



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: September 16, 2014

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge
Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON BOND FOR DANIEL PRASHNER, TRAVIS COUNTY PROBATE COURT JUDGE.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Sec. 25.00231. BOND; INSURANCE. (a) This section controls over a specific provision for a particular court or county that attempts to create a requirement for a bond or insurance that conflicts with this section.

(b) Before beginning the duties of office, a judge of a statutory probate court must execute a bond that is:

- (1) payable to the county treasurer or other person performing the duties of county treasurer;
- (2) in the amount of \$500,000;
- (3) conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of the office; and
- (4) approved by the commissioners court.

(c) In lieu of the bond required by Subsection (b), a county may elect to obtain insurance or to self-insure in the amount required by Subsection (b) against losses caused by the statutory probate court judge's gross negligence in performing the duties of office.

(d) The commissioners court of a county shall pay the premium for the bond or insurance required by this section out of the general funds of the county.

(e) This section does not apply to an assigned or visiting judge sitting by assignment in a statutory probate court.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: Margie Solano, Risk Management, HRMD; Christy Nisbett, Probate Court