COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 144745

DATE: 2/19/2025

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AND FILE THE OPEN GOVERNMENT AND COMPLIANCE TRANSPARENCY STAR AWARD FROM THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Open Government and Compliance Transparency Star Award from the Texas Comptroller's Office.

BACKGROUND

Tarrant County was recently awarded the Open Government and Compliance Transparency Star by the Texas Comptroller's Office, a prestigious recognition of the County's steadfast commitment to governmental transparency and accountability. This award celebrates Tarrant County's extensive efforts to provide the public with accessible online access to essential financial information, documents, and a diverse array of other data.

The significance of receiving the Open Government and Compliance Transparency Star lies in its affirmation of Tarrant County's dedication to openness and responsible governance. By ensuring that residents have easy access to vital financial information and governmental documents, the County promotes transparency, fosters trust between the government and its citizens, and champions good governance practices. This level of transparency also serves as a safeguard, reinforcing the integrity of Tarrant County's governmental operations.

Notably, Tarrant County stands out as the only county within the State of Texas to have been awarded all six (6) Transparency Stars by the Texas Comptroller's Office. This unique achievement underscores the County's exceptional dedication to setting the highest standards for government transparency and accountability, positioning Tarrant County as a leading example in the state.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

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Glenn Hegar
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

January 23, 2025

Ms. Kadey Heidrich
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Tarrant County
100 E. Weatherford St
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

Dear Ms. Heidrich:

I am pleased to inform you that Tarrant County has earned a Transparency Stars Award in the area of Open Government and Compliance. Our website now displays your award status and the link you submitted in your application. Enclosed is your Transparency Stars Award Certificate. You will also receive a digital Transparency Stars seal you may post on your website.

Note that you are required to maintain and update your transparency content to retain your Star. Comptroller staff will perform regular checks of your site.

Congratulations on your success in demonstrating exemplary efforts toward financial transparency.

Sincerely,

Glenn Hegar

Enclosure

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TRANSPARENCY STAR

THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AWARDS THE

Open Government & Compliance Star

to Tarrant County

for exemplary financial transparency efforts. The Transparency Stars Program recognizes local government entities across Texas that attain a high standard of financial transparency online. These actions provide citizens with clear, consistent information about public spending and government accountability in user-friendly formats.

TRANSPARENCY STARS

Jan. 23, 2025