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COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

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To: Commissioners Court

From: Sheriff Jim Skinner: *JOS*
Asst. Chief Mitch Selman (LE Operations)

Date: Monday, July 18, 2022

Re: FY23 Budget Workshop: Addition to Lease with Children's Advocacy Center

In 1992, the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center opened. The Sheriff's Office and other local agencies formed a rural crimes-against-children (CAC) task force to investigate child-abuse cases. In recent years, the Sheriff's Office has detailed four investigators to the CAC, and the County leases four offices at the CCCAC's Plano address for them. Under the current lease, the County pays \$1,252/month, and the contract is set to expire Aug. 31, 2022—except that CCAC has agreed to extend it one month to put the contract on the County's fiscal year.

Over the years, the rural CAC task force's members have changed. The cities of Plano and McKinney, for example, were never members because their police departments were large enough to investigate child crimes in their borders. In recent years, Wylie and Frisco left the task force. Princeton and Anna have signed ILAs for CAC services with the County for years, and each one pays \$7,500 annually.¹ Their four-year contracts are set to end Sept. 30, 2023. Each city's case load has now grown to the point—over 100 cases annually—where each recently committed to detailing an investigator full time to the rural CAC task force. Their welcome addition will help the task force better staff CAC cases.

In July 2021, CCCAC started building a second facility at Heritage Dr. and Harroun Ave. in McKinney, and this facility appears set to open later this year.² CCCAC has offered the County a lease agreement for seven offices and a 3% share of the common area for \$1,575.60/month for FY23. The lease fee would increase by 1% per year through Sept. 30, 2027 (for monthly fees of \$1,575.60, \$1,591.36, \$1,607.27, \$1,623.34, and \$1,639.57 in these years).

At Budget's suggestion, the SO now adds this request for an increase to the relevant budget [Construction and Projects – Shared] and line item [Space Rent] to accommodate this lease-fee

¹ See Collin County Commissioners Court Order No. 2020-117-02-10 (approving ILA No. 2020-195 with the City of Anna); Collin County Commissioners Court Order No. 2019-831-09-23 (approving ILA No. 2019-367 with the City of Princeton).

² See CCCAC, "Expansion" (visited July 15, 2022), <https://www.caccollincounty.org/expansion/>.

increase for FY23. This modest increase will allow the SO to lease three additional offices. The new facility's McKinney address is closer to the SO as well. The SO plans to assign the supervising lieutenant to one of these and the detectives from Princeton and Anna PDs to the other two. The cost of two of the offices under these terms would be \$5,402.16/year in FY23,³ and the cities will collectively pay \$15,000 in FY23. Regardless of the cities' ILA payments, however, the value of the addition of the two detectives more than offsets the portion of the increase in the County's lease costs attributable to leasing two offices for these cities.

After FY23. Princeton's and Anna's CAC ILAs will expire at the end of FY23. According to the ILAs, these cities are paying for CAC services and each one's \$7,500 fee is based on NCTCOG's population estimates.⁴ For all the years of these ILAs, SO investigators handled their CAC cases in exchange for the fees. FY23 will be different in that the cities will pay \$15,000 for CAC services *and* detail two investigators to the CAC full time. Thus, it is reasonable to expect that the cities may not want to renew the CAC ILAs on the same terms at the end of FY23.

If the cities want to renegotiate the ILAs at FY23's end, then the County would have the opportunity to propose that the cities' fees include their share of the office-lease payments. The County may still want to charge some CAC-service fee if a city's CAC case load is more than the city's single investigator can work (because, in this event, this means that an SO investigator is working some of the city's cases).

³ \$1,575.60 / month for 7 offices + 7 offices = \$225.09 /office per month x 2 offices x 12 months = \$4,150.18 for Princeton's and Anna's two offices x 12 months = \$5,402.16 for two offices in FY23.

⁴ The ILAs are exhibits to the Court Orders listed in note 1. Section 5.01 in each sets out the compensation terms.