

Item 3



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: April 16, 2013

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF A TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON THE CONFERENCE OF URBAN COUNTIES TECHSHARE OVERSIGHT BOARD AND TO SERVE AS PROJECT SPONSOR FOR COUNTY TECHSHARE PROJECTS

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The Travis County Commissioners Court recently approved amendments to the Conference of Urban Counties TechShare Master Interlocal Agreement. The Agreement calls for a Travis County Commissioner(s) to serve as project sponsor(s) for county TechShare projects. It also calls for a Commissioner to serve on the TechShare oversight committee.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Participation in the TechShare structure by a Travis County Commissioner(s) provides us greater shared control with our other Texas county partners and greater visibility into the financial and operational aspects of the TechShare project.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No cost impact.

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.

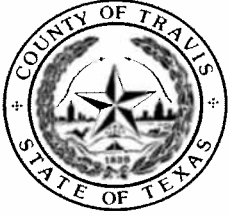
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A

ATTACHEMENTS:

Memo to the Commissioners Court dated March 29, 2013 describing the changes to the Master ILA.

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Date: March 29, 2013

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From: Roger Jefferies, County Executive, JPS 

Subject: Request Approval for Changes to the Master Interlocal Agreement for Participation in the TechShare Program

The Conference of Urban Counties (CUC) has proposed changes to the current master interlocal agreement for participation in the TechShare Program.

The primary changes are in the structure of the oversight of the TechShare program. In the current agreement, an oversight committee exists including the County Administrator for Tarrant County, a Dallas County Commissioner, and, at the direction of the Commissioners Court, me, representing Travis County. The current agreement contemplates one oversight committee for each functional area of county government addressed by TechShare endeavors, but all current endeavors fall within the justice arena.

Under the new structure in 6.3, there will be a single oversight committee for TechShare. The committee will consist of (a) the Chair-Elect of the Urban Counties, and (b) members from the governing bodies of 6 participants in TechShare. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of CUC will select and invite those members to serve on the oversight committee. Members serve staggered two year terms. Roles and responsibilities for members of the oversight committee are described in this section as well. One important change is that the chairman of the oversight committee will hold a seat on the Board of Directors of CUC.

In addition to the oversight committee, described in 6.4 is a stakeholder committee for each project and resource that consists of representatives from all TechShare participants in the particular project

or resource. These stakeholder committees exist under the current agreement. It would be at the county's discretion who its representatives will be on each stakeholder committee. They would serve as a working group who make recommendations on projects and resources to the oversight committee.

In 6.6 the CUC is also requesting that each county select a sponsor from its Commissioners Court for each project and resource their county is participating in. Travis County is currently participating in the Prosecutor Project, the Courts Project, and is sharing the CIJS resource. The Commissioners Court can select a different sponsor for each, or one sponsor who would be responsible for all three endeavors. The sponsor(s) will be provided periodic updates of projects and resources so that the Commissioners Court has a greater level of engagement in TechShare.

6.1.2 is amended to give the CUC Board the ability to delegate contract approval authority to the TechShare Division Director for contracts with vendors. Historically, the CUC Board has approved Project and Resource Sharing Addenda and given the Executive Director the authority to execute contracts necessary to accomplish the scope of work within the approved budget. The TechShare Division Director was added to recognize the new status of the TechShare Division Director, who now reports directly to the TechShare Oversight Committee, and to streamline the process. Otherwise, every contract must go to the Board for approval, and delay can be a problem.

6.3.9 is amended to remove staff as ex-officio members of the Oversight Committee. Urban Counties staff, as desired by the Committee, will attend all meetings. This is true for every committee of Urban Counties, none of which include staff as ex-officio members. It is recommended that the Chairpersons of each Project and Resource Stakeholder Committee also serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Oversight Committee.

I have attached a chart and description of committee roles under the new structure. (The chart was prepared for the Juvenile project so the Stakeholder Committee and Technical Committee are specific to that project. The committees for the Prosecutor and Courts project will likely have different members.) A clean copy of the proposed interlocal agreement and one showing the changes from the current interlocal agreement are also attached.

I am respectfully requesting that the changes to the interlocal agreement be presented to the Commissioners Court for their approval.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

c: IJS Steering Committee
TechShare Elected Officials Stakeholder Committee