

- E.** Resolution - Honoring Criminal Courts Administrator J. Gregory Shugart
(Commissioners Simmons)

Resolution Honoring Criminal Courts Administrator J. Gregory Shugart

***Whereas,** Tarrant County Criminal Courts Administrator, Greg Shugart, began his career with Tarrant County working for Tim Curry as the Criminal District Attorney's Business Manager in 2002; and*

***Whereas,** after proudly representing Tarrant County as Criminal Courts Administrator for 13 years, Mr. Shugart resigned on June 17th; and*

***Whereas,** Mr. Shugart successfully implemented Central Magistration in Tarrant County, changing 40 years of legal custom to protect Tarrant County from lawsuits; and*

***Whereas,** Mr. Shugart championed both the creation of the Mental Health Docket and the Enhanced Mental Health Docket in Tarrant County; and*

***Whereas,** Mr. Shugart created a construct for the implementation of cite and release as an option to be used for all law enforcement agencies in Tarrant County; and*

***Whereas,** Mr. Shugart, through the execution of text message-based court appearance notifications, helped to successfully reduce the failure to appear rate in Tarrant County from 25% to 14% over 4 years; and*

***Whereas,** Mr. Shugart's assisted the cities of Arlington, Keller, Everman, as well as DFW Airport in conducting high rates of video magistration, with a corresponding reduction of potential inmates being booked into the Tarrant County Jail; and*

***Whereas,** Mr. Shugart helped implement a scientific risk assessment for magistration which helped safely raise the percentage of personal bonds for misdemeanors in Tarrant County from 2% in 2017 to 28% in 2024; and*

***Whereas,** Mr. Shugart successfully wrote an Office of Court Administration ARPA grant for a temporary overflow Criminal Court in Tarrant County to aid in Tarrant County residents' timely access to justice and the mitigation of jail crowding; and*

***Whereas,** Mr. Shugart implemented a new, randomized attorney appointment system for indigent defense, use of electronic vouchers, and indigent defendant screening process; and*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby recognize Criminal Courts Administrator J. Gregory Shugart on his exemplary service to Tarrant County and congratulate him on his retirement.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 18th day of June 2024.*