



**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**  
COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

JIM SKINNER, SHERIFF

To: Commissioners Court

From: Asst. Chief Johnny Jaquess, Jail Administrator

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Date: April 11, 2023

Re: PIP to Remove Sprinkler Heads from Cells in Existing Detention Facility

The SO has asked the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for approval to remove the sprinkler heads from certain cells in (1) the planned expansion of the county jail and in (2) the existing detention facility. On August 4, 2022, TCJS approved the first request, and, on April 10, 2023, this Court authorized a letter to the architects to remove the sprinkler heads.

For FY22 (and carried over to FY23), this Court approved \$231,000 to fund a PIP to replace the sprinkler heads from cells in the existing detention facility with tamper-resistant sprinkler heads. I would like to modify this PIP to remove the sprinkler heads in certain inmate occupied areas of the jail. As part of the review process under section 511.0097, Gov't Code, the County must provide an engineering study of the proposed removal to TCJS. *See* 37 Tex. Admin. Code 263.51 (smoke management). Therefore, the SO asks the Commissioners Court to approve (1) modifying the PIP project to remove the sprinkler heads instead of replacing them and (2) using \$14,400 of the \$231,000 for the related engineering study. The County's current contractor, MD Engineering, estimated this cost for the scope of work in a November 10, 2022 letter (enclosed).