



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 03/08/2022

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE THE MISDEMEANOR ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE 26.05(B)

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Misdemeanor Attorney Fee Schedule effective March 1, 2022, in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 26.05(b).

BACKGROUND

Code of Criminal Procedure Article 26.05(b) states that "all payments made under this article shall be paid in accordance with a schedule of fees adopted by formal action of the judges of the county courts, statutory county courts, and district courts trying criminal cases in each county. On adoption of a schedule of fees, as provided by this subsection, a copy of the schedule shall be sent to the commissioners court of the county".

On November 1, 2021, the Tarrant County Criminal Courts filed the Felony and Misdemeanor Indigent Defense plans with the State of Texas. Incorporated within the plans are the fee schedules.

On November 16, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #136851, received and filed the above mentioned Felony and Misdemeanor Indigent Defense fee schedules.

As of March 1, 2021, the County Criminal Courts revised the Misdemeanor Attorney Fee Schedule as attached.

FISCAL IMPACT

In FY 2021, the County Criminal Courts expend \$2,881,510 in attorney fees. In FY 2022, \$3,840,347 was budgeted for indigent defense.

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