



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: April 10, 2012

Prepared By/Phone Number: Aerin Toussaint/(512) 854-1160

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Leslie Browder, County Executive, Planning and Budget *LB*

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action on request to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Travis County Archaeological Society for the Travis County Historical Commission.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Please see attached.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

PBO recommends approval.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Please see attached.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Please see attached.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None.

Leslie Browder, Planning and Budget Office (512) 854-9106

Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget Office, (512) 854-9106

Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Office, (512) 854-9106

Cheryl Aker, County Judge's Office, (512) 854-9555

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.

PLANNING AND BUDGET OFFICE
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS



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P.O. Box 1748
Austin, Texas 78767

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Commissioners Court
FROM: Aerin-Renee Toussaint, Budget Analyst
DATE: April 10, 2012
RE: Travis County Historical Commission Donation Approval

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The Travis County Historical Commission requests Commissioners Court approval to accept a \$1,000 donation from the Travis County Archaeological Society. The Archaeological Society is presenting this donation to support the Historical Commission in their educational outreach project with the Ransom and Sarah Williams Homestead and Texas Beyond History Project of The University of Texas and Texas State University.

The funds will be deposited into the 001-1700-389.10-11 account line. These funds will be used in addition to grant funds that were approved by Commissioners Court on March 27, 2012.

PBO supports approval and receipt of this donation.

cc: Leslie Browder, Leroy Nellis, Jessica Rio, PBO
Barry Hutcheson, Bob Ward, Travis County Historical Commission



Travis County
Historical Commission

March 14, 2012

Travis County Commissioners Court
Judge Sam Biscoe

RE: Donation from the Travis County Archeological Society for the Ransom and Sarah Williams Farmstead project

The Travis County Historical Commission and its Certified Local Government Committee request the approval of Commissioners Court to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Travis County Archaeological Society. These funds would be used to support the CLG grant project on the Ransom and Sarah Williams Farmstead.

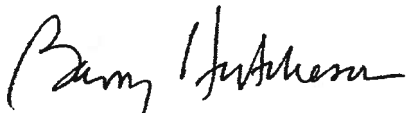
The Travis County Archeological Society (TCAS) was founded in 1959 to promote the scientific study of archeology and “to encourage the conservation, study, interpretation, and publication of evidences of prehistory and history, especially in Travis County and vicinity.” It is an organization of professional and amateur archeologists who are committed to understanding the Texas past through the study of material left by earlier peoples.

The TCAS has been aware of the research and archeology done at the Williams Farmstead site from the outset of the Texas Department of Transportation project there in 2007. They are interested in providing monetary support because the stated educational

proposals in the Ransom and Sarah Williams Farmstead project meet the goals of the TCAS.

The primary grant funds provided through the CLG program and the matching money from Travis County will be used to build on the site research and to develop educational materials for community and local school use. The additional funds offered by the TCAS would allow for expanded deliverables, in terms of enhanced graphics, increased number of publications, new web materials or other technology.

We appreciate the support of the Commissioners Court in historical preservation activities in Travis County.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Hutcheson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barry" being more prominent than the last name "Hutcheson".

Barry Hutcheson
Chair, Travis County Historical Commission

CC: Bob Ward, Co-Chair, Travis County Historical Commission
Bill Hamilton, Chair, CLG Committee



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26 March 2012

Aerin Toussaint, Budget Analyst
Travis County Planning and Budget Office
700 Lavaca Street, Suite 1560
Austin, TX 78701-3101

Dear Ms. Toussaint:

The Travis County Archeological Society voted at our monthly meeting on February 9 to donate \$1,000.00 toward the education component of the Sarah and Ransom Williams Farmstead project. This donation is to accompany a grant the Texas Historical Commission has awarded to the Travis County Certified Local Government Committee.

Please accept our check in this amount, written to the Travis County Historical Commission, Department 17, for the above cited project.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Spock

Carolyn Spock
President
Travis County Archeological Society

Copies to:
Barry Hutcheson
May Schmidt
Jonelle Miller-Chapman