



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER <#CourtOrderNumber#>

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DATE: 2/4/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL BROWN & HOFMEISTER, L.L.P. FOR LITIGATION EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR THE DEFENSE OF TARRANT COUNTY EMPLOYEE PHYLCIA HOLLIE 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 additional funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the firm of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P.as outside counsel for the defense of Tarrant County employee Phylcia Hollie in a lawsuit entitled Anthony R. Johnson, Sr., et al. v. Tarrant County, Texas, et al., Action No. 4:24-cv-686.

BACKGROUND

On November 12, 2024, the Commissioners Court through Court Order #144145, entered into an employment agreement with Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., for legal representation related to Johnson, et al. v. Tarrant County, Texas, et al. for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

The law firm has currently billed more than the initial \$30,000.00 for the representation of Tarrant County employee Phylcia Hollie. The Criminal District Attorney’s office is requesting additional funding for litigation expenses in the amount of \$20,000.00. Tarrant County may terminate the engagement of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P. at any time and for any reason.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact to date is \$31,892.89; however, the law firm is to use all reasonable means to resolve this matter at an additional cost of no more than \$20,000.00, not to exceed a total cost of \$50,000.00, subject to further court approval.

Funding is available in account 61500-2025 Self-Insurance Fund 191200000 Self Insurance /585071 Litigation Expense.

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