



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 09/04/2024

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
ENGAGING LYNN WINTER WITH COX P.L.L.C AS OUTSIDE
COUNSEL RE: DEFENSE OF FORMER TARRANT COUNTY
EMPLOYEE JACQUAVIOUS SIMMONS IN A LAWSUIT ENTITLED
ANTHONY R. JOHNSON, SR., ET AL. V. TARRANT COUNTY,
TEXAS, ET AL., ACTION NO. 4:24-CV-686-O**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Attorney Employment Agreement engaging Lynn Winter with Cox P.L.L.C. as outside counsel re: defense for former Tarrant County employee JacQuavious Simmons.

BACKGROUND

Former Tarrant County employee JacQuavious Simmons 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 JacQuavious Simmons 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. Funding is available in 61500-2024 Self-Insurance Fund/191200000 Self Insurance/585071 Litigation Expense.

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