

**AGENDA ITEM 27**

Consider approving Electronic Payment Agreement between Williamson County and Frost National Bank for the County Clerk's Office for LegalEase.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve an electronic payment agreement between Williamson County and Frost National Bank for the County Clerk's Office for LegalEase.

Vote: 3 – 0. **Commissioner Hays was absent from the dais.**

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**ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN Williamson County AND FROST NATIONAL BANK**

This Electronic Payment Agreement ("Agreement") is made this 17th day of September, 2002, by and between WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS a political subdivision of the State of Texas, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Agency"), and Frost National Bank, 100 West Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas 78296 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Bank").

**WITNESSETH**

WHEREAS, the Agency has the authority to collect certain fees for services provided through the office of the County Clerk of Williamson County (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Agency Clerk") as set forth in TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE ANN., Chapter 118, Subchapter B, and other statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Bank share the common goal of increasing the speed and ease of the collection of such fees generated by services provided by the Agency Clerk; and

WHEREAS, LegalEase is a product of the Bank operated under an exclusive license of U. S. patent #4,725,719, whereby a person or entity can authorize direct electronic payment to the Agency for services rendered by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency wishes to provide services through the Agency Clerk via telephone, mail, and/or facsimile and at convenient walk-in locations;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**1.0            DEFINITIONS**

1.1      "ACH Electronic Funds Transfer" means the electronic movement of funds through the Automated Clearing House systems operated by the Federal Reserve and participating banks from one financial institution to another.

1.2      "Customer" means the person or entity who has entered into a LegalEase agreement with the Bank and has established a demand deposit account with the Bank specifically for purchasing services through the LegalEase system. Each Customer is assigned a unique customer number by the Bank ("Customer Number").

1.3      "Business Day" means a day on which the Bank is open to the public for carrying on substantially all of its banking functions but not including Saturdays, Sundays and Bank holidays.

1.4      "Agency Clerk" means Nancy E. Rister, the County Clerk of Williamson County, Texas, or [his/her] successor in office or authorized representative.