



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: September 3, 2013

Prepared By/Phone Number: John Carr, 854-4772

Dept. Head: Roger El Khoury, M.S., P.E., Director, FMD, 854-4579

County Executive: Leslie Browder, Planning and Budget, 854-9106

Sponsoring Court Members: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

Roger El Khoury
JB

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action on license agreement to use the "Old County Jail" in the Heman Marion Sweatt Courthouse to shoot a student film on October 19, 2013.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Facilities Management Department (FMD) received a request from Heather Halstead to shoot scenes for a student film she is directing and producing. The tentative title for the film is "Recompense". FMD and Ms. Bonner with the County Attorney's office collaborated on the appropriate license which is at Exhibit One. Ms. Halstead has signed the license agreement, provided the required proof of insurance coverage and agreed to provide a check in the amount of \$100 within 10 days of approval of this license as specified. Ms. Halstead has also agreed to hire off duty FMD security guards or off duty Sheriff's deputies to be with her crew during the entire time they are in the facility.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Facilities Management Department recommends approval of the license agreement which will allow the film crew to use the vacant 6th and 7th floors of the HMS Courthouse.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Ms. Peg Leidtke, Director of Court Management with the Civil District Courts is aware of the requested use and concurs with the recommendation to approve the license agreement. There are no financial or legal issues that would impact approval of this license agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$100 revenue in administrative fees for the license agreement.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. License Agreement
2. Film Synopsis

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Christopher Gilmore, County Attorney's Office

License Agreement

This License Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Travis County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("County") and Heather Halstead ("Licensee").

WITNESSETH

THAT WHEREAS, County is the owner of the Heman Marion Sweatt Travis County Courthouse located at 1000 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Licensee desires to film several scenes in the Old County Jail (located on the seventh floor of the Courthouse) for the purpose of filming a student film, and County desires to allow Licensee use of the Property for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, Licensee fully understands both the historical significance and the security considerations of the Property and intends to fully cooperate and take whatever steps are necessary to minimize all impacts upon the Property during Licensee's use and to restore said Property to its original condition after Licensee has completed filming.

NOW, THEREFORE, County and Licensee, in consideration of the mutual promises herein expressed and the compensation herein agreed to be paid, covenant and agree to and with each other as follows:

1.0 GRANT OF LICENSE

1.1 County hereby grants a license to Licensee, its employees, agents, independent producers, contractors, and suppliers to enter, use and by means of film, video, tape or any other method, photograph the interior areas of the Property in connection with the production of a short film currently entitled "Recompense" (the "License").

1.2 Such production, and all exhibition, distribution, advertising, and exploitation products or services created or produced in connection therewith, shall be the sole property of Licensee, without exception and in perpetuity, and may be exploited in all media and markets and in all forms, whether known, unknown, or hereafter created. The License includes the right to bring onto the Property and to utilize thereon personnel, personal property, materials and equipment, including but not limited to props and temporary sets during the term of the License.

1.3 Licensee agrees to make no structural changes to any portion of the Property licensed hereunder. However, the License allows for superficial preparation to be made to the Property to facilitate Licensee's storyline and production needs as well as the right to use special effects in furtherance of the storyline. Licensee agrees to leave the Property in the same and as good a condition as when it was received, normal wear and tear excepted, as determined by existing County policy.

1.5 Licensee acknowledges and agrees that permission to use the County Property for the purposes described herein may be immediately revoked if the motion picture named above contains any content that, in the opinion of the Travis County Commissioners Court, the Travis County Sheriff, the Facilities Management Department Director, or their designees, is obscene, offensive, defamatory, harassing, malicious or that would reflect adversely on the reputation and dignity of Travis County.

1.6 Licensee acknowledges and agrees that Licensee shall be solely responsible at all times for the actions and the safety of those persons utilizing the Property under this Agreement, including, without limitation, protecting such persons from injury or death and protecting County's property and the property of such persons from loss or damage.

2.0 TERM OF LICENSE

2.1 The License is granted from approximately 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 19, 2013; provided, however, that such dates are subject to postponement and/or rescheduling due to any cause or reason beyond the control of Licensee or as determined to be necessary by County. In addition, Licensee agrees to take all reasonable measures to minimize noise and any other type of interference with or disruption of normal courthouse business for the duration of the license term.

3.0 PAYMENT TO COUNTY

3.1 In consideration of the License granted hereunder, Licensee shall pay to Travis County the amount of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$100.00) per day to cover County's administrative, utilities and related costs.

3.2 In addition, Licensee shall provide, at its own additional expense, and if appropriate given the License scope, traffic control, garbage removal, and security personnel through the employment of the necessary number of off-duty Travis County Sheriff's officers or Facilities Management Department (FMD) security personnel (or other qualified security personnel if approved in advance by the Travis County Facilities Management Director) to be present in the licensed areas during Licensee's use of the Property as reasonably necessary to ensure the safety and integrity of the persons and property brought onto the Property for the purposes authorized under this Agreement.

3.3 Licensee shall pay County the sum set forth in this Section 3.0 within ten (10) days of execution of this Agreement. If there are any expenses incurred by County

above the expenses set forth herein, County shall invoice Licensee for the actual costs so incurred, and Licensee shall remit payment to County for the invoice amounts within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice(s).

4.0 SMOKING

4.1 THERE SHALL BE NO SMOKING IN THE COURTHOUSE AT ANY TIME. LICENSEE AGREES NOT TO USE ANY EQUIPMENT OR MATERIAL THAT IS INTENDED TO PRODUCE AN OPEN FLAME.

5.0 PERMITS

5.1 Licensee shall be solely responsible for the costs and the securing of any permits required by the City of Austin or other local governmental entities for use of the Property under this Agreement.

6.0 USE AND REPAIRS

6.1 Licensee shall not use the Property for any purpose other than that set forth herein. Further, Licensee shall repair or replace any damage to the Property caused by Licensee.

7.0 CONTROL OF TRAVIS COUNTY

7.1 Licensee shall at all times obey the direction and commands of the Travis County Sheriff and the Facilities Management Department Director, or their designated representatives, while on or in the vicinity of the Property.

7.2 Any disregard of the directions, restrictions, rules or regulations referenced in this Section 7 shall be grounds for immediate revocation of the License granted hereunder.

8.0 INDEMNIFICATION

8.1 LICENSEE AGREES TO AND SHALL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS, AND DEFEND COUNTY, ITS AGENTS, OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY AND ALL NEGLIGENCE, LIABILITY, LOSS, COSTS, CLAIMS, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS FEES, OR EXPENSES OF WHATEVER TYPE OR NATURE FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART OUT OF ANY AND ALL ACTS OF COMMISSION OR OMISSION OF LICENSEE, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, ARISING OUT OF IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR LICENSEE'S USE OF THE PROPERTY FOR WHICH A CLAIM, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS FEES, DEMAND, SUIT OR OTHER ACTION IS MADE OR BROUGHT BY ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY AGAINST LICENSEE OR COUNTY.

9.0 INSURANCE

9.1 Without in any way limiting the liability of Licensee or its obligations under this Agreement, Licensee agrees to maintain during the term of the License Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined minimum Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of \$600,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate, with Travis County named as an additional insured. Licensee has provided County with a certificate from its carrier evidencing such insurance, which certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

10.0 NON-ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

10.1 Licensee may not assign this Agreement or any portion or right thereof without the prior written consent of County; provided, however, Licensee shall have the right to grant, assign and transfer all or any part of its right, title and interest in the film production, in whole or in part, including all copyrights, rights of publicity, trademarks and all other legal interests and rights.

11.0 AMENDMENTS

11.1 This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both County and Licensee. IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY LICENSEE THAT NO OFFICER, AGENT, REPRESENTATIVE OR EMPLOYEE OF TRAVIS COUNTY HAS ANY AUTHORITY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO MODIFY OR AMEND THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT UNLESS EXPRESSLY GRANTED THAT SPECIFIC AUTHORITY BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY.

12.0 SAFETY

12.1 County reserves the right to prohibit persons from driving on, entering or otherwise using the Property at any time safety may be a concern.

13.0 NON-WAIVER AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

13.1 No act or omission by Licensor may constitute or be construed as a waiver of any breach or default of Licensee which then exists or may subsequently exist. The failure of either party to exercise any right or privilege granted in this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of that right or privilege.

13.2 All rights of Licensor under this Agreement are specifically reserved and any act or omission shall not impair or prejudice any remedy or right of Licensor under it. Any right or remedy stated in this Agreement shall not preclude the exercise of any other right or remedy under this Agreement, the law or at equity, nor shall any action taken in the exercise of any right or remedy be deemed a waiver of any other rights or remedies.

14.0 VENUE AND CHOICE OF LAW

14.1 The obligations and undertakings of each of the parties to this Agreement are performable in Travis County, Texas, and this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any dispute arising out of this Agreement will lie in the appropriate court of Travis County, Texas.

15.0 NOTICES

15.1 Written Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement by one Party to the other shall be in writing and shall be given and deemed to have been given immediately if delivered in person to the address set forth in this section for the Party to whom the notice is given, or on the third day following mailing if placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, addressed to the Party at the address hereinafter specified.

15.2 Licensee Address. The address of Licensee for all purposes under this Agreement shall be:

Heather Halstead
Blazing Lady Productions
1600 Musket Valley Trail
Austin, TX 78754

15.3 Licensor Address. The address of Licensor for all purposes and all notices under this Agreement shall be:

Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe (or successor in office)
Travis County Judge
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, Texas 78767

15.4 Change of Address. Each Party may change the address for notice to it by giving notice of the change in compliance with this Section.

16.0 MEDIATION

16.1 When mediation is acceptable to both parties in resolving a dispute arising under this Agreement, the parties agree to use a mutually agreed upon mediator, or a person appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, for mediation as described in Section 154.023 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Unless both parties are satisfied with the result of the mediation, the mediation will not constitute a final and binding resolution of the dispute. All communications within the scope of the mediation shall remain confidential as described in §154.073 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, unless both parties agree, in writing, to waive the confidentiality.

17.0 SEVERABILITY

17.1 If any portion or portions of this Agreement are ruled invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of it shall remain valid and binding.

18.0 ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT

18.1 This Agreement represents the sole, entire and integrated Agreement between County and Licensee with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior negotiations, representatives, or agreements either oral or written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Licensor and Licensee have duly executed this Agreement effective as of the later date set forth below (the "Effective Date").

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

LICENSEE:

By: _____
Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County Judge



Heather Halstead
Title: Director/Producer

Date: _____

Date: 8/14/13

Exhibit A

Insurance



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
7/18/2013

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Movielnsure.com Insurance Services 9036 Reseda Blvd #105 Northridge, CA 91324	AGENT NAME: David Karubian ext. 203 PHONE: 888-688-0772 FAX: 818-294-1702 EMAIL: david@movielnsure.com
INSURED Blazing Lady Productions/ Heather Halstead 1600 Mueket Valley Trail Austin, TX 78764	INSURER AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: United States Fire Insurance Company INSURER B: INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN. THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	SRPG-101-0312	10/12/2013	12/13/2013	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1000000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (EA accident) \$ 500000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1000000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 1000000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 1000000
AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (EA accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
<input type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$
WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICERS/OWNERS EXCLUDED? (mandatory in IR)	Y/N			<input type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> WITH Y/N E L EACH ACCIDENT \$ E L DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E L DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
The certificate holder has been added as an additional insured.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER Travis County 314 W. 11th Street Suite 400 Austin, TX 78748	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE David Karubian
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POLICY NUMBER: SRPG-101-0312

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

**ADDITIONAL INSURED - DESIGNATED PERSON or
ORGANIZATION**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART.

SCHEDULE

Name of Person or Organization:

Travis County

(If no entry appears above, information required to complete this endorsement will be shown in the Declarations as applicable to this endorsement.)

WHO IS AN INSURED (Section II) is amended to include as an Insured the person or organization shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability arising out of you operations or premises owned by or rented to you.

**Travis County
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, TX 78767**

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Synopsis – “Recompense”

Recompense is a film set in a post apocalyptic setting where a group has taken over an old prison and began to round up "criminals" and incarcerating them for nefarious purposes. Before the film begins, the main character's sister, Emily, was kidnapped and taken to the prison. The film begins with Emily outside the prison, casing the joint (separate location). She allows herself to be caught by guards, and they take her inside the prison, thinking they have a new inmate. She sees other people who have been wrongly imprisoned and treated poorly as she is walked through the hallways by the guards. She checks each cell as she passes for her sister, and when she sees her, fights off and escapes the guards and rescues her sister. However, when she picks her up, she realizes her sister is already gone, so she leaves the prison with her sister's body and gives her a proper burial (separate location).