



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 23, 2013

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE KROLL ADVISORY SOLUTIONS PHYSICAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY NORTH CAMPUS, INCLUDING:

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE KROLL REPORT
2. APPROVAL OF A SECURITY DIRECTOR
3. DEPARTMENTAL ASSIGNMENT FOR THE SECURITY DIRECTOR
4. DECISION ON WHICH TYPE OF SECURITY PERSONNEL TO UTILIZE AT THE AIRPORT BLVD. BUILDING
5. APPROVAL OF ITEMIZED LIST OF CATEGORY A RECOMMENDATIONS

(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

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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 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 was presented to them on May 28, 2013.

Kroll included in their report a series of recommendations for each department and for the general campus grounds which were prioritized under Categories A, B, or C. In the May 28, 2013 presentation, Category A recommendations were discussed by the Commissioners Court. Category A recommendations address a security vulnerability that needs priority attention to meet best practices. In a July 9, 2013 Commissioners Court discussion, the Court received information on the various options for providing the recommended level of security staffing for the Airport Blvd. campus. The options included security provided by Constables vs. contracted security provided by a private security company.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

As a follow-up to the July 9, 2013 presentation, and based on the Kroll report, staff recommends to the Commissioners Court the following:

1. Accept the Kroll report.
2. Approve a position of Security Director and allocate funding from reserves to begin the hiring process as soon as possible.
3. Decide under which department the Security Director will be housed.
4. Decide on which option to choose for providing the recommended level of security staffing for the Airport Blvd. campus (e.g. private vs. Constables).
5. Approve itemized list of Category A recommendations from the Kroll report.

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ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Please see attached spreadsheet with estimated costs of Kroll's Category A recommendations.

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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