



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: December 16, 2014
Prepared By/Phone Number: David Salazar
Office of the Travis County Judge
512-854-9555

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County Judge

Commissioners Court Sponsor:

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY YOUTH SHOW FOR WAIVER OR DISCOUNT OF FEES TO USE THE TRAVIS COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER FOR THE UPCOMING ANNUAL TRAVIS COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO FROM JANUARY 15 THROUGH JANUARY 18, 2015.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Please see attached.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:



Building Character...Growing Leaders
P.O. Box 1110 – Manor, Texas 78653

October 23, 2014

The Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe
County Judge, Travis County
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Judge Biscoe:

Since 2005, the Travis County Youth Show (TCYS) with the help of the community, sponsors, and volunteers has awarded over \$4.9 million to the 4-H and FFA youth of Travis County at our auction for their projects. We have supported over 3,500 exhibitors from many ethnic backgrounds and socioeconomic standings in thirty-eight 4-H and FFA clubs. We have watched close to 900 of our kids graduate. Additionally, since 2010, we have awarded \$36,000 in scholarships.

It is the mission of TCYS is to develop the character of our youth and teach them critical life skills such as, personal responsibility, financial and time management, fair play, good sportsmanship, hard work and integrity. This is accomplished through the participation in competitive livestock projects, youth fair projects, and skill based contests consisting of welding, floral design and cooking.

The goal of TCYS is to instill in our youth strong a character, and commitment toward community service and leadership, while supporting the FFA programs and 4-H clubs of Travis County.

As the price of renting the Expo Center continues to rise and corporate sponsorships dwindle, we find operational expenses are hindering our financial commitment to the youth of Travis County. The current cost for facilities, equipment rental and other fees is \$36,500 before the standard 25% non-profit discount on the facilities.

We are asking the Commissioner's Court to reduce the rate that TCYS is paying thus allowing us to continue to provide these learning opportunities for the youth of Travis County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy Wenzel', is written over a horizontal line.

Troy Wenzel
Travis County Youth Show President