COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145107

DATE: 4/15/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS OF A TEN COMMANDMENTS MONUMENT, FUNDS OR LABOR FOR MONUMENT IMPLEMENTATION EXPENSES, AND APPROXIMATELY THIRTY UNITED STATES NATIONAL MOTTO POSTERS FROM THE AMERICAN HISTORY & HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve and accept the donation of a Ten Commandments Monument, funds or labor for the monument's implementation expenses, and approximately thirty (30) posters containing the United States national motto "In God We Trust" from The American History & Heritage Foundation, Inc. ("AHHF"). The Ten Commandments Monument is to be placed on the lawn of the 1895 Courthouse. AHHF has agreed to provide either funds to the County to cover setup and related expenses or directly pay for labor providing the same. The national motto posters are to be placed in Tarrant County facilities county wide at specific locations to be determined at a later time.

BACKGROUND

AHHF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to educating and informing the public about American history and heritage. In furtherance of this mission and to highlight the connection the Ten Commandments have with America's political and legal history, AHHF seeks to donate a Ten Commandments Monument to Tarrant County for public display. The monument would be substantially similar to the Ten Commandments Monument on display since 1961 at the grounds of the Texas State Capitol. In addition to the Ten Commandments monument itself, AHHF will donate funds to the County to cover the costs of implementation expenses for the Ten Commandments Monument. Alternatively, AHHF may directly pay a third party vendor to provide implementation services to the County. Through this action, Tarrant County Facilities Management seeks permission to accept a donation of either funds or labor for implementation of the Ten Commandments monument.

Further, AHHF will donate approximately thirty (30) posters containing the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust." Since 1864, "In God We Trust" has appeared on United States currency and in 1956, Congress officially adopted "In God We Trust" as the country's national motto. Upon acceptance of the donation of these posters, Tarrant County Facilities Management will work with elected and appointed officials to determine their placement throughout various county owned facilities.

Through this action, Tarrant County will accept a donation of the Ten Commandments Monument and National Motto poster "IN GOD WE TRUST" from AHHF with the intention of displaying it alongside other currently installed monuments on the lawn of the historic 1895 Courthouse.

SUBMITTED BY	Commissioner, Precinct 3	PREPARED BY:	Mikael Garcia
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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.