



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** August 13, 2013

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**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SIXTH ANNUAL TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORY DAY, OCT. 25, 2013**

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The theme for this year's History Day will be "Travis County Law Enforcement." Speakers will include Doyne Bailey, who served as Travis County Sheriff from 1981-1992, and Mike Cox, former Austin American Statesman reporter and author.

To develop and execute an event plan, and to produce the content for the day's program, a committee similar to those of prior years is recommended. Archivist Christy Moilanen and Constable 5 historian Leslie Pool have volunteered to serve again. Others ready to serve include members of the Travis County Historical Commission and representatives from the County Sheriff's Office, County Clerk's Office, RMCR, ITS & FMD. The committee will be supported by liaisons from the Austin History Center and the Austin Bar Association.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve date (Friday, October 25, 2013), and location (700 Lavaca Street) for the 6th Annual Travis County History Day.

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

In the six years since its inception, Travis County History Day has proven to be a wonderful opportunity to learn about and to celebrate unique aspects of our rich history. Past events have covered topics such as the Heman

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Marion Sweatt Travis County Courthouse, early settlement of the area, current and former elected officials, and changes in the county from early days to present day. The theme for this year's event is the history of Travis County law enforcement. Law enforcement has played an important role in the development of Travis County, from the lawless days of the frontier to the present. Sheriffs and Constables have long histories that extend far beyond the establishment of Travis County, and this history, as well as those who have served in these offices, will be explored.

A short program will begin at 10:15, followed by a reception. Travis County Commissioner Margaret Gómez will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Historical photographs, documents and artifacts will be on display, including photographs from the collections of the Austin History Center, records from the Travis County Archives, and artifacts from the Travis County Sheriff's Office and the personal collections of Chief Deputy Jim Sylvester. Many thanks are owed to Chief Sylvester, who has done extensive research on the history of the Sheriff's Office over the years.

All county officials, employees and the public are welcome to attend this special occasion. Travis County History Day is sponsored by the Austin Bar Association, Austin History Center, Travis County Archives, and the Travis County Historical Commission.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

History Day expenses will be related to educational/informational displays. They can be absorbed within the existing budgets of the RMCR Department and the Travis County Historical Commission.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

None required.