



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 07/18/2023

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TARRANT COUNTY TO SETTLE ITS PENDING CLAIMS AGAINST VOLKSWAGEN IN THE CASE CAPTIONED IN RE VOLKSWAGEN CLEAN DIESEL LITIGATION, CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-16-00370

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the Resolution authorizing Tarrant County to settle its pending claims against Volkswagen in the case captioned In re Volkswagen Clean Diesel Litigation, Cause No. D-1-GN-16-00370.

BACKGROUND

Suit was filed on Tarrant County's behalf on April 7, 2016, in the Clean Diesel Litigation. The State of Texas challenged the ability of Tarrant County to bring its case since Tarrant County filed its suit after the State. This position was opposed by outside counsel; however, they are of the opinion that Tarrant County's claims will not survive a legal challenge and are recommending that this Resolution be adopted authorizing Tarrant County to settle its claims against Volkswagen in the amount of \$150,000.00. It has been determined that settling the above-described claims is in Tarrant County's best interest. Outside counsel has requested that the resolution be executed and returned to them to effectuate the settlement.

With approval and adoption of the Resolution, Tarrant County will secure a recovery on its claims in the amount of \$150,000.00.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved the settlement.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is a positive fiscal impact to Tarrant County in the amount of \$150,000.00.

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