



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: June 5, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Tina Morton

Commissioners Court Sponsor: County Judge Sam Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

- CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROPERTY TAX RATE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT DBA CENTRAL HEALTH. (TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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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May 23, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE SAM BISCOE
PRECINCT 1, COMMISSIONER RON DAVIS
PRECINCT 2, COMMISSIONER SARAH ECKHARDT
PRECINCT 3, COMMISSIONER KAREN HUBER
PRECINCT 4, COMMISSIONER MARGARET GÓMEZ

FROM: Tina Morton, Tax Assessor-Collector

SUBJECT: Travis County Healthcare District Property Tax Rate Considerations

Property Tax Rate Considerations

Each year there are several items the Commissioners Court must consider when establishing tax rates and budget forecasts for the Travis County Healthcare District d/b/a Central Health. We and the Planning and Budget Office recommend the Court adopt the following parameters:

- A. Anticipated Collection Rate (for Effective Tax Rate Calculations): 100% (lower estimates may be used only with justification).
- B. Debt Buy Down: The debt service (and resulting debt rate) may be reduced using year-end or reserve balances from the bond or general fund. We recommend no buy down of the debt rate.
- C. Optional Homestead Exemption: \$5,000 or 20% (whichever is greater).

As the Court may take action at a later time, we note the current policy but recommend no action at this time for the following parameters:

- D. Over 65 and Disabled Optional Homestead Exemptions: Currently \$65,000.
- E. Historic Exemptions: Currently 100% on the structure and 50% on the land for residences or non-profit agencies; and 50% on the structure and 25% on

If my staff or I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 4-9632.

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