



March 15, 2022

The Honorable Nathaniel Moran
Smith County Judge

The Honorable Larry Smith
Smith County Sheriff

Public Information Act Request: Texas Commission on Jail Standards and the Smith County Jail

Dear Judge Moran and Sheriff Smith (DA Putman, Civil ADA Wilson and designated PIOs copied):

This request is made pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act (TxPIA), Chapter 552 of the Government Code (formerly V.T.C.S. article 6252) as well as Article I, Sec. 8 of the Texas Constitution, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, the common law of the State of Texas, and any subsequent controlling statute providing for public access to government information.

The period covered by this PIA request is from January 1, 2018, through March 15, 2022.

We hereby request for the period specified digital copies:

- 1) of all documents and written communications between and among (meaning to and from) any official and/or employee of the **Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS)** and any **official and/or employee representing the County of Smith, Texas.**
- 2) **pertaining to Smith County Jail Operations and Management compliance/non-compliance with the standards set forth by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards** – all Smith County documents and written communications (including, but not limited to – emails, facsimiles, memos, policies, directives, Power Point presentations, orders, and /or letters) between and among (meaning to and from) any and all Smith County officials (elected and/or appointed) and/or Smith County employees, and/or **any vendor under contract to service the Smith County Texas Jail System, Facilities, and Inmates.**
- 3) **pertaining to Smith County Jail Operations and Management compliance/non-compliance with the standards set forth by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards** – any written public relations/information statements officially released to the public via the news media and/or

any county-maintained social media outlets, the Smith County website, or the Smith County Sheriff's website.

In addition, for the period specified, please direct us to the specific date(s) on which the issue of Smith County Jail compliance/non-compliance with the standards set forth by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards appeared on the Smith County Commissioners Court Agendas and/or the Smith County Council of Judges Agendas. **We will then view these agenda documents and subsequent minutes online.**

Transmittal of requested public documents

Please send any questions of clarification and PIA requested documents/links/responses to grassrootsleadership@gawtp.com.

We ask that all requested documentation currently existing in a format, which can be readily e-mailed in the form of attachments (Word, PDF, Excel, or similar formats) or as links (Google Docs or Dropbox) be provided as such; therefore, eliminating – or at least greatly reducing – the reasonable labor and copying costs that can lawfully be passed on to us – the requestors.

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act (TxPIA), please inform us of any reasonable costs associated with fulfillment of our request and the availability of any documents for viewing that are otherwise not available digitally via email, link, CD, or thumb drive.

We acknowledge that the TxPIA does not compel you to compile or create a document that does not exist; therefore, we would not expect the production of such. If no documentation exists for a requested item, we will expect only a simple statement of that fact.

Thank you for your timely attention to this public information request. For the purpose of meeting deadlines set forth by the TxPIA, **this request was sent after close of business day on March 15, 2022.**

Sincerely,



JoAnn Fleming
Executive Director
Grassroots America – We the People PAC

CC: The Honorable Jacob Putman, Smith County District Attorney
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