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To: Commisioners Court

From: Amy Patterson, Court Coordinator

Re: Table for Courtroom

The 493rd District Court requests to purchase an additional small table for use in the Courtroom during trials that was not originally requested. To date this year, the 493rd has already held close to 20 bench and jury trials. An additional small table is needed to provide space (1) for counsel to sit when multiple parties are involved, and also (2) for counsel to place trial exhibit and witness binders immediately behind counsel table in document heavy matters.

Example: On cases when a child has an amicus or ad litem attorney, it is preferable to seat such party separately from the respondent and petitioner; however, currently we are not able to offer such a seating arrangement. The table will allow the amicus/ad litem to be clearly separate from the other lawyers and also provide adequate space for the lawyer to set up with their laptop/binders/exhibits. Additionally, the table will provide a space for counsel to set up their exhibits for trial in document heavy matters. During trial, exhibits are often brought in boxes/binders, this table will allow the exhibits to be set up in a readily accessible fashion so that they are ready to be presented to the Court/jury, which will make trials more efficient.

The table is estimated to cost \$540.52