



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: October 23, 2012

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action on Amendment Number Eleven to the interlocal agreement between Travis County, the Travis County Juvenile Board, and the Austin Independent School District to continue the Truancy Court Project for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The Truancy Court Project was established in fiscal year 2002 as part of a collaborative and coordinated approach to address, reduce and prevent truancy and has been renewed by all parties annually. The Truancy Court is designed to provide quick intervention to chronic truants at the student's home school. It provides for supervision, referrals to community services and regular review of a student's progress toward reduced truancy.

The original agreement for the Truancy Court among Travis County, the Travis County Juvenile Board and the Austin Independent School District addressed project operations and responsibilities of the project partners as well as project funding. The renewal, Amendment Number Eleven with AISD is substantially the same as the prior year's agreement with AISD and provides for the same level of funding to the project as last fiscal year.

Amendment Number Eleven to the interlocal agreement has been approved by the Travis County Juvenile Board and the AISD Board of Trustees.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Travis County Juvenile Probation recommends approval of the amendment to the interlocal agreement.

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.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Approval of this amendment to the interlocal agreement continues the partnership with AISD that allows for the creation of a specialized court within Travis County to assist with the truancy issues of 4 middle schools within Travis County, the City of Austin and AISD.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

This amendment to the interlocal agreement provides funding for the Truancy Court in the amount of \$97,411.

Please note, the Truancy Court also receives funding by a transfer from the General Fund. The District Attorney also provides in-kind services through a prosecutor that supports the program.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

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AMENDMENT NUMBER ELEVEN
TO THE TRUANCY COURT PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
TRAVIS COUNTY, THE TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD AND THE
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

This Amendment Number Eleven (“Amendment Eleven”) to the Truancy Court Project is entered into by Travis County (“COUNTY”), the Travis County Juvenile Board (“TCJB”) and the Austin Independent School District (“AISD”), hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties,” pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS, in February of 2002 the Parties entered into an Agreement for the Truancy Court Pilot Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”); and,

WHEREAS, the Initial Term of the Agreement was from the date of its execution through September 30, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the Agreement provided that the term of the Agreement could be extended for additional one-year terms by written agreement of the Parties; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into Amendment Ten to the Agreement for the period October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, in Amendment Ten the Parties agreed to delete all references to the word “Pilot” within the Agreement and hereinafter make reference only to the Truancy Court Project; and,

WHEREAS, from October 1, 2011, to the date of this Amendment Eleven, the Parties have continued to operate the Truancy Court Project without formal written amendment of the Agreement to extend its terms; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to ratify and approve the extension of the Agreement from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, and to provide funding for such term.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the Parties hereby ratify and approve this Amendment Number Eleven to the Agreement as follows:

1. The Agreement is extended for an additional one-year period, from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013 (the “FY 2013 Term”).
2. AISD agrees to provide funding to COUNTY in the amount of \$97,411 for the services provided by the TCJB from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013. COUNTY shall invoice AISD on a quarterly basis and invoices shall be accompanied by records or documentation supporting the invoiced amount. Expenditures of the Truancy

Court Project FY 2013 funds shall include operating expenses and personnel costs as determined by the Truancy Court Program Administrator. Operating expenses may include the expenditure of funds for incentives to youth participation in the project.

3. The Parties agree that except as specifically amended above, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.


4. This Amendment shall have an effective date of October 1, 2012.

Executed as of the latest date set forth below:


COUNTY OF TRAVIS

By: _____ Date _____
Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

By:  10/11/12
The Honorable Darlene Byrne Date
126th Judicial District Court
Chair of the Juvenile Board

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:  9/24/12
Name: Mark J. Williams Date
Title: Board President
App'd 11/20/12 9.6.12