COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 144829

DATE: 3/11/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO USE THE SUBCOURTHOUSE AT MANSFIELD FROM JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 7, FOR A TEXAS CHALLENGE ACADEMY MEETING**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider a request to use the Subcourthouse at Mansfield from Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7 for the Texas Challenge Academy meeting on March 29, 2025.

BACKGROUND

Texas Challenge Academy is a voluntary residential program designed for students between sixteen and eighteen years old across Texas who face challenges in achieving success in a traditional high school setting. The program provides opportunities for students to earn or recover academic credits, enabling them to progress toward obtaining either a high school diploma or a GED.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7, began utilizing the services of Texas Challenge Academy in 2013 to support truant conduct offenders. Since then, more than one hundred (100) students have been referred to the program to explore available educational opportunities. Over fifty (50) students have graduated, earning a high school diploma, a GED, or in some cases, both. Many students have recovered high school credits and returned to their local high schools on track to graduate. The program has led to numerous success stories, with graduates pursuing military careers or other professional opportunities.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7, completed the required property use forms and is requesting all usage fees be waived.

The Constable's Office agreed to provide security during non-business hours for this meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated fiscal impact based on salary average overtime rates for Facilities Management and the Constable's Office is approximately $345. Salary cost will be charged to the following accounts:

$131–Facilities Management account: 10000-2025 General Funds/3110217000 Sub. at Mansfield/510000 Personnel
$214 – Constables Office account: 10000-2025 General Fund/2270100000 Constable Precinct 7/510000 Personnel

SUBMITTED BY	Facilities Management	PREPARED BY:	Misty Foster
		APPROVED BY:	Michael Amador

TARRANT COUNTY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
PROPERTY USE APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS.

Location requested: Justice of the Peace 7 1100 E Broad St. Mansfield TX

Event Date(s): March 29, 2025

Time of event: 10:00Am - 12:00pm

Description of event (if more than three lines, please provide an attachment):
Texas Challenge Academy - See attached

X Electricity required

X Set up equipment (tables/chairs/podium/speakers, etc.) requested from County

Contact Person: Judge Kenneth Sanders

Address: 1100 E Broad St. Ste 202 City: Mansfield State: TX Zip: 76063

Cell phone number: 817.454.1684 Email: kdsanders@tarrantcountytx.gov

Name of Organization: Texas Challenge Academy

____ Non-Profit ____ For-Profit

Primary contact person: Alexandria Pinchback

Address: 600 Hwy 3013W City: Eagle Lake State: TX Zip: 77434

Business phone number: 979-234-3531 Email: apinchback@riceraiders.net

Event on-site contact person & cell phone number: Alexandria Pinchback 409-939-3772

Applicant's signature: Kenneth D. Sanders

Applicant's printed name: KENNETH D. SANDERS

Date: 2/21/25

RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION
AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

THAT I, the undersigned Kenneth D. Sanders JP 1, hereby **RELEASE** and **HOLD HARMLESS** Tarrant County, Texas("County") and all of its officials, officers, agents and employees in both their public and private capacities, from any and all claims, losses, damages, causes of action, suits and liability of every kind that may arise from any of their act(s) and/or omission(s) that may occur as a result of my request to seek their help, assistance, and/or service in connection with Texas Challenge Academy meeting.

It is further agreed that the execution of this "**Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement**" will not constitute a waiver by the County of the defense of governmental immunity where applicable, or any other defense recognized by law and/or the courts of the State of Texas.

SIGNED this the 21 day of February, 2025.

Signature: Kenneth D. Sanders

Printed Name: KENNETH D. SANDERS

Address: 1100 E. Broad St. Ste 202

City: Mansfield **State:** TX **Zip Code:** 76063

Phone #: 817-473-5101

Texas ChalleNGe Academy
National Guard Youth Program

About TCA?

The Texas ChalleNGe Academy (TCA) is a voluntary, 5 ½ month residential program for 16-18-year-old students across the state of Texas who are struggling to find success in a traditional high school. TCA collaborates with Rice CISD to provide academic opportunities to recover/earn credits and advance towards earning a high school diploma or a GED. TCA is a rigorous, quasi-military structured program with a curriculum that integrates eight core components: Academic Excellence, Life Coping Skills, Health & Hygiene, Physical Fitness, Job Skills, Leadership/Followership, Service to Community, and Responsible Citizenship.

Our Mission Statement

"Reclaiming the potential of young adults through education, training, mentoring, and service to the community."



Program Structure

Texas ChalleNGe Academy is a 17 ½ month long program

- 5 ½ months Residential
- 12 months post residential
- Quasi Military Structure
- Co-Ed Program
- No military obligation
- Tuition Free
- 2 Classes per year (July & January)
- Academic Opportunities
- Earn/Recover Credits
- Eligible students may earn a HS diploma or GED

Requirements

- Resident of the United States & Texas
- 16-18 years old on start date
- At risk of dropping out, behind on credits, disengaged in school
- No felonies, no significant involvement with the law
- Physically/mentally capable of completing the program

Application Process

1. Attend Presentation
2. Submit a complete cadet application
3. Schedule a student interview
4. Receive Acceptance Letter within 3 weeks
5. Receive Reporting Instructions and Packing List

"Become The Best Version of Yourself"

Contact Us

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Justice Court Seven began utilizing the services of Texas Challenge Academy in 2013 for our truant conduct offenders. Since then, Justice Court Seven has sent over 100 students to learn about the program.

We have had 50-plus students graduate from the program earning their GED or High School Diploma; in some instances, students have earned both. Students could also recover high school credits and, upon completing the program, return to their local high school on track to graduate. We have witnessed the success of many students joining the military or going on to have successful careers.

Salary Costs Related to After Hours Facilities Usage for Precinct 7 Texas Challenge Academy									
Title	**# of Employees**	**Event Length (Hrs)**	**Total Staff Hours**	**Avg Hourly Rate**	**OT Rate**	**Hourly Cost**	**FICA**	**Retirement**	**Total Cost**
Building Services Technician II (Grade 28)	1	3	3	$ 24.40	$ 36.60	**$ 110**	$ 8	$ 13	**$ 131**
Constable Deputy	1	3	3	$ 39.70	$ 59.55	**$ 179**	$ 14	$ 21	**$ 214**
								TOTAL	**$ 345**