COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 144922

DATE: 4/2/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ACCEPTANCE BY PATRICIA BURNS OF THE COURT'S APPOINTMENT TO STATUTORY PROBATE JUDGE, TARRANT COUNTY PROBATE COURT NO. 1 EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 22, 2025**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court acknowledge Patricia Burn′s Acceptance of the Commissioners Court′s Appointment of her to Statutory Probate Judge, Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1 effective on March 22, 2025.

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2025, through Court Order #144905, the Commissioners Court appointed Patricia Burns as the Statutory Probate Judge of the Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1. The appointment was a result of this position being vacated by the current Probate Judge, Christopher Ponder and became effective on March 22, 2025. Ms. Burns accepted the appointment on March 21, 2025.

Approval of this item acknowledges that Judge Burns replaced Judge Ponder as the Statutory Probate Judge for Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1 on March 22, 2025. Patricia Burns was appointed to this position after former Probate Judge Christopher Ponder announced his resignation, effective March 21, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY	Administrator	PREPARED BY:	Polly Maxwell
		APPROVED BY:	Craig Price

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March 21, 2025

Commissioner's Court
Tarrant County, Texas
100 E. Weatherford Street
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RE: Judge of Probate Court No. 1 of Tarrant County, Texas

Dear Members of the Commissioner's Court,

I am writing to formally accept your appointment as Judge of the Probate Court No. 1 of Tarrant County, Texas. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity, and I am committed to fulfilling the responsibilities of this position with dedication, integrity, and fairness.

I look forward to working collaboratively with the Court and the community to continue delivering efficient and equitable service to all who come before the Probate Court.

Thank you for your trust in me. I am eager to begin this important work and will do so with the utmost respect for the Court and the citizens of Tarrant County.

Sincerely,
Patricia M. Burns

Associate Judge, Probate Court No. 2