

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS,
IN SUPPORT OF BURNET COUNTY’S APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS JUDICIAL
COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH COURT LIAISON PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health (“JCMH”) has established the Court Liaison Pilot Program – Cohort Two to strengthen coordination between the justice system and behavioral health systems, improve transparency in case processing, and support more efficient and informed judicial decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Court Liaison Pilot Program is intended to provide funding for a full-time Court Liaison position serving as a central point of communication among courts, jails, behavioral health providers, and community partners, with the goal of improving communication, identifying system inefficiencies, reducing delays, and improving case outcomes; and

WHEREAS, JCMH requires that an application include support from identified county stakeholders, including the Commissioners Court, and further contemplates acknowledgment of commitment to step-down funding, if applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Burnet County finds that improved coordination among the courts, jail, prosecutors, defense representatives, pretrial services, the Local Mental Health Authority, and other community partners would serve the public interest and promote more efficient administration of justice in Burnet County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Burnet County desires to support Burnet County’s application for participation in the JCMH Court Liaison Pilot Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

1. **Support of Application.** The Commissioners Court of Burnet County hereby expresses its formal support for Burnet County’s application to the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health for participation in the Court Liaison Pilot Program – Cohort Two.
2. **Public Purpose.** The Commissioners Court finds that participation in this program would promote improved coordination among local justice-system and behavioral-health stakeholders, reduce inefficiencies and delays in case processing, and enhance the County’s ability to respond to the needs of individuals with mental health, substance use, or intellectual and developmental disability-related needs who come into contact with the justice system.
3. **County Participation and Cooperation.** The Commissioners Court supports Burnet County’s participation in the planning, implementation, and oversight processes required by the program and acknowledges the need for cross-agency collaboration, information-sharing as permitted by law, and participation by appropriate county officials and representatives.
4. **Step-Down Funding Acknowledgment.** In accordance with the JCMH application requirements, the Commissioners Court acknowledges that, if Burnet County is

selected for participation and if continued participation is deemed appropriate, the program contemplates step-down funding in years three and four. The Commissioners Court acknowledges this requirement and states that any future county funding commitment shall be considered through the County's regular budgeting and appropriation process in accordance with applicable law and available funds.

5. **Authorization.** The County Judge, as the presiding officer of the Commissioners Court, is authorized to execute this Resolution and any other documents reasonably necessary to evidence the Commissioners Court's support for the application. If required by the grant application, the appropriate authorized official may also be designated or approved in accordance with the governing body's action reflected herein.
6. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commissioners Court of Burnet County, Texas, on the ____ day of April, 2026.

Bryan Wilson, County Judge
Burnet County, Texas

Jim Luther, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Damon Beierle, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Chad Collier, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Joe Don Dockery, Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk
Burnet County, Texas