



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER _____

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DATE: 02/21/2024

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING THE CONTINUATION, TERMINATION, OR ANY OTHER ACTION RELATED TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE HOUSING OF TARRANT COUNTY INMATES WITH MANAGEMENT & TRAINING CORPORATION

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court discuss the contract for the housing of Tarrant County inmates with Management & Training Corporation (MTC) and possibly take action.

BACKGROUND

On August 30, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138902, approved an agreement with MTC (the "Agreement") for the housing of Tarrant County inmates at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Center in Garza County, Texas (the "Facility"). MTC is contracted by Garza County, Texas to operate the Facility and has similar housing contracts with other governmental entities to house offenders at the Facility. The County has determined that the services provided for in this Agreement serve a public purpose and are necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the residents of Tarrant County.

An amendment to the Agreement was approved by the Commissioners Court on October 3, 2023, through Court Order #141834. This amendment extended the term of the Agreement through December 31, 2024, and increased the number of beds available for Tarrant County inmates from 432 to 500.

On December 18, 2023, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) issued a Notice of Non-Compliance for the Facility detailing six (6) issues requiring corrective measures. The County did not receive immediate notification from MTC following the findings of TCJS.

On February 6, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142537, authorized the County Administrator to send a letter to MTC to address TCJS's findings.

On February 14, 2024, the County Administrator sent the letter to MTC, relaying the Commissioners Court's displeasure with MTC's non-compliance and MTC's failure to immediately notify the County as contractually required. In addition, the letter notified MTC that the County is exploring whether continuation of the contract for housing of inmates in the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Center in Garza County, Texas is in its best interest.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

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