



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 08/06/2024

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT  
ENGAGING THE LAW OFFICE OF JIM JEFFREY AS OUTSIDE  
COUNSEL RE: DEFENSE OF FORMER TARRANT COUNTY  
EMPLOYEE JOEL GARCIA IN A LAWSUIT ENTITLED ANTHONY  
R. JOHNSON, SR., ET AL. V. TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, ET AL.,  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:24-CV-686-O**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Attorney Employment Agreement engaging the Law Office of Jim Jeffrey as outside counsel re: defense for former Tarrant County employee Joel Garcia.

**BACKGROUND**

Former Tarrant County employee Joel Garcia has been sued in an inmate civil rights case. Pursuant to Local Government Code Section 157.901, it is necessary for outside counsel to be employed to represent this individual in the lawsuit entitled Anthony R. Johnson, Sr., et al. v. Tarrant County, Texas, et al., Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-686-O in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division.

With approval of this action, former Tarrant County employee Joel Garcia will have representation in this federal suit.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact associated with this action is unknown at this time, however, the law firm is to use all reasonable means to resolve this matter at a total cost of no more than \$30,000.00, subject to further court approval.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal District Attorney	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Polly S. Maxwell
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