



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 10/17/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 JOHNSON 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 Johnson 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. Johnson County will contribute \$326,760.00 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 \$326,760.00, payable in quarterly installments, from Johnson County.

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