

To: Harris County Commissioners Court

Through: David Berry, Executive Director, Budget Management Department

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Subject: County Tax Collections

Project ID (If applicable):

Purpose and Request:

Presentation, discussion and possible action on options for possible changes in the collections of delinquent property receivables by Harris County.

Background and Discussion:

On December 1st 2020, Commissioners Court requested Budget Management review the potential for the County Attorney's Office to take over collections of delinquent property taxes. Budget Management in conjunction with the Tax Office and County Attorney's Office reviewed the process and provides three options to achieve the County's objectives. 1. Continuing the status quo, 2. Terminating the Linebarger Goggan Blair Sampson LLC (Linebarger) contract and beginning the process of moving collections in house, or 3. Negotiating changes to the current contract with Linebarger.

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal impact estimates for each option are presented in the memo.

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
Service Impacted: <i>[Please provide service or division where expenditure will be used]*</i>			
Existing Budget			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
Existing Department Budget			
Please Identify Funding Source (General Fund, PIC, Special Revenue, Grant, Etc.)			
[INSERT FUNDING SOURCE HERE]			
Total Sources			

Alternatives:

Alternatives are included in the memo.

Alignment with Strategic Objective:

This project crosses several county departments and aligns with the countywide goal area of exemplifying high quality, transparent, and accountable government.

Attachments:

1. Report to Court
2. Summary presentation
3. County Attorney's Office memo