

STATE OF TEXAS

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COMMISSIONER'S COURT

COUNTY OF PANOLA

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RESOLUTION # R-PCSO-01-2024

A resolution of Panola County, Texas, authorizing Panola County Sheriff's Office to apply for funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation for participation in the 2024 Comprehensive STEP Grant Program (Grant ID# 2024-PanolaCoSO-CIOT-00015); authorizing the timely submittal of said application; providing for a contingency regarding the twenty percent (20%) matching of funds; authorizing and directing the Sheriff or any other necessary County official to execute all necessary documents incident to applying for, accepting, and spending said funding; finding and determining that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date.

WHEREAS the County of Panola is dedicated to improving safety on the highways; and,

WHEREAS intoxicated/impaired drivers and those who disregard speed laws, disregard seat belt and child safety seat laws, and disregard intersection control devices, create a hazard to the citizens of Panola County; and

WHEREAS directing enforcement efforts towards intoxicated/impaired drivers, those who violate the speed limits, disregard intersection control devices, and fail to wear the required occupant restraints will improve the traffic safety for the citizens of Panola County; and,

WHEREAS the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation have made available funding to pay off-duty peace officers for such traffic enforcement through the Comprehensive Selected Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: That the findings set out in the preamble to this resolution are hereby in all things approved and adopted.

Section 2: The Panola County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to file an application and all attendant documents necessary to qualify for funding on STEP Grant ID# 2024-PanolaCoSO-CIOT-00015 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation for the Panola County Sheriff's Office to participate in the

Comprehensive Selected Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) to target the problems of driving while intoxicated, speed violations, disregarding intersection control devices, and to encourage the use of seat belts and child safety seats.

Section 3: The Panola County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to submit said application to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation in a timely manner and to undertake all procedures necessary for applying for, accepting, and expending said funding.

Section 4: The accepting of the grant is contingent upon budgetary funds that are available to provide for a match of up to a twenty percent (20%).


Section 5: That the Sheriff and any other necessary County official are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, as approved by the County Judge and County Commissioners, incident to applying, accepting, and expending any associated funding.

Section 6: That the meeting in which this resolution was passed was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Section 7: That this resolution will become effective from and after its date of passage

Section 8: That the grant funded period of STEP enforcement will begin on May 17th, 2024 and terminate on June 5th, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Panola County Commissioners' Court on the 26th day of March, 2024.


RODGER MCLANE, County Judge


BILLY ALEXANDER, Commissioner, Pct. 1


DAVID COLE, Commissioner, Pct. 2


CRAIG LAWESS, Commissioner, Pct. 3


DALE LAGRONE, Commissioner, Pct. 4

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