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DATE: <u>04/18/2023</u>

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF INTEREST PAYMENT CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF TARRANT COUNTY LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022A, FROM TAXABLE BONDS TO TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court ratify an interest payment of approximately \$227,169.72 to Truist Bank concerning the conversion of Tarrant County's Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A, from taxable to tax-exempt status.

BACKGROUND

On April 12, 2022 through Court Order 137875, the Commissioners Court authorized the issuance of "Tarrant County, Texas, Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2022A" in the amount of \$29,200,000. The current outstanding bond balance is \$28,675,000. As part of that Order, these bonds could be converted from taxable to tax-exempt status after a certain period.

The County was notified by its Bond Counsel and Financial Advisors that for the conversion to occur, an interest payment of \$227,169.72 to Truist Bank (Bond Holder) must be made by April 17, 2023. This represents the current interest owed on the outstanding taxable bonds and is part of the budgeted interest expense on these Bonds for this fiscal year. The County Auditor wire-transferred this amount on Monday, April 17, 2023, to the appropriate party. At that time, the remaining \$28,675,000 was converted from a taxable bond to a tax-exempt bond. This action will decrease the interest rate that the County pays for this debt from 3.1% to 2.51%.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$227,169.72 are available in the County's debt service fund, account 32100-2023/1913000000/599921. The County will realize cost savings (lower interest rate) with this requested action.