

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bluebonnet Haven, a for-profit Residential Treatment Center (RTC) for severely troubled youth is being constructed in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is aware that Bluebonnet Haven is applying for licensure as an Intensive RTC through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County community does not have the mental health professionals nor the resources to handle current citizens' mental health needs much less an additional group with intensive needs; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is largely responsible for the cost of indigent healthcare in the community and does not possess the resources to manage additional persons who will likely require indigent healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County community does not have sufficient law enforcement, juvenile probation, or prosecutors to manage additional juvenile crimes or misconduct; and

WHEREAS, Five Oaks RTC, a similar facility, in neighboring Austin County has a troubled history, including constant runaways, arson, burglary, theft, and a resident's death, forcing Austin County to incur additional costs for law enforcement, juvenile probation, and prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the proposed management team for Bluebonnet Haven was formerly affiliated with Five Oaks RTC and received numerous complaints of misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the proposed facility site is across the highway from the Brenham State Supported Living Center which houses our communities most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Bluebonnet Haven would require educational accommodations from the Brenham Independent School District (ISD) which already exceeds the state average special education population by 5%; and

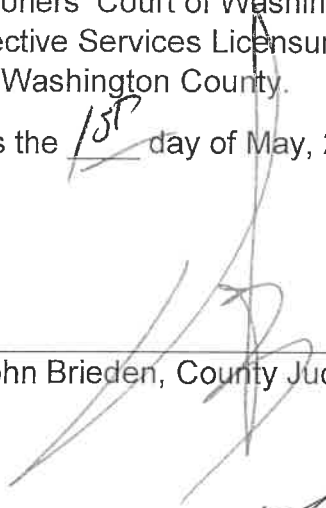
WHEREAS, Brenham ISD has previously passed a resolution stating the school district lacks the resources to hire additional staff to provide specialized instruction to the proposed residents of Bluebonnet Haven; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Washington County Commissioners' Court completely and unequivocally opposes the opening, and operation of, the Bluebonnet Haven Residential Treatment Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Washington County currently lacks the resources necessary to support the children proposed to be served by Bluebonnet Haven; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Court of Washington County requests the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Licensure Board to deny any form of license to operate this facility in Washington County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 15th day of May, 2018.



John Brieden, County Judge



Don Koester, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Kirk Harath, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Luther Hueske, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Joy Fuhs, Commissioner, Pct. 4