

AGENDA ITEM 25

Announce date and time of record vote on tax rate.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To set the date and time of the record tax vote for August 27, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

Vote: **5 – 0**

AGENDA ITEM 26

Discuss and take appropriate action on authorizing County Judge discretion on approving or disapproving late reimbursement requests.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To authorize the County Judge to approve or disapprove late reimbursement requests.

Vote: **4 – 0. Commissioner Boatright was absent from the dais.**

AGENDA ITEM 27

Consider approving a grant from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Motion: To approve a grant from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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Indigent Defense Grant Program

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Fair Defense Act, 77th Regular Session, counties are eligible to receive grants from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county; and

WHEREAS, this grant program will assist the county in the implementation of the provisions of the Fair Defense Act and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in this county; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Williamson County Commissioners assures that the funds will be returned in full to the Task Force on Indigent Defense.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered that the County Judge of this county is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Judge is designated as the Program Director and Contact Person for this grant and the County Auditor/County Treasurer is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

Adopted this 20th day of August, 2002.

John C. Dwyer
County Judge

Attest:

Dan E. Rister
County Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 28

Consider approving transfer of Environmental Officer slot from URS to Constable, Pct. #3. (Transfer of slot only.)

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To approve the transfer of the Environmental Officer slot from URS to Constable Precinct 3.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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The Hon. Williamson County Commissioner's Court

Dear Gentlemen:

Commissioner Frankie Limmer and I spoke about the need to legally commission Ronny Manning as the Environmental Enforcement Officer. After some discussion about the issues and needs pertaining to the existing services provided by the Environmental Officer, I agreed to consider transferring that area of responsibility to the Pct.3 Constable's Office.

On August 8, 2002, I met with Ronny Manning and Greg Bergeron to better understand the issues associated with that position. We agreed that transferring the Environmental Officer responsibilities to the Pct.3 Constable's would best serve all of Williamson County.

To best serve the needs of Williamson County, I propose the following:

1. The Environmental Enforcement Officer position, presently occupied by Ronny Manning, to be commissioned as a Precinct 3 Deputy Constable as soon as possible. This action will correct the disruption to the current environmental offense enforcement efforts.
2. Deputy Manning will be supervised by the Pct.3 Constable's Office, with all the authority, duties, responsibilities and law enforcement standards afforded to all Pct.3 commissioned personnel
3. Deputy Manning primary and foremost responsibilities will be to respond to complaints, investigations and complete enforcement of all issues and offenses related to Environmental cases county wide. His other duties, responsibilities and authority will be the same as any other Pct.3 Deputy Constable
4. For the remainder of this fiscal year, Deputy Manning will continue to be funded from the budget areas entirely the same. In short, the only difference will be that he becomes a Deputy Constable, and reports to the Pct.3 Constable, but will continue to be funded as is currently approved.
5. Next fiscal year, all funding and equipment associated with the Environmental Officer position will be transferred to the Pct.3 Constable Office. From that point forward, the Pct.3 Constable's Office assumes complete responsibility.
6. The Commissioner's Court strongly considers my FY 2002-2003 budget request for a Civil Deputy/Supervisor position. I am concerned that by adding another position to the office, with totally different responsibilities, will exacerbate my current demand to properly supervise staff and fulfill my requirements to civil law.
7. Attached please find a spreadsheet of budget commodities the Pct.3 Constable's Office, I believe I will need to support the Environmental Officer enforcement responsibilities for FY 2002-2003. My request may be conservative as this area of responsibility is new for me to support.

I respectfully request your consideration and approval on addressing the roles and responsibilities of the Environmental Enforcement Officer for Williamson County.

Please contact me if you need additional information on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Bobby Gutierrez, Constable Pct.3

approved 8-20-02
