



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/17/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 DENTON COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER DISTRICT AGREEMENT – MEDICAL
EXAMINER’S OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the FY 2024 Denton County Medical Examiner District Agreement.

BACKGROUND

On October 28, 1965, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #36671, adopted a resolution establishing the Office of the Tarrant County Medical Examiner (TCME) and appointed a Medical Examiner pursuant to Article 49.25 of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

In 1989, the counties of Tarrant, Parker, Denton and Johnson created a Medical Examiner District (District) pursuant to Article 49.25 of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

With approval of this agreement, Dr. Kendall Crowns, Tarrant County Medical Examiner, will be appointed to perform all duties provided by law for the District at TCME facilities which are located in Tarrant County. TCME operational costs are funded through Tarrant County’s budget. Denton County will contribute \$1,105,374.00 for the operation of the District and funds will be deposited into Tarrant County’s General Fund. This fee will be paid in quarterly installments. The term of this Agreement is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Pursuant to Article 49.25 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Sec. 1a(c), if a county desires to withdraw from the District, the withdrawing county must give twelve (12) month written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to all other counties contracting with the District; currently those counties are Denton, Johnson, Tarrant, and Parker.

The Criminal District Attorney’s Office has reviewed the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County will receive \$1,105,374.00, payable in quarterly installments, from Denton County.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Kelly L. Clark Dr. Kendall V. Crowns
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