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Judge Oakley and Commissioners,

I ask that this be read into the record at Commissioners Court on October 24 for Agenda Item #4.

My apologies for missing this meeting, I am attending phase 2 of the VG Young Leadership Academy for Commissioners & Judges.

I briefly stated my opinion in our last court on this subject but felt the need to reiterate and add to my comments from 2 weeks ago.

I agree that we need a set of standards for how we conduct our meetings and how the public can be heard in an efficient and effective way. Thank you for adding the attachments back to the agenda, I feel that will help the public get questions answered ahead of the meetings and have educated public comments that we can use to help make our decisions.

My views are simple - We need a general public comment time for the public to make comments to us on any subject they want to. This should be at the beginning of the meeting, just like we have done for many years. I also think we should open up a Public Comment opportunity on each agenda item.

An efficient meeting is important but Public input is paramount.

I'd like to propose we start with less regulations and less restrictions, then if we have to tighten up the rules because meetings get out of control then we can at a later date. We are a representative government and those we represent have a right to be heard. We have thrown the word "Transparency" around a lot lately, now is our chance to prove that we really want an open and transparent court that values Citizen input.

Kindest Regards,

Damon Beierle