



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 02/06/2024

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM THE CITY OF FORT WORTH FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BEYOND THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THE RABIES CONTROL SERVICES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve payment of an invoice from the City of Fort Worth for services performed beyond the not-to-exceed amount of the Rabies Control Services Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

BACKGROUND

Chapter 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, also known as the Rabies Control Act of 1981, requires the administration of a rabies control program by local governments. For over 20 years, Tarrant County has contracted with the City of Fort Worth to conduct rabies control services in the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County. The City of Fort Worth provides limited rabies control services such as screening and responding to reports of stray, injured, dangerous, or captured dogs or animals from residents in the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County, and when deemed appropriate, will also provide services for impoundment of stray animals, rabies testing and the euthanizing of sick or injured animals.

On September 13, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139116, approved the ILA for Rabies Control Services with the City for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Per contract terms, fees increased by three percent (3%) for Fiscal Year 2023 to an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$144,240.00 for up to 300 animals. Beyond the first 300 animals, per Exhibit A of the contract, the County is to pay the City a flat fee of \$4,000.00 for each additional full or partial increment of up to ten (10) animals impounded from unincorporated Tarrant County.

In May 2023, the City of Fort Worth notified Tarrant County that the number of animals impounded was close to the 300-animal limit. No other communication was received regarding the number of animals impounded until October 13, 2023, when the City of Fort Worth provided the attached invoice for \$8,000.00. FY 2023 was the first time Tarrant County has exceeded the 300-animal limit.

FISCAL IMPACT

All associated costs will be paid from funds in T0400-2024 Public Health Fund /5100011000 Public Health/567041 Health Center Contracts.

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