



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2013
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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. DENNIS (DENNY) HAMILL TO THE TRAVIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST: The Commissioners Court makes two appointments to the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) Board of Directors. Terms are for two years, and are staggered. The term of **Dr. Dennis (Denny) Hamill** will expire on December 31, 2013. Dr. Hamill has been a member of the TCAD Board of Directors since June 12, 2012. Appointments to the TCAD Board of Directors are governed by the Uniform Appointment Process.

IGR RECOMMENDATION: IGR recommends that the Commissioners Court reappoint Dr. Denny Hamill to the Board of Directors of the Travis Central Appraisal District for a term to run from January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: The Travis Central Appraisal District, founded in 1981, appraises property in all of Travis County. It covers an area of approximately 873 square miles and is responsible for almost 380,000 tax accounts. The Appraisal District's primary responsibility is to develop an annual appraisal roll for use by taxing units in imposing *ad valorem* taxes on property in the district.

TCAD is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors, which is primarily responsible for the hiring of the Chief Appraiser as well as approving the annual budget. Travis County appoints two members of the Board of Directors, who serve staggered two-year terms. There are no term limits on the TCAD Board.

Shellda Grant and **Dr. Denny Hamill** are the current appointees. The term of Dr. Hamill, who has been a member of the Board since June 12, 2012, expires on December 31, 2013.

The Appraisal District is subject to the Court's Uniform Appointment Process. Since Dr. Hamill has served for less than six years, he is eligible for reappointment under Section 1.017(b)(1)(B) of the County Code, which provides:

[T]he County Judge shall ..., in the case of an existing organization member, that by the end of their term will not have served six years, instruct the Coordinator for Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) to determine if the member desires to continue for an additional term, and contact the organization to determine if the member has a good attendance of meetings and is a good contributor to the organization. Should the Coordinator for IGR submit an acceptable report to the County Judge, the County Judge shall schedule for Commissioners Court the consideration of the re-appointment.

Marya Crigler, the Chief Appraiser, reports that Dr. Hamill has attended all the meetings held during his tenure on the board. The Travis CAD Code of Ethics states she may not "in any other manner participate in the decisions affecting such candidacy, election or appointment" to the Board of Directors. However, she reports that she is generally satisfied with the performance of the board.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: No fiscal impact.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: None.

NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY OR BE INVOLVED WITH THIS REQUEST:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Dr. Denny Hamill re reappointment to the TCAD Board of Directors, rec'd. October 8, 2013.

Dr. Dennis (Denny) W. Hamill

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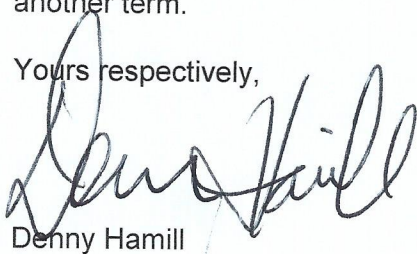
Judge Samuel T. Biscoe
P. O. Box 1748
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Judge Biscoe,

I have enjoyed my time on the TCAD Board since my interim appointment about 15 months ago. There continue to be very important issues to be dealt with in the valuation of properties in our county and I feel I can continue to help with those issues.

If it is your pleasure to support reappointing me to the Board, I would be honored to serve another term.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denny Hamill", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name "Denny Hamill".

Denny Hamill