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Title: Request for discussion and possible action regarding Harris County jail population, staffing, conditions, and other issues.

Sponsors:

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/23/2024	1	Commissioners Court		

Department: County Administration
Department Head/Elected Official: Diana Ramirez, County Administrator

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA
Type of Request: Policy

Project ID (if applicable): N/A
Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A
MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A
Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):
Request for discussion and possible action regarding Harris County jail population, staffing, conditions, and other issues.

Background and Discussion:
On October 31, 2023, Commissioners Court directed the Office of County Administration (OCA) to have a standing jail item on the agenda for updates and actions to ensure expeditious progress on improving the jail conditions and reducing the jail population. This item is the next scheduled update on this topic.

Expected Impact:
Keeping a standing item on the Commissioners Court meeting agenda will maintain the work of addressing jail population, staffing, and conditions at the forefront and build momentum for improvements.

Alternative Options:

Return to providing ad hoc updates to Commissioners Court.

Alignment with Goal(s):

X Justice and Safety
_ Economic Opportunity
_ Housing
_ Public Health
_ Transportation
_ Flooding
_ Environment
X Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any)**:**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
03/26/2024	28	No Action
02/27/2024	16	No Action
12/19/2023	24	No Action
10/31/2023	419	Direct OCA to prepare a standing jail item for the agenda and work with HRRM and HCSO on a Detention Officer pay scale that improves retention
11/14/2023	13	First standing item: Request for discussion and possible action regarding Harris County jail population, staffing, conditions, and other issues. Direct OCA to prioritize the length of stay analysis, Detention Officer retention, and a particular focus on those charged with murder.
12/05/2023	11	To have VSD, County Courts, Justice Stakeholders, OCA, and the Budget Office consider a Veterans Docket, Domestic Violence Docket, Mental Health Docket, and other specialty courts based on the framework of the existing RIC Docket and for an update at the first quarter of 2024.

Location:
Address (if applicable):
Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			**Annual Fiscal Cost**
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expens
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	$	$	$	$
Choose an item.	$	$	$	$
Choose an item.	$	$	$	$

Total Current Budget	$	$	$	$
Additional Budget Request (*Requires Fiscal Review Request Form*)				
Choose an item.	$	$	$	$
Choose an item.	$	$	$	$
Choose an item.	$	$	$	$
Total Additional Budget Request	$	$	$	$
Total Funding Request	$	$	$	$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: April 23, 2024
Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable)**:** PowerPoint (separate cover)