

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 12

Consider proposed release of abandoned right of way.

County Engineer Joe England explained that this item concerns the proposed release of abandoned right-of-way from the State System by TxDOT, and that TxDOT has requested that the court adopt a resolution stating that the tract of right-of-way will not be needed by Williamson County. Mr. England was asked to research this issue.

No action was taken on this agenda item, which will be added to the November 19, 2002 agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 13

Consider approving extension of current contract for psychiatric service for the jail with Bluebonnet Trails.

Chief of Corrections Jack Hall addressed the court concerning the proposed extension of the contract. He said that two changes were made to the contract: the hourly fee for the psychiatrist has been raised from \$85 to \$90; and the County will be charged for one hour of travel time each way per visit at the rate of \$90.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To approve the extension of the current contract with Bluebonnet Trails MHMR for psychiatric service for the jail.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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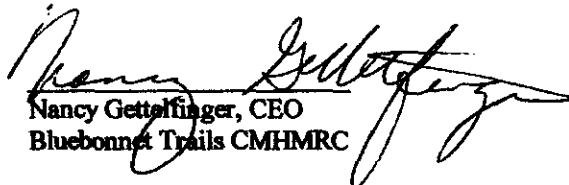
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Bluebonnet Trails Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center (CMHMRC) and the Williamson County Jail hereby enter into the following agreement pursuant to Authority contained in Sections 533.034 and 533.037 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

- I. Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC agrees to provide Psychiatric Services at the Williamson County Jail. Services by a licensed psychiatrist would be provided once a week at the Williamson County Jail, under the supervision of the Medical Director at Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC. Services would include psychiatric evaluations and pharmacological reviews, telephone consultation (by the Bluebonnet Trails' Medical Director or on-duty doctor), as well as the prescription of psychotropic medications. Malpractice insurance for the psychiatrists will be the responsibility of Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC.
- II. Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC agrees to provide Crisis and Emergency services to inmates who are presenting as suicidal and in need of an immediate evaluation. This service is available 24 hours per day. Crisis evaluations can also be provided on a weekly basis by the psychiatrist providing the jail evaluations and reviews.
- III. Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC agrees to provide information upon request on inmates who present or are suspected of having a mental health history. Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC agrees to access the CARE information system and determine if any inmate has a history of mental health or mental retardation services in Texas. The CARE system is sponsored by the Texas Department of MHMR.
- IV. Medication cost will be the responsibility of the Williamson County Jail on all inmates that are presented for evaluation or review. Inmates returning to jail from the Austin State Hospital or other state facilities with medication recommendations will also be the responsibility (cost) of the Williamson County Jail.
- V. Williamson County Jail agrees to compensate Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC \$90 per hour for each hour of psychiatric services by a licensed psychiatrist. One hour of travel time will be allowed and compensated at \$90 per visit. Invoice would specify number of clinic hours worked, plus (+) 1 hour of travel, times (x) \$90. The total cost would be the invoiced amount billed to the Williamson County Jail.
- VI. This agreement is effective from October 1, 2002 and will be effective month to month unless either party objects. This agreement can be modified or terminated by either party upon providing documentation of intent and the allowance of a thirty (30) day notice.

Executed this the 22 day of ^{Nov}~~October~~, 2002.


 Judge John Doerflinger
 County Judge


 Nancy Gettelfinger, CEO
 Bluebonnet Trails CMHMRC

AGENDA ITEM 14

Consider allowing the impound administrator, the fleet manager, and each EMS captain to take vehicles home.

Commissioner Boatright asked that employees who take vehicles home be reminded of the responsibility regarding the intended use that goes with the privilege of driving the vehicles home.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To amend the Budget Order to allow the impound administrator, the fleet manager, and each EMS captain to take County vehicles home.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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**MEMORANDUM****Williamson County Sheriff's Office**
Administration

TO: John Doerfler, County Judge
FROM: John Maspero, Sheriff *JM*
DATE: October 23, 2002
SUBJECT: Take Home Vehicles

With the increase in the county population, the Sheriff's Office has experienced an increase in vehicles that are being brought to the impound yard after hours as evidence in a crime.

When these vehicles are impounded as evidentiary vehicles, either the impound administrator or the fleet manager are called back to duty so these vehicles can be stored in a secure locked environment with access limited to only officers involved in the cases. It is important when the case goes to trial for chain of custody issues. For this reason the impound administrator and fleet manager are the only two people with keys to the locked garage bay.

There is also a need for fleet to respond with broken down vehicles "patrol" to issue a replacement vehicle to keep officers on the street.

At this time, the Impound Administrator is also a certified Reserve Deputy Sheriff tasked with the security of the impound yard. As a Reserve Deputy, he also must be available for emergency call out.

I am requesting the court allow take home vehicles for the impound administrator and the fleet manager.

approved 11-12-02
John C. Doerfler