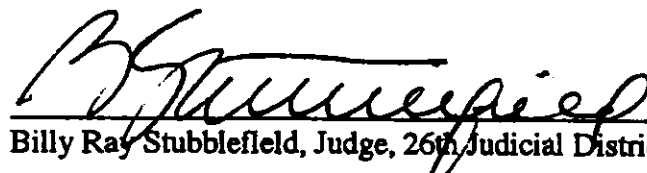
**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This plan shall become effective upon adoption by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

Signed on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1998

  
Burt Carnes, Judge, 368th Judicial District Court

  
John R. Carter, Judge, 277th Judicial District Court

  
Billy Ray Stubblefield, Judge, 26th Judicial District Court

approved 11-3-98  
John C. Dwyer

Discuss and take appropriate action on herbicide spraying on County Road 328.

Commissioner Mehevec stated Road & Bridge provided information to Dr. Ron Kasper stating the county has not sprayed on County Road 328.

No action taken on this agenda item.

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October 19, 1998

John C. Doerfler  
Williamson County Courthouse  
710 Main St., #201  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Dear Judge Doerfler:

I am writing concerning numerous trees which have been destroyed on my property along Texas County Road 328 because of the spraying of the herbicide, Hyvar, by the Williamson County Road and Bridge Department. The spraying of the herbicide occurred on June 24, 1996. I am enclosing documentation that the spraying was done by Mr. Eugene Marek and the licensing of the Hyvar being under Mr. Jerry Mehevek, County Commissioner for Pct.4 of Williamson County. It is my understanding that this is not the first incident involving the careless use of the herbicide, Hyvar.

Attached also is a letter from Dennis Brown, Consulting Arborist, who has personally examined my property. I am concerned that if this practice of spraying is not better regulated, or even better discontinued, more trees will be needlessly killed.

I appreciate your time in reviewing this information and any consideration you can give to this serious situation.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Kasper, M.D.

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