



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 08/20/2024

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED BOOKS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATION FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S INMATE SERVICES OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept donated books from various organizations included in the attached list for Tarrant County Sheriff's Inmate Services Office.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office relies on large donations of reading materials throughout the year from various organizations. These materials are passed from the Inmate Services Office to an inmate in the Tarrant County Jail once a request is received from the inmate. Due to the large inmate population and the fact that the inmates usually keep these items, the Inmate Services Office must constantly obtain large donations of reading materials throughout the year to meet the needs of the inmates.

Texas Local Government Code, Section 81.032, allows the Commissioners Court to accept donations for the purpose of performing a function conferred by law on the county or a county officer. To ensure compliance with this statute, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office is requesting the acceptance of donations of reading materials from the organizations outlined in the attached list.

With approval, the donation period will be from August 6, 2024, to December 31, 2024. If the program continues beyond December 31, 2024, the Sheriff's Office will seek approval again from the Commissioners Court. The Sheriff's Office will also continue to seek approval from the Commissioners Court before adding any new organizations to the list. The Individual donations of religious materials by family members to a specific inmate will remain unchanged.

The donation of reading materials has been previously discussed with the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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