

State of Texas
County of Williamson
Know all men by these presents:

That on the 26th day of November 2024 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer accounts for about 3% of all cancer diagnosed in the U.S. and about 7% of all cancer deaths, with 66,440 people in the United States expected to be diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in 2024 and about 51,750 deaths expected; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no routine preventive early detection screening available for Pancreatic Cancer, making early diagnosis difficult, but for high-risk individuals there are newer tests available for detecting pancreatic cancer earlier, including advances in imaging technology like endoscopic ultrasound or MRI; and

WHEREAS, earlier diagnosis substantially improves the 5-year survival rate, with survival being 44% if the cancer is diagnosed at stage 1 (localized), 16% if stage 2, and dropping to 3% if detected in stage 3; and

WHEREAS, risk factors for developing the disease includes: family history, tobacco use, being overweight, having diabetes or chronic pancreatitis, and age (about 2/3 of cases are 65 years or older); and

WHEREAS, the warning signs for Pancreatic Cancer are often vague, but important to recognize, including: pain (usually abdominal or back pain), yellowing of the eyes or skin, dark urine, itchy skin, weight loss, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, and changes in stools; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County urges anyone experiencing any of these unexplained symptoms to see your doctor and to join in our efforts to raise awareness of Pancreatic Cancer research to improve screening and continue advancements in treatments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court declares the month of November as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month".

RESOLVED THIS 26th Day of November 2024.

Valerie Covey

Valerie Covey, Presiding Officer