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SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the following out-of-state travel requests.

BACKGROUND

Administrator's Office

2023 National Homeland Security Conference, July 24-27, 2023, Chicago, Illinois, for William Wessel and David McCurdy, \$4,442.00*

The National Homeland Security Conference brings together professionals in Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Management to learn more about best practices in planning, mitigation, and training. In addition, this conference provides attendees with an opportunity to meet with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel to forecast future grant programs.

* Note: Urban Area Security Initiative Grant funds will be used to cover all travel expenditures.

Commissioner, Precinct 2

National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) 37th Annual Convention, June 21-25, 2023, Miami, Florida, for Commissioner Alisa Simmons, Christie Harrison, and Gabriel Rivas, \$6,624.00

The attendees will participate in educational sessions to learn more about innovative ideas and progressive programs to enrich the impact of county officials and leaders. In addition, the attendees will have an opportunity to network with other NOBCO members which include county leaders, business leaders, and other government officials.

SUBMITTED BY: Administrator's Office

PREPARED BY: Miriam Garza
APPROVED BY:



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Housing Assistance

2023 National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Washington Conference, March 20-25, 2023, Washington, D.C., for Wayne Pollard, \$818.59*

The attendee will participate in this conference as a member of the NAHRO Board of Governors and Chair of the Housing Committee. The NAHRO Washington Conference will include top feature speakers from HUD, workshops geared toward addressing housing needs within communities, and networking opportunities to learn best practices.

*Note: NAHRO will cover hotel and registration and Housing Choice Voucher Grant funds will be used to cover all remaining travel expenditures.

Human Resources

State and Local Government Benefits Association (SALGBA) Conference, April 2-5, 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana, for Maila Dumaup and Glorimar Lugo Ortiz, \$2,634.00

The participants will attend educational sessions focused on topics specific to public sector employee benefits professionals.

Medical Examiner's Office

Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety, May 13-19, 2023, Bloomington, Indiana, for Connie Alexia Lewis, Leanne Hazard and Jonathan Bishop, \$10,360.00*

This conference provides continuing education through lectures, panel discussions, and tutorial sessions. In addition, the attendees will have an opportunity to gain more knowledge on alcohol chemistry pharmacology, and physiology in relation to traffic safety as well as best practices on the presentation of alcohol information in the courtroom.

* Note: All travel expenditures will be paid with grant funding.



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Public Health

2023 National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Summit, April 22-27, 2023, Atlanta, Georgia, for Monica Tipton, \$222.75*

The summit provides an opportunity to strengthen community partnerships to support public health preparedness. In addition, the attendee will have an opportunity to network with partners to share information and best practices, coordinate training, and provide guidance on supporting community involvement in preparedness efforts.

* Note: NACCHO will cover hotel, baggage fees, and per diem, and grant funds will be used to cover all remaining travel expenditures.

Sheriff's Office

American Jail Association (AJA) 2023 Conference and Jail Expo, May 19-24, 2023, Omaha, Nebraska, for LaToya Jackson, Wesley McDuffie, Albert Mercado, Craig Pilkington, and Sheriff Bill Waybourn, \$2,464.08

The attendees will be receiving awards at the Expo while also participating in professional development sessions. In addition, the Expo gives the group an opportunity to network with peers on best practices that can be utilized to advance the department.

* Note: Registration, airfare, and hotel expenditures for each attendee receiving an award will be paid by the ACA.

Transportation Services

2023 International Right-of-Way Association Conference (IRWA), June 25-28, 2023, Denver, Colorado, for Miriam Salazar and Jeremy Duskin, \$4,265.00

This conference includes over sixty (60) education sessions related to a variety of disciplines as well as networking opportunities with subject matter experts. In addition, the attendees will receive continuing education credits.



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FISCAL IMPACT

Administrator's Office	All travel expenditures will be paid with FY 2023 ICAC grant funding in the following account: 588261/Grant-2004/M0046-2021/4510400000 = \$4,442.00
Commissioner, Precinct 2	588261/26100/2023/6210100000 = \$6,624.00
Housing Assistance	All travel expenditures will be paid with grant funding in the following account: 588291/Grant-2004/R0014-2023/5590100000 = \$818.59
Human Resources	588261/10000-2023/1820100000 = \$2,634.00
Medical Examiner's Office	All travel expenditures will be paid with grant funding in the following account: 588261/Grant-2004/M0109-2023/2310100000 = \$10,360.00
Public Health	All travel expenditures will be paid with grant funding in the following account: 588291/Grant-2004/F0043-2023/5100710000 = \$222.75
Sheriff's Office	588261/10000-2023/2120910000 = \$2,464.08
Transportation Services	588261/26100-2023/6510100000 = \$4,265.00