CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Jeffrey M. Wells, Assistant County Manager

Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Mesquite to allow the elected Justice of the Peace to serve as the appointed Municipal Court Judge of Mesquite, and to provide for shared funding for the combined courts; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #: 1010.000  Fund Name: General Fund
Fund Center: 1181513050  Funded Pgm/Grant: N/A
Description: N/A  Amount: N/A
Added Comments: Expected to be a positive fiscal impact to the County.

BACKGROUND:

NRS 5.020 was amended in 1983 to authorize the governing body of a city, with the consent of the board of county commissioners and the justice of the peace, to provide that a justice of the peace of the township in which the city is located may be appointed as the ex officio municipal court judge of the city. Currently the Justice of the Peace for Mesquite Township also serves as the appointed Mesquite Municipal Court Judge.

At its meeting on December 17, 2017 the Board approved the following action:

To prohibit a justice of the peace from also serving as an ex officio Municipal Court Judge unless a city enters into a written agreement with the County to provide for the appointment of the justice of the peace as ex officio municipal court judge and to address any cost sharing or expenses related to such dual court assignment. Any agreement should be limited to the term of the justice of the peace and shall include such other terms as agreed upon by the City and County.

This Memorandum of Understanding is pursuant to such action and establishes the agreement of the City of Mesquite and the County as to the service of the justice of the peace as the appointed Municipal Court Judge.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey M. Wells, Assistant County Manager

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