## Item 23



## **Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request**

Meeting Date: 3/27/12 Prepared By/Phone Number: Donald W. Ward Phone #: -8549317 Division Director/Manager: Donald W. Ward, P.E., Director Road Maintenance and Fleet Services Department Head: Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR Sponsoring Court Member: County Judge Sam Biscoe

**AGENDA LANGUAGE**: Consider and take appropriate action on approval of the Resolution Dedicating Land for Cemetery Purpose for the new Travis County Cemetery located at 14510 Wells School Road.

## BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

In September 2011, Travis County approved the purchase of approximately 96 acres on Wells School Road for the purpose of developing a new cemetery to continue the current program of indigent burials. State Law requires that a county that operates a cemetery must approve a formal dedication of the property for that purpose. The attached Exhibit 1 shows the property purchased for the new cemetery.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TNR staff and the County Attorney's Office recommends approval of the "Resolution for Dedicating Land for Cemetery Purpose" for the property purchased by Travis County located at 14510 Wells School Road.

#### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

The approval of the Resolution for Dedication is required prior to beginning indigent burial operations.

## FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

## ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

Resolution of Travis County Dedication Exhibit 1

# **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

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Cynthia McDonald	Financial Manager	TNR	854-4239
	County Executive	TNR	854-9429
Steve Manilla	Assist County Attorney		854-9176
Mary Etta Gerhardt	Assist County Attorney	County / Montoy	

CC:

			854-4581
Sherri Fleming	County Exec. HHS	HHS	
Don Ward	Dir. Road Main. & Fleet Service	TNR	854-9317
Howard Herrin	Section Manager	TNR	854-9383
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#### SM:DW:

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#### **RESOLUTION OF TRAVIS COUNTY** DEDICATING LAND FOR **CEMETERY PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, County is required under TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, Section 694.002, and other applicable statutes, to provide for burials of indigent persons in Travis County and to adopt rules by which to provide for such burials; and is authorized under TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 81.027, and other applicable statutes, to assist the eligible Next of Kin of Decedents in obtaining burial services where the Decedent and/or Next of Kin are unable to afford burial and meet the requirements of applicable Travis County policies.

WHEREAS, indigent burials will be provided for eligible individuals, as defined by applicable Policies and procedures ("Policy"), and assistance may be provided to families who lack the Income or resources to afford any type of funeral expenses and who meet applicable eligibility requirements.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, Chapter 711, and other applicable statutes, Travis County has acquired land for the purpose of providing burials for eligible individuals pursuant to County Policy, as shown in the documentation attached to this Resolution as Exhibit 1 and made a part of this Resolution.

WHEREAS, Travis County desires to set aside that property set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution as a nonperpetual care cemetery, and to dedicate that property as delineated exclusively to cemetery purposes.

WHEREAS, Travis County Commissioners Court may, by written Resolution, amend this document, including the attached documents in Exhibit 1, as provided for by applicable law, so long as any change does not operate to disturb any interred remains; and Travis County reserves the right to resurvey and change the shape and size of the property or add additional portions by such amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS:

That the Court hereby:

(a) Dedicates the land shown in the attached Exhibit 1 to be used exclusively for cemetery purposes;

and

(b) Resolves that use of the land will be only as provided by this Resolution, applicable Policy and law, rules and regulations.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge

Ron Davis, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Karen Huber, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner, Pct. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the said Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen Huber and \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, to certify which witness my hand day of Margaret J. Gómez, this and seal of office.

Notary Public in and for

County, Texas

Typed or Printed Name of Notary: My Commission Expires:

EXHIBIT 1





