



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 05/10/2022

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE USE OF FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR
INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES – CRIMINAL DISTRICT
ATTORNEY’S OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve usual and normal expenditures for investigative purposes from the Criminal District Attorney’s Forfeiture Fund pursuant to 59.06(d-1)(6) Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, effective through December 31, 2022.

BACKGROUND

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 59.06(d-1)(6) restricts the attorney representing the state from using property or proceeds received as forfeited property under Chapter 59 Forfeiture of Contraband without prior approval from the Commissioner’s Court, if the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot as a candidate for reelection to that office has passed and the person did not file an application for a place on the ballot. Sharen Wilson, attorney representing the state for purposes under Chapter 59, did not file an application for a place on the ballot and the deadline for filing such application passed on Monday, December 13, 2021.

Chapter 59 funds are regularly used for investigative purposes which includes range supplies, safety, tactical equipment, software maintenance, and computer equipment for the Digital Forensic and Technical Services (DFATS) Team.

With approval of this item, Chapter 59 funds will continue to be used for usual and normal expenditures for investigative purposes by the Criminal District Attorney’s Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Tarrant County’s general fund. Funding is available in the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney’s Office Forfeiture Funds 522035/D8700-2022/4510400000, 521021/D8700-2022/4510400000, 578025/D8700-2022/4510400000, and 524153/D8700-2022/4510400000.

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| SUBMITTED BY: | Criminal District Attorney | PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY: | Polly Maxwell |
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