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Hello,

I am requesting an opinion regarding the authority of the County Commissioner's to approve or govern my proposed budget for 59.06 funds. I was appointed by Governor Abbot in November of last year and I recently won the Republican primary. As of today, I am now unopposed for the election. After taking office, I have learned that since 2012, the commissioners court has not reviewed any forfeiture account expenditures or proposed budgets from the District Attorney's Office. I drafted a proposed budget with the expectation that the court would review it; however the Judge motioned to table the budget because she feels that the commissioners court must approve my spending. I tried to explain that this proposal was a projection and nothing more and that I was simply complying with 59.06, but she requested more time to check with T.A.C. I want to know what authority the county commissioners have over my use of forfeiture funds since I report annually to the State and second, whether the commissioner's court of both Hockley and Cochran Counties should be provided my proposed budget. My mindset was that the proposed budget is a sort of "public notice" of what we currently have and how I foresee expending the funds.

Please advise.

Respectfully,

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