



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO PAY TEXAS STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICES INVOICE AND SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 QUARTERLY PRODUCTION RECORD TO THE TEXAS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT - FOURTH QUARTER

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve payment of Texas Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services (SAVNS) Invoice from Appriss Insights LLC, and approve the submittal of the FY 2023 Quarterly Verification of Continuing Production Record to the Texas Office of the Attorney General for reimbursement.

BACKGROUND

On January 9, 1996, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #73610, entered into the original agreement with Interactive Systems, LLC to provide automated victim notification services to the citizens of Tarrant County. On September 2, 2000, Interactive Systems, LLC made a name change to Appriss, Inc., d/b/a Appriss Insights, LLC. In 2022, Appriss Insights, Inc. was purchased by Equifax, d/b/a Appriss Insights LLC.

The Texas Office of the Attorney General began a program in 2001 and 2002 to create a statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system similar to the VINE system maintained by Tarrant County. The Texas VINE system is a uniform victim notification system that can be utilized by all counties in Texas. Texas VINE automatically notifies registered persons via a toll-free number and website of suspect/offender status and court event changes regardless of the victim's location in Texas and/or the location of the suspect/offender within the criminal justice system in Texas.

On September 13, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139132, approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Texas V.I.N.E. grant contract with the Texas Office of the Attorney General to participate in the statewide V.I.N.E system. Due to changes in the contract enacted in Fiscal Year 2021, Tarrant County must now pay funds in the amount of \$19,898.58 to the vendor (Appriss Insights, LLC) each quarter and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

On February 28, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140388, approved the first quarter invoice payment of \$19,898.58 and reimbursement from the Texas Office of Attorney General.

On March 21, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #140549, approved the second quarter invoice payment of \$19,898.58 and reimbursement from the Texas Office of Attorney General.

SUBMITTED BY:	Sheriff Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jessica Redding David Grantham
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On July 11, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141227, approved the third quarter invoice payment of \$19,898.58 and reimbursement from the Texas Office of Attorney General.

To continue participating in the Texas VINE SAVNS system, Tarrant County must pay Appriss Insights LLC a fourth-quarter payment of \$19,898.58 and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General. In addition, Tarrant County must submit the attached SAVNS Invoice Certification Form and FY 2023 Quarterly Verification of Continuing Production Record to the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

Tarrant County Budget and Risk Management Office has reviewed this request.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County will be required to pay Appriss Insights, LLC \$19,898.58 and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General. Funding is available in account 569011/Grant-2004/M0012-2023/2110010000.