



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO APPOINT G.K. MAENIUS TO SERVE AS
TARRANT COUNTY'S CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE WITNESS
IN THE ONGOING OPIOID LITIGATION**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve to appoint G.K. Maenius to serve as Tarrant County's corporate representative witness in the ongoing opioid litigation.

BACKGROUND

Tarrant County is a plaintiff in In re National Opiate Litigation, the ongoing federal litigation against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retail pharmacies due to their involvement in the ongoing opioid epidemic. In this action, Tarrant County is represented by The Lanier Law Firm as outside counsel. Depositions in the case are ongoing.

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6), a "corporate representative" may be named to testify on behalf of a governmental agency. Because of his high level and long-term service to Tarrant County during the period the litigation concerns, it is requested that former Tarrant County Administrator, G.K. Maenius, serve as Tarrant County's corporate representative during the deposition process. Mr. Maenius has extensive knowledge of the facts at issue and has agreed to provide testimony on behalf of Tarrant County. Because of his recent retirement, it is requested that the Commissioners Court confirm Mr. Maenius' authority to serve as Tarrant County's corporate representative in this case by appointing him as an agent under Local Government Code section 262.001 for the limited purpose of providing testimony in the opioid litigation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal District Attorney	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Mark Kratovil
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