

ORDER FOR EMERGENCY AMENDMENT FISCAL YEAR 2017

This Order for Emergency Amendment to the Brazos County Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 ("Amendment") is entered into by the County of Brazos, ("County") a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting by and through its County Commissioner's Court ("Court"). The County acknowledges the continuing need for a School Resource Deputy ("SRD") Program for the College Station Independent School District ("CSISD"). The County has agreed to establish a SRD Program in accordance with the terms and conditions of an interlocal agreement.

Following the adoption of the Brazos County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 ("Budget"), CSISD notified the County that the College Station Police Department ("CSPD") would terminate its agreement to provide school resource officers ("SRO") to CSISD. The County recognizes the outstanding benefits of the SRO program to the citizens of Brazos County and to the students of CSISD.

A SRO or SRD is a career law enforcement officer with sworn authority, who is deployed by an employing agency in a community-oriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools. SRO or SRD programs provide safe learning environments in our schools, provide valuable resources to school staff members, foster positive relationships with youth, develop strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and protect all students, so they can reach their fullest potentials.

It is in the best interest of the citizens of Brazos County, and the students of CSISD to continue to provide for the safety of the community's students and citizens by the establishment of a school resource deputy ("SRD") Program.

In order to establish the SRD program, the County finds that it is necessary to amend its Budget to add the following new positions:

- a. One (1) SRD at A&M Consolidated High School to primarily act as a law enforcement presence, mentor, problem-solver, and provide positive police-student relations.
- b. One (1) SRD at College Station High School to primarily act as a law enforcement presence, mentor, problem-solver, and provide positive police-student relations.
- c. One (1) SRD at College Station Middle School, to primarily act as a law enforcement presence, mentor, problem-solver, and provide positive police-student relations.
- d. One (1) SRD at A&M Consolidated Middle School, to primarily act as a law enforcement presence, mentor, problem-solver, and provide positive police-student relations.

e. One (1) SRD Sergeant, supervisor of SRDs, to split time between College View High School and the Center for Alternative Learning, to primarily act as a law enforcement presence, mentor, problem-solver, and provide positive police-student relations.

The County understands that CSISD will reimburse the County for all costs to administer the SRD program.

Texas Local Government Code §111.010(c) provides that: “The commissioners court may authorize an emergency expenditure as an amendment to the original budget only in a case of grave public necessity to meet an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not have been included in the original budget through the use of reasonably diligent thought and attention. If the court amends the original budget to meet an emergency, the court shall file a copy of its order amending the budget with the county clerk, and the clerk shall attach the copy to the original budget.”

The Court finds that the emergency expenditure as an amendment to the original budget is authorized because the County is the only reasonable agency authorized to administer the SRD program and the discontinuation of any SRO or SRD program would constitute a grave public threat to the safety of CSISD students and the citizens of Brazos County.

The Court further finds that the untimely termination of the CSPD SRO program was an unforeseen condition that could not have been included in the original budget through the use of reasonably diligent thought and attention.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of February, 2017.

Duane Peters
County Judge

Commissioner Lloyd Wassermann
Precinct 1

Commissioner Sammy Catalena
Precinct 2

Commissioner Kenny Mallard
Precinct 3

Commissioner Irma Cauley
Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Karen McQueen, County Clerk