



COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the position of Tarrant County Treasurer was consolidated in 1984 with the position of Tarrant County Auditor ("Auditor"); and

WHEREAS, the Auditor is responsible for approving claims and disbursing funds for the settlement of claims as required by law and as the Tarrant County Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court") may require or direct, not inconsistent with law; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds certain time sensitive claims may come due before the Commissioners Court approves the Claims and Addendum Agenda at its next scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds it benefits the public and constitutes a public necessity to ensure continuity of utility services to Tarrant County facilities, timely meet payroll, and make other time sensitive payments; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds it is an economical use of taxpayer money and provides a public benefit to avoid late payment penalties and fees by requiring the Auditor to make payments on certain claims for which the Auditor has performed all necessary due diligence, properly verified, and would recommend approval by the Commissioners Court;

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED the type of claims listed below are approved for payment by the Commissioners Court after the invoice or claim has been presented to the Auditor with appropriate documentation and authorizations by department heads and elected officials and following approval through the audit process.

- 1) Utility services, including electricity, water, telecommunications, garbage and waste disposal, and recycling services;
- 2) Payroll, including related employee deductions, benefits, and payroll taxes; 3) Debt service payments;
- 4) Payments to the State and Federal governments and their agencies;
- 5) Grant related payments to meet grant timing deadlines;
- 6) FedEx account payments associated with vendor account numbers 6500093 and 6510920;
- 7) Payments for fuel purchases made with the Wex Bank Shell Fleet Plus card and associated with vendor account number 6513660;

- 8) Emergency rent, utility, food, hygiene and transportation payments, including those payments made to landlords in the Housing Assistance Program, related to the various programs offered by the Tarrant County Department of Human Services and the Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office; and
- 9) Payments approved by a Tarrant County court judge to court appointed counsel and payments approved by Tarrant County Risk Management to attorneys serving as outside counsel in civil litigation pursuant to a contract with Tarrant County only in the event a regular term session of the Commissioners Court is cancelled or if the month in which the payment is due includes a fifth Tuesday.

The Auditor is hereby required to make payments for these claims.

The Auditor shall not make a payment for these claims in an amount greater than the amount due as reflected in a properly presented and authenticated bill, invoice, or other form of claim.

Any payments made by the Auditor pursuant to this order shall be presented to the Commissioners Court at its next meeting for ratification.

The Auditor is not personally liable for actions taken under this order absent fraud or malfeasance.

This order shall remain in effect for twelve months following the date of approval. The Commissioners Court may renew this order prior to its expiration.

Approved and Ordered by Commissioners Court this 17th day of September 2024.

County Judge Tim O'Hare

Roy Charles Brooks
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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