



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145211

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DATE: 5/20/2025

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER BY THE DISTRICT
JUDGES OF TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS APPOINTING THE COUNTY
AUDITOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 27, 2025**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Administrative Order appointing the Tarrant County Auditor effective April 27, 2025.

BACKGROUND

On April 16, 2025, the District Judges having jurisdiction in Tarrant County, Texas, met in a special meeting pursuant to the procedures set out in Texas Local Government (TLG) Code 84.003, to appoint a County Auditor into the unexpired two-year term of office. The District Judges, by majority vote, appointed Kimberly Buchanan as Tarrant County Auditor for the two-year term of office beginning April 27 of the current odd-numbered year and continuing for two years thereafter until April 26 of the following odd-numbered year

In addition, the District Judges shall in due course publicize and hold a public hearing to set the salary of the Auditor as required by Texas Local Government Code § 152.905; until such time as the public hearing can be held the salary and other compensation directed by the most recent prior salary order of the District Judges and contained in the most recent budget adopted by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court shall be paid to this Auditor.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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| SUBMITTED BY | Administrator | PREPARED BY: | Vanessa Perez |
| | | APPROVED BY: | Mark Kratovil |

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
APPOINTING COUNTY AUDITOR
BY THE DISTRICT JUDGES
OF
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

THOMAS A. WILDER
DISTRICT CLERK

Whereas on the 16th day of April, 2025, the District Judges having jurisdiction in Tarrant County, Texas, met in a special meeting pursuant to the procedures set out in Texas Local Government Code § 84.003, to appoint a County Auditor into the two-year term of office beginning April 27 of the current odd-numbered year and continuing for two years thereafter until April 26 of the following odd-numbered year [following the term anniversary for the Auditor set first by Commissioners Court Order Number 5206 in the year 1905 and recorded in the official records of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court]; and

Whereas, the District Judges have, as required by law, have carefully investigated and considered the qualifications of the candidate for appointment as Tarrant County Auditor, and have found said candidate to be a competent accountant with at least two years' experience in auditing and accounting, thoroughly competent in public business details, and a person of unquestionably good moral character and intelligence, and to meet all requirements of law; and

Whereas a majority of all the District Judges having jurisdiction in Tarrant County, Texas, did vote to appoint Kimberly M. Buchanan as Tarrant County Auditor by a vote of 17 of 17 Members present.

Now therefore be it known that the District Judges do hereby APPOINT Kimberly M. Buchanan as the AUDITOR of Tarrant County, Texas, for the term concluding April 26, 2027, said Auditor to continue with all power and duties intact through such term and thereafter until such time as their successor is appointed and qualified, unless they shall first vacate or be removed from office.

The Auditor shall, prior to taking office, give bond in the amount of \$ 5,000.⁰⁰ (at least \$ 5,000), as set by the District Judges in conformity with Texas Local Government Code § 84.007, said bond to be approved by said Judges. Provided, however, that the Auditor may present to the District Judges a Certificate of Self-Insurance in Lieu of Bond issued by Tarrant County pursuant to its "Self-Insuring Certain Officers and Employees Policy" as most recently amended or, if the District Judges have set the Auditor's bond at more than \$ 5,000, the Auditor may present a Certificate of Self-Insurance granted by action of the Commissioners Court, which Certificate in either event shall satisfy the statutory requirement of bond.




The constitutional Statement of Appointed Officer and Oath of Office and the Additional Written Oath required by Texas Local Government Code § 84.007, any bond or Certificate of Self-Insurance in lieu of bond, shall be executed in due course by the Auditor as required by law and an original or a true copy shall be kept with the papers of the Auditor's office.

The District Judges shall in due course publicize and hold a public hearing to set the salary of the Auditor as required by Texas Local Government Code § 152.905; until such time as the public hearing can be held the salary and other compensation directed by the most recent prior salary order of the District Judges and contained in the most recent budget adopted by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court shall be paid to this Auditor.

The District Clerk shall record this action and certify it to the Commissioners Court by forwarding a certified copy of this Order to the County Clerk so that the same will be received by the County Clerk and received and filed with the papers of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court and at such other proper places as the County Clerk shall determine.

It is so ORDERED.

Signed this 16th day of April, 2025.



District Judge/Local Administrative Judge
Tarrant County, Texas

