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DATE: 03/14/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY, D/B/A TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE RELATED TO THE

INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF INSURANCE FRAUD

CASES

*** CONSENT AGENDA ***

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office (CDA) and the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) related to the investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud cases.

BACKGROUND

TDI will hire and fund investigators and attorneys to be embedded with the White Collar section of the CDA's office to investigate and prosecute insurance fraud cases in Tarrant County. Currently, there are many cases being handled by the CDA, which would be transferred to the TDI attorneys freeing up CDA employees to work on other cases. The salary and benefits will be paid by the State. The only obligation of Tarrant County is to provide office space.

On February 5, 2019, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #129524 approved a MOU that expired on December 31, 2022. With approval of this item, the CDA's office will continue to investigate and prosecute insurance fraud cases in Tarrant County.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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