



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: March 20, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Commissioner Karen Huber

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Karen Huber

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Russell Munsch to the Emergency Services District #8 Board of Commissioners to serve immediately until December, 31, 2013.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

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December 14, 2011

Via E-mail and U.S. First Class Mail

Garry Brown
Chief of Staff, Commissioner Karen Huber
314 W. 11th Street, Suite 530
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Emergency Services District No. 8

Dear Garry:

Garry, I enjoyed the opportunity to talk to you last week about the possibility of serving as a Commissioner on the Emergency Services District No. 8. This letter will serve as my indication of interest on serving on the District and my resume and qualifications are attached hereto.

As I mentioned, I am the name partner of one of Texas' largest commercial law firms with offices in Austin, Dallas and Houston. I have lived in the Barton Creek Lakeside community in Spicewood for the past 12 years. The recent impact of the wildfires in and around Barton Creek Lakeside in September created a greater sense of awareness for dealing with emergency services. My particular area of legal practice involves the representation of larger companies, financial institutions and creditors in various restructures and crisis situations. I believe I can bring a unique point of view and experience to the District.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Very truly yours,

MUNSCH HARDT KOPF & HARR, P.C.

By: _____

Russell L. Munsch

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Enclosure

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Mr. Munsch is one of the founding shareholders of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C., a 108-attorney, full service business law firm with offices in Dallas, Houston and Austin, Texas. Mr. Munsch is a member of the Firm's Reorganization and Creditors' Rights Section. From 2005-2011, Mr. Munsch has been selected by *Chambers USA* as one of America's Leading Business Lawyers. He has also been selected by his peers to be included in the 2006-2012 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Since 2003, Mr. Munsch has been selected each year by *Texas Monthly* as one of the "Super Lawyers" within the State of Texas. In 2002 and 2007, he was selected by the *Texas Lawyer* publication as one of "Texas' Top Notch Lawyers", listing Texas' top attorneys in 25 different practice areas, including Reorganization and Bankruptcy. He is also listed in the 2004-2010 *K&A Restructuring Register: America's Top 100*, which is comprised of nationally recognized attorneys and financial advisors currently specializing in reorganization, restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy matters. Mr. Munsch has also been featured in *The International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers* from 2007-2010.

Mr. Munsch's business focus has been primarily on the restructure and reorganization of various public and private companies, representation of significant creditors and financial institutions and the representation of entities acquiring assets from troubled organizations. Mr. Munsch's experience relates to all phases of creditor rights, insolvency, bankruptcy and commercial law. Primary emphasis during the last several years has been in the representation of major creditors, bank groups and financial institutions in large loan workouts and bankruptcies throughout the country.

Some of the more notable cases on which Mr. Munsch has worked include Lehman Brothers, Enron Corporation, SemGroup Corporation, Northwest Airlines, Coho Energy Corporation, Dow Corning Corporation, Anchor Glass Corporation, Fruehauf Trailer Corporation, The Southland Corporation, Columbia Gas Transmission Company, Lomas Financial Corporation and AmeriTruck Refrigerated Transport. Mr. Munsch also served as bankruptcy counsel to Nelson Bunker Hunt. The Nelson Bunker Hunt Chapter 11 proceeding is considered the largest personal bankruptcy proceeding in history and involved over \$2 billion in disputed creditor claims. Mr. Munsch has extensive experience in the representation of trustees and creditors committees in cases throughout the country. Mr. Munsch has also served as trustee and examiner in cases in Texas.

Mr. Munsch is a frequent speaker on various bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues and a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Travis County Bar Association Bankruptcy Section and the Business Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Mr. Munsch is married and has a daughter who lives in Austin.