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To: Judge and Commissioners

From: Mónika Arris, Director of Budget and Finance

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**Re:** General Discussion Item 2.b. – Furniture for 494<sup>th</sup> District Court

Agenda item 57558 is a request to use budgeted funds to provide furniture that is absent from the 494th Judicial District courtroom. The 494th District courtroom currently does not have a full desk for the court reporter and it has a podium instead of a table that can be used by attorneys and court litigants. The Budget Office supports the purchase of a desk in the courtroom for use by the Court Reporter and the purchase of a table in the courtroom for use by court litigants. These are furniture items found in the other courts.

The Budget Office does not support the purchase of a bookshelf in the courtroom, cabinet in the breakroom, and cabinets for bathrooms. These are not part of the standard items purchased.

Both the Judge and Court Reporter of the 494th Judicial District Court brought their own furniture so there are unspent furniture funds. Typically, these unspent funds would return to the General Fund balance at the end of the year. Should the Judge and Court Reporter take their office furniture if or when they leave county service, we will need to purchase furniture for this court.