

AGENDA ITEM 22

Discuss and consider final plat approval of Hawes Ranch, Section 2.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To grant final plat approval of Hawes Ranch, Section 2.

Vote: **5 – 0**

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 23

Discuss and take appropriate action on request for District Attorney to hire 2 additional staff members, 1 prosecutor and 1 support personnel, effective July for direct filing of cases.

District Attorney John Bradley addressed the Court regarding his need to hire two additional staff members to implement direct filing of cases. Answering a question posed by **Judge Doerfler**, he stated that in the next fiscal year, his office will ask for two new prosecutors, one new investigator, and one new legal secretary in addition to the request made today. **County Attorney Gene Taylor** also addressed the Court from the podium, addressing the issue of personal recognizance bonds (PR Bonds) and calling for a rule that police officers must file their reports the day they make the arrest, which would be sooner than the present rule requires.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve the request of District Attorney to hire 2 additional staff members (1 prosecutor and 1 support personnel), effective July for direct filing of cases.

Vote: **5 – 0**

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Wendy Coco

From: Dorothy Fischer
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2004 9:27 AM
To: Wendy Coco
Subject: 5/25 Agenda

Discuss and take appropriate action on request of District Attorney to hire 2 additional staff members, 1 prosecutor and 1 support personnel, effective July for direct filing of cases.

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*approved 5-25-04
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5/10/2004

Jane Tableriou

From: John Bradley [jbradl01@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2004 8:38 AM
To: Jane Tableriou
Cc: John Bradley
Subject: Staffing

Jane,

I met again last week with all the judges and Frankie Limmer in connection with the idea of adding staff for us to focus on screening more cases that come into the jail and save the county some money. The judges that were present supported the idea. Frankie suggested I get on the agenda for May 25. I've talked to someone in his office who will be making a formal request to your office to get on the agenda.

To give Judge Doerfler and the court some details, this is what I expect to request:

A new prosecutor under pay group 36 (the person I will be hiring is an extremely experienced prosecutor who is currently making \$85,000 in Houston; to get him here, I need to start him at a Step 3, which is still a substantial pay cut);
A new support person under pay group 21/step 1.

These two positions will meet in the mornings at the jail and screen felony cases with the focus on diverting appropriate cases to misdemeanor prosecution or early disposition as a felony. In addition, they will begin increasing the contact that police have with the District Attorney's office before a felony arrest is made, so that we can improve the decisions being made on felony arrests. I am optimistic that this will reduce the felony jail population that is awaiting resolution of their felony cases.

This is only a first step. The long-term goal will be to develop a centralized, direct filing system for felony crimes. But that will involve coordination with the judges and district clerk. I hope to use the next budget year to develop that system and make recommendations in the following budget year. Please pass on these thoughts to Judge Doerfler.

I would like for the new positions to begin July 1. jb

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May 11, 2004

Judge John Doerfler
Williamson County Judge
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Re: Agenda Item for 5/25/04
Quicker Jail Releases through Timely Magistration, etc

Dear John:

A meeting was held Friday, May 7, 2004 with the following attending: Commissioner Frankie Limmer, District Attorney John Bradley, Judge Billy Ray Stubblefield, Judge Ken Anderson, Judge Tim Wright, Judge Michael Jergins and our current magistrate.

District Attorney John Bradley is requesting 1 prosecutor and 1 support person (secretary), 5 days a week. They would work at the jail every morning to hear cases.

My summary of the request is as follows:

- Cities must file a detailed offense report before we accept their prisoners. Information about the facts of the case need to be furnished quickly. Cities will need to be educated about our process so that their officers know what is needed from them to make this process work.
- The appointed lawyers will be given "X" hours to personally contact (face to face) their client—this will be required by our Williamson County and District Judges.
- Judges will review the list of court appointed attorneys and make them understand they must visit their client quickly (or timely) to facilitate quicker releases of those eligible for release.

Sincerely,



Frankie Limmer, County
Commissioner Pct #4

AGENDA ITEM 24

Discuss and consider approval of variance for building set-back line in Brushy Creek, Section 6.

Joe England addressed the Court.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To grant approval of variance for building set-back line in Brushy Creek, Section 6.

Vote: **5 – 0**

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