



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF TEXAS VICTIM IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY VERIFICATION OF CONTINUING PRODUCTION RECORD, STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2022 INVOICE FROM THE TEXAS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TEXAS VICTIM IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICES MAINTENANCE FEE INVOICE FROM VENDOR, AND INVOICE CERTIFICATION FORM**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Victim Identification and Notification Everyday (V.I.N.E.) Verification of Continuing Production Record, Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services Fiscal Year 2022 Invoice from the Texas Office of the Attorney General, Texas V.I.N.E. Automated Victim Notification Services Maintenance Fee Invoice from Vendor, and Invoice Certification Form.

**BACKGROUND**

On January 9, 1996, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #73610, entered into the original agreement with Interactive Systems, LLC to provide victim notification services to the citizens of Tarrant County. On September 2, 2000, Interactive Systems, LLC made a name change to Appriss, Inc. The company is now known as Appriss Insights, LLC.

The Texas Office of the Attorney General began a program in 2001 and 2002 to create a statewide V.I.N.E. system similar to the V.I.N.E. system maintained by Tarrant County. The purpose of the statewide V.I.N.E. system is to provide a uniform victim notification system that would be utilized by all counties in Texas. With the implementation of a uniform statewide system, a victim of crime can obtain basic information concerning a perpetrator regardless of the victim's location in Texas and/or the status of a perpetrator through the criminal justice system in another Texas county.

On September 14, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order on #136356, approved the Fiscal Year 2022 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 \$19,718.14 to the vendor (Appriss Insights, LLC) each quarter and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

SUBMITTED BY:	Sheriff Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jerry Rucker Jerry Rucker
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The Sheriff's Office must still continue to submit documents to the Commissioners Court every three (3) months for approval an updated copy of the attached documents. Once these documents have been approved by the Commissioners Court, Tarrant County must provide to the Texas Office of the Attorney General a signed copy of the documents.

If approved, Tarrant County will continue to participate in the statewide V.I.N.E. system.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Tarrant County will be required to pay Appriss Insights, LLC \$19,718.24 each quarter and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General. The fund/account for this is 5690011/Grant-2004/M0012-2022/2110010000.