



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: September 17, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Sherri E. Fleming,
County Executive for Health and Human Services and Veterans Service

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Sam Biscoe & Commissioner R. Davis

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on the Following Requests from the Central Texas Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA):

- A. Approve Resolution Recognizing the Central Texas Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) for Hosting the State of Texas' Regional Conference, "The New Normal –Leadership Summit 2013" in Travis County; and
- B. Approve Request for \$2,500 In In-Kind Printing and \$5,000 for Sponsorship of Travis County Youth to Attend Public Administrator's Day Activities on October 10, 2013.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) was founded in 1983 and has operated continuously since that time and is a nationally recognized 501(c)3 organization. The Central Texas Chapter is one of over 40 chapters nationwide and serves over 180 members throughout the Austin and Travis County communities. NFBPA is a professional membership organization dedicated to the advancement of leadership in the public sector. Nationally, managers and executives in virtually all disciplines among local, state, and federal governments represent the membership. There are over 2,500 members representing more than 350 jurisdictions and 40 local chapters in 37 states. NFBPA is the premier association of Black public leaders. The organization provides support to local government managers in a multitude of disciplines, through intensive training, professional development programs, and a powerful network of public leadership. Locally, the Central Texas Chapter has over 150 members, provides the same support services as the national organization, and serves as a resource for local public administrators.

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On October 10, 2013, NFBPA will host THE NEW NORMAL – Leadership Summit 2013 of the NFBPA Central Texas Chapter at the Sheraton Down Hotel in Austin, Texas.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution recognizing the Central Texas Chapter of the NFBPA for hosting the statewide event locally.

Additionally, in keeping with its commitment of support, Staff recommends approval of NFBPA's request for assistance from Travis County in the total amount of \$7,500.00. This will include:

- Printing of conference brochures and other conference-related materials in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00; and
- Sponsorship of 100 youth from Travis County's Summer Youth Employment/Work-Based Learning Program to participate in Public Administrators Day that is specifically designed for youth participants at \$5,000.00

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

This is an opportunity to increase the awareness of the role of public administration to the Travis County community and support the enrichment and education of youth in exploring careers in public administration.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

If approved, funding for the request for sponsorship and support will be from Health and Human Services and Veterans Service budget line item 1580010001. Training & Seminar for \$2,500.00 to the Travis County Print Shop and \$5,000.00 to the National Forum for Black Public Administrators to sponsor 100 youth at \$50.00 per youth.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney'
Leslie Browder, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office
Cyd Grimes, CPM, Travis County Purchasing Agent
Nicki Riley, CAP, CMA, Travis County Auditor
Patty Lennon, Financial Analyst, Travis County Auditor's Office
Aerin Toussaint, Analyst, Planning and Budget Office
Shannon Pleasant, Purchasing Agent Assistant, Travis County Purchasing Office
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHSVS

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Resolution

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2013, the Central Texas Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) will host its regional conference – “The New Normal: Equipping Today’s Public Administrators for Tomorrow’s Challenges” Leadership Summit 2013 at the Sheraton Hotel at the Capitol in Austin, Texas;

WHEREAS, NFBPA has distinguished itself as the premier professional organization dedicated to the advancement of Black leadership in the public sector;

WHEREAS, NFBPA has a growing reputation for strengthening the capacity of state and local government managers in a multitude of disciplines, through intensive training, and professional development programs; and

WHEREAS, this year’s THE NEW NORMAL Leadership Summit 2013 will provide workshops that focus on healthy living, wellness, leadership, education and team building; enhancement of skills, knowledge and expertise of public administrators; and public policy forums led by some of the top public and private sector CEO’s from across the region and nation.

THE NEW NORMAL Leadership Summit 2013 will also host a Health Fair open to all youth and adult participants as well as a concurrent Public Administrators Day specifically designed for 100 students from the Austin Independent School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE, ENCOURAGE AND VALUE THE EFFORTS OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FORUM FOR BLACK PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS AND OFFER THIS RESOLUTION IN THANKS FOR THE COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS, AND PLEDGE CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THEIR ENDEAVORS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF TRAVIS COUNTY RESIDENTS THROUGH EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2013.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

RON DAVIS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

BRUCE TODD
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

GERALD DAUGHERTY
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

MARGARET J. GÓMEZ
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