

AGENDA ITEM # 16OCTOBER 5, 1999

Consider authorizing payment of survey costs for needs assessment committee created by the court.

Cities and Williamson County Health District Karen Wilson advised Williamson County had been selected as one of 10 counties in the state by the Texas Department of Health to participate in Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. Three hundred (300) county residents were randomly interviewed by telephone at the expense of Texas Department of Health.

A Community Assessments Steering Committee was appointed in Commissioners Court in May, 1999, (recorded in Volume 104, page 431 of Commissioners Court minutes).

"At the same time we were looking at the community assessment process and discussed with the staticians the procedure for compiling information for each community. The answer - an additional 1,000 people surveyed for total of 1,300." One-half the fee for additional 1,000 surveys conducted by Clearwater Research, Inc. totals \$32,784.00.

Most of the information will be available for the October 27, 1999, assessment forum which she is hoping all Commissioners and County Judge will attend.

Commissioner Heiligenstein advised the \$32,784.00 is to be divided equally with Williamson County responsible for \$16,392.00 and the hospitals will pay \$16,392.00.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To approve payment up to \$16,392.00 from tobacco settlement funds to Clearwater Research, Inc. for one-half county health needs assessment survey.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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