COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 144748
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DATE: 2/19/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL HAYNES & BOONE, LLP FOR LITIGATION EXPENSES FOR THE DEFENSE OF TARRANT COUNTY IN A LAWSUIT ENTITLED ANTHONY R. JOHNSON, SR., ET AL. V. TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, ET AL., ACTION NO. 4:24-CV-686**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that Commissioners Court consider the approval of additional funding for the firm of Haynes & Boone, LLP as outside counsel for the defense of Tarrant County in the lawsuit entitled Anthony R. Johnson, Sr., et al. v. Tarrant County, Texas, et al., Action No. 4:24-cv-686.

BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2024, the Commissioners Court through Court Order #144144, authorized the Chief of the Civil Division to sign an attorney employment agreement to hire outside counsel for legal representation related to Johnson, et al. v. Tarrant County, Texas, et al. Ultimately, the firm of Haynes & Boone was hired for an amount not to exceed $100,000.00.

The law firm has currently billed $98,030.00 for the representation of Tarrant County in this suit. Since further invoices are anticipated, the Criminal District Attorney's office is requesting additional funding for litigation expenses. Tarrant County may terminate the engagement of the law firm of Haynes & Boone, LLP at any time and for any reason.

With approval of this action, Tarrant County will continue to have representation in this lawsuit.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is currently $98,030.00. Funding is available in account 61500-2025 Self-Insurance Fund 1912000000 Self Insurance /585071 Litigation Expense.

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