



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 04/02/2024

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO PAY THE TEXAS STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICES INVOICE AND SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 QUARTERLY PRODUCTION RECORDS TO THE TEXAS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT - FIRST QUARTER

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that Commissioners Court approve payment of Texas Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services (SAVNS) invoice from Appriss Insights LLC, and approve submittal of the FY 2024 quarterly verification of continuing production record to the Texas Office of the Attorney General for reimbursement.

BACKGROUND

On January 9, 1996, the Commissioners Court, through court order #73610, entered into the original agreement with Interactive Systems, LLC to provide automated victim notification services to the citizens of Tarrant County. On September 2, 2000, Interactive Systems, LLC underwent a name change and became Appriss, Inc, d/b/a Appriss Insights, LLC. In 2022, Appriss Insights, Inc. was purchased by Equifax, d/b/a Appriss Insights LLC.

The Texas Office of the Attorney General (TXOAG) began programs in 2001 and 2002 to create a statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system similar to the VINE system maintained by Tarrant County. The Texas VINE system is a uniform victim notification system that can be utilized by all counties in Texas. Texas VINE automatically notifies registered persons via a toll-free number and website of suspect/offender status and court event changes regardless of the victim's location in Texas and/or the location of the suspect/offender within the criminal justice system in Texas.

On October 17, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through court order #141994, approved the fiscal year 2024 Texas VINE grant contract with the TXOAG to participate in the statewide VINE system. To continue participating in the Texas VINE SAVNS system in FY 2024, Tarrant County must pay Appriss Insights LLC four quarterly payments of \$20,495.54 and seek reimbursement from the TXOAG. In addition, Tarrant County must submit the attached SAVNS Invoice Certification form and FY 2024 Quarterly Verification of Continuing Production Record to the TXOAG.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County will be required to pay Appriss Insights, LLC \$20,495.54 for the first quarter and seek reimbursement from the TXOAG. Funding is available in account GRANT-2004/M0012-2024/2110010000 Sheriff Admin/569011 Professional Services.

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