



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: October 1, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Nicki Riley, County Auditor

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Approve order to direct depositing of salary fund monies into the general fund of Travis County.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS: The Commissioner's Court is authorized to direct that all money that would otherwise be deposited in a salary fund to be deposited in the salary fund of the County by Local Government Code section 154.007.

See attached memo from Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: None

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Planning and Budget Office	Leslie Browder
County Attorney's Office	Barbara Wilson

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

AGENDA REQUEST

Date to be considered: 10/01/13

Requested Text: APPROVE ORDER TO DIRECT DEPOSITING SALARY FUND
MONIES INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF TRAVIS COUNTY

**AN ORDER TO
DIRECT DEPOSITING SALARY FUND MONIES
INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF TRAVIS COUNTY**

RECITALS

The creation of a salary fund for each district, county and precinct officer is required by Local Government Code section 154.042.

The Commissioners Court is authorized to direct that all money that would otherwise be deposited in a salary fund is deposited in the general fund of the county by Local Government Code section 154.007.

ORDER

The Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas hereby orders that all fees, commissions, and other compensation collected by all district, county and precinct officers in Travis County and all other money that would be deposited in these officers' salary funds be deposited in the general fund of Travis County during the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.

Date of Order: _____

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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September 5, 2013

Commissioners Court
P. O. Box 1478
Austin, Texas 78767

Re: Use of General Fund instead of Salary Fund

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

The Local Government Code establishes a general rule that salary funds must be set up for each elected officials and that the payroll and expenses of their offices be paid from this fund. If the commissioners court adopts an order directing that all money that would otherwise be deposited in these salary funds be deposited in the general fund, then it is not necessary to establish these funds. This order must be approved at the first regular meeting in the first month of the fiscal year. A similar order has been approved annually for the past several years. Accounting for these funds in the general fund is simpler than accounting for them in separate funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Wilson".

Barbara Wilson
Assistant County Attorney