



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 22, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

Agenda Language: Approve Order delegating authority for Chapter 2267 of the Texas Government Code to approve and manage contracts under Chapter 32 of the Travis County Code to the Purchasing Agent.

- **Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

- Section 2267.053 of the Texas Government Code authorizes the Commissioners Court to delegate its authority under Chapter 2267, the Contracting and Delivery Procedures for Construction Projects statute, regarding an action authorized or required by Chapter 2267, to a designated representative, committee, or person. Chapter 32 of the Travis County Code (the Purchasing Manual), which outlines County Purchasing procedures and delegation of authority, was adopted prior to Chapter 2267. Therefore, upon the advice of the County Attorney, it is requested that the Court approve an Order delegating authority for Chapter 2267 of the Texas Government Code to approve and manage contracts under Chapter 32 of the Travis County Code to the Purchasing Agent.

ORDER OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Section 2267.053 authorizes the Commissioners Court to delegate its authority under Chapter 2267, the Contracting and Delivery Procedures for Construction Projects statute, regarding an action authorized or required by Chapter 2267, to a designated representative, committee, or person; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 32 of the Travis County Code, the Purchasing Manual, was adopted prior to Chapter 2267; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds it desirable to delegate its authority to the Travis County Purchasing Agent to perform the tasks describe in Chapter 2267, that are similar in nature to the Purchasing Manual.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court:

1. Finds that delegating its authority for Chapter 2267 to approve and manage contracts under Chapter 32 of the Travis County Code to the Travis County Purchasing Agent will improve efficiency and maximize Travis County's resources.
2. Hereby delegates to the Travis County Purchasing Agent those tasks from Chapter 2267 that are similar in nature to those described in the Purchasing Manual, until and unless the Commissioners Court issues a conflicting order.
3. To the extent there is any conflict, The Travis County Ethics Policy is affirmed; and the Records Management Department is instructed to renumber its placement so as not to conflict with the Purchasing Manual.

Date of Order: _____.

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

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Commissioner, Precinct One

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Commissioner, Precinct Two

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Commissioner, Precinct Three

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Commissioner, Precinct Four

Marvin Brice

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Subject: Fwd: Delegation under Chapter 2267
Attachments: ORDER OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.DOCX; ATT00001.htm

Marvin we need to prepare agenda item for court approval. Thanks

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Travis County Purchasing Agent

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Subject: Delegation under Chapter 2267

Here is a first draft of the Order in which the Commissioners Court would delegate its authority under Chapter 2267 to you for those things that you would typically do. Recall, we discussed this a few months ago when we had the training session at your Office for the Construction Team. Sorry it has taken so long.

Note, I have also slipped in a number 3 that addresses that Ethics Policy issue that would discussed several months ago.

Take a look and see if it makes sense. Maybe we can get this approved before the Legislature amends 2267!

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