



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/11/2022

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FULL, FINAL AND COMPLETE RELEASE IN CONNECTION WITH A SUIT AGAINST TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS FILED BY BETTY STEWART, ET AL. STYLED BETTY STEWART, ET AL. V. TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 4:21-CV-597

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Settlement Agreement and Full, Final and Complete Release signed by the Plaintiffs for claims made against Tarrant County, Texas and authorize the release of the settlement checks without first appearing on the claims register.

BACKGROUND

On April 26, 2021, Plaintiffs filed suit against Tarrant County in federal court claiming the wrongful death of Dean Stewart while in custody on April 26, 2020.

Subsequently, the parties attended mediation and a settlement was reached. Plaintiffs have agreed to accept the sum of \$400,000.00, to be divided equally between them, in full and final settlement of their claims against Tarrant County.

With approval of the Settlement Agreement and Full, Final and Complete Release, the Plaintiffs will dismiss their lawsuit and the matter will be fully resolved.

This settlement agreement has been approved by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact to Tarrant County is \$400,000.00 to fully settle the claims of the Plaintiffs. Funding is available in 61500-2022/1912000000/575031.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal District Attorney	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Polly S. Maxwell
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