

AGENDA ITEM # 20

Consider approving appointment of Williamson County Criminal Magistrates.

Magistrate positions were created by Commissioners Court on October 5, 1999, Agenda Item #18 at current salaries and recorded in Volume 107 Page 361, Minutes pages 149, 150 and 151.

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AGENDA ITEM # 18

OCTOBER 5, 1999

Discuss and take appropriate action on creation of magistrate positions.

County Attorney Gene Taylor discussed magistrate positions continuing with same policy - part-time, hourly paid, non-lawyers.

Creation of each magistrate position is within the discretion of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Once the Commissioners Court sets the Magistrates' qualifications and salary, the district and statutory county court judges fill the position/s by majority vote. Magistrates should supervise their own staff and maintain their own independent docket. The Magistrates may be removed by majority vote at any time.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To create magistrate positions at current salaries and recommend to the statutory county court-at-law and district judges that the currently serving magistrates remain in those positions.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0 with Commissioner Heiligenstein absent from the dais.

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