

Item 5



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 16, 2013
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County Executive ES
Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Daugherty

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF TRAVIS COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 772, SUBCHAPTER G OF THE TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Please see attached proposed Resolution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials should be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

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Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Chapter 772, Subchapter G, of the Texas Health and Safety Code, cited as the Regional Emergency Communications District Act (the " Act"), provides for the creation of a Regional Emergency Communications District;

WHEREAS, the Act applies to a state planning region established under Chapter 391 of the Texas Local Government Code with a population of over 1.5 million, composed of counties and municipalities that operate a 9-1-1 system solely through a regional planning commission, and in which the governing bodies of each county and the municipality with the largest population in the region adopt a resolution to participate in the Regional Emergency Communications District (the " District");

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Council of Governments (" CAPCOG") is a state planning region established under Chapter 391 of the Texas Local Government Code with a population of over 1.5 million;

WHEREAS, Travis County is a county located within the CAPCOG region;

WHEREAS, the creation of a District in the CAPCOG region would replace oversight of the 9-1-1 program by the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications with greater local control;

WHEREAS, the cities and counties of the region will be better served through a Regional Emergency Communications District that ensures a stable revenue stream, the authority to plan and integrate emergency communications systems including but not limited to 9-1-1, and provides an efficient approach to operation of an emergency communications district by utilizing the existing structure of the council of governments for administrative and management services; and

WHEREAS, the coordination and provision of emergency communications services through the Regional Emergency Communications District will complement and enhance public safety communications to and between police, fire, medical, rescue, and other emergency services delivered by the region' s cities and counties.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS,
TEXAS THAT:***

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. The 9-1-1 emergency service fee authorized by Section 772.516 of the Texas Health and Safety Code shall be collected by CAPCOG acting as the Regional Emergency Communications District and utilized solely for the purposes of providing emergency communications services within the ten-county region in conjunction with a five-year Strategic Plan and annual budget adopted by the Board of Managers.
3. CAPCOG will maintain a Technical Advisory Committee composed of local government representation and expertise related to emergency communications technology and operating systems to support and assist with development of operating protocols and identification of implementation requirements.
4. CAPCOG acting as the Regional Emergency Communications District will comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, as well as generally accepted accounting principles, with regard to financial management, accounting and auditing requirements to ensure accountability and transparency in the operations of the district.
5. The County of Travis, Texas hereby approves the creation of the District.
6. The County of Travis, Texas, hereby approves its participation in the District and that all fees authorized under the provisions of the Act may be applied within the boundaries of that jurisdiction.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 16th DAY OF July, 2013.

Samuel T. Biscoe
County Judge

Ron Davis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Gerald Daugherty
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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