

Item 19



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE KROLL ADVISORY SOLUTIONS PHYSICAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY NORTH CAMPUS. (THIS ITEM MAY BE TAKEN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE SECURITY EXCEPTION)

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

In January 2013, a Purchase Order was issued to Kroll Advisory Solutions to provide an independent review of the physical security at the Travis County North Campus located on Airport Boulevard. Primary stakeholders who reside on the North Campus include:

County Clerk's Office
Tax Assessor Collector's Office
Counseling and Education Services
Records Management and Communication Resources
District Clerk's Office
Emergency Services Division
Employee Wellness and Health Clinic
Sheriff's Office – Ruiz Building

The team of experts from Kroll attended meetings on-site to ascertain from each tenant their particular concerns related to the physical security for their individual offices and the site in general. In addition, the Kroll team made unannounced on-site visits to observe security procedures that are currently in place at the site; attempted to breach or bypass the various measures and protocols at the site; and visited the site in the evening to

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observe the security for the site after business hours. The results of Kroll's findings have been documented for the Commissioners Court in a detailed report that is submitted under separate cover. The highlights of the report have been outlined in the attached presentation that members of the Kroll team will discuss with the Commissioners Court.

The report includes a series of recommendations for each department and for the general campus grounds which are prioritized under Categories A, B, or C. Category A indicates a recommendation that addresses a security vulnerability that needs priority attention to meet best practices. Category B indicates a security vulnerability that needs attention to meet best practices, but may be addressed over a period of time (e.g. two to five years). Category C indicates a recommendation that Kroll believes will mitigate potential or existing security vulnerabilities of a minor nature and/or will assist Travis County in improving its overall security posture. An executive summary of Category A recommendations by department is attached.

This report has been presented to the Travis County Security Committee and to the tenants/primary stakeholders at the site in question. Each office has received a copy of their respective section of the comprehensive report that outlines issues in their offices. The Project Management Team, Project Executive, Planning & Budget, and Facilities Management Department have been provided with a complete copy of the report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the report as presented by Kroll and is requesting that the Commissioners Court consider funding for the requests in the FY 2014 budget process. Note that some recommendations in the report are in the process of being addressed by Facilities Management or can be addressed with existing funds in FY 2013.

In addition, staff recommends authorization to have the Purchasing Agent begin work on a Request for Information (RFI) related to the migration of the security systems to an open architecture platform over the next 2 to 5 years (recommended in the report). An RFI is recommended to assist the Commissioners Court and staff in understanding the cost implications and options for this recommendation prior to establishing funding for the new security systems.

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ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Please see attachments and Kroll report.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The fiscal impacts of funding these recommendations (specifically Category A recommendations), which include increased staffing, organizational and policy changes, and physical improvements should be assessed in the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Process.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: NA

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