

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO PURSUE
 CONSOLIDATION OF THE DESOTO JOINT TAX OFFICE
 TO THE DALLAS COUNTY TAX OFFICE**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

After much discussion and review, the following information is provided. John R. Ames, CTA, has stated that the Dallas county Tax Office is ready and willing to begin collection of taxes for the DeSoto ISD, the City of DeSoto, the City of Glenn Heights, and the Candle Meadows PID. Mr. Ames also has informed us that he will recommend to the Dallas County Commissioner's Court, that the current collection fee of \$1.35 per parcel remains in place. This collection fee was initially discussed as perhaps going up to \$1.55 per parcel.

The proposed schedule for consolidation by Mr. Ames is as follows:

Develop and Sign Interlocal Agreement	Within next 90 days
Begin programming and conversion discussions	late fall, i.e. November 2010
Convert tax data and files to Dallas County	March-February 2011
Begin collecting current and delinquent taxes	April 1, 2011
Close local DISD Joint Tax Office	June 30, 2011

After a joint meeting with the City Council of DeSoto, and after receiving input from the public and other sources, the Board of Trustees requested that this item be placed on the agenda as an action item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as presented.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Record Vote

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Bobby LaBorde

ENCLOSURES:
None