



Law Enforcement Services

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Assessment/Opportunity

- Five Positions (1 Sergeant & 4 Lake Rangers)
- Three open positions currently
- Opportunity to assess backfilling of positions
- Other Models
 - SJRA (Interlocal Agreement)
 - LCRA (Interlocal Agreement)
 - USACE (Nationwide Interlocal Agreement)
 - School Districts (Resource Officers)
 - Contract Officers (Security Guards, Licensed Peace Officers)

Meeting Date: May 22, 2023





County Sheriff Office Specific Security Roles

- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA restricted areas to include Observation Point and BRA offices, shops, or residences within Observation Point.
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce on Possum Kingdom Lake.
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA's restricted RSMU maintenance area on south side of the dam to include emergency spillway, dam, gun range, and shop areas.
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA's River Park and ensure no persons have entered upstream of the restricted area
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA's decommissioned hydro facility parking lot to ensure no one has entered the restricted area or is on or near the dam.
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA's trail system and other Public Use Areas/Parks.



Board Comments/Questions

- Additional Budget Information
- Response Time
- Protection of Asset
- Coverage
- Asset Replacement Responsibility
- DPS option

Budget Information

<u>PK Positions</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u>
Five Officers	\$461,926

New Positions	
Reservoir Coord.	<u>\$187,117</u>

Potential Savings	\$274,809
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Net loss of 3 Positions

Lake Ranger Operations Budget			
FY 19 Actual	\$751,157		
FY 20 Actual	\$778,050		
FY 21 Actual	\$618,541		
FY 22 Actual	\$593,224		
Ammunition			
Supplies			
Fuel			
Safety/Environmental Equip.			
Computer			
Utilities (electric)			
Water, Sewer, Trash			
Insurance			
Maintenance (Boat, ATV, Vehicle, Bikes, Trailers)			
Boat House Repair Upkeep			
Uniforms, Coats, Gloves, etc			
Weapons Repair, Maintenance			
Training, Employee Development			
Public Relations Outreach			
Capital Outlay			

Board Comments/Questions Continued

Response Time: Equal to BRA

Asset Protection: Agreement mandates

Coverage: No less than 2 officers; may have more

Asset Replacement: County responsible

DPS Option: Financial Infeasible

TPWD Game Wardens: Continue to Patrol

BRA Benefits

- Consolidated law enforcement
- Improved communication; better defined roles between BRA/County/State Game Wardens
- Centralized response to Emergencies (Fire, Flood, Routine calls etc.)
- Agreement will quantify/define patrol areas to ensure Dam Security, Public Use Area response, etc.
- Retain presence year-round (Dam security, Water Safety, Parks/Trails)
- Reduce BRA responsibility in the area of law enforcement
- Reduced liability

“WHEREAS, the BRA owns and operates Possum Kingdom Lake and Morris Sheppard Dam, which are primarily located within Palo Pinto County’s jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the BRA and the County to collaborate in providing a safe and secure environment, both for the public and for BRA’s critical infrastructure, on and around Possum Kingdom Lake;

WHEREAS, the BRA and the County believe a centralized leadership structure, through the Palo Pinto County Sherriff’s Office, is the most efficient and effective way to ensure safety and security on and around Possum Kingdom Lake;

WHEREAS, as the Palo Pinto Sherriff’s Office is the chief law enforcement agency for the area containing Possum Kingdom Lake, the BRA desires to support the County in centralizing law enforcement functions under that office;

WHEREAS, the County agrees to assume responsibility for law enforcement services on and around Possum Kingdom Lake and BRA-owned properties;

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of protecting and securing critical infrastructure, the County will provide law enforcement services in and around Morris Sheppard Dam in a manner that facilitates the security of BRA's critical infrastructure, and BRA will provide funding for that purpose

WHEREAS, BRA agrees to convey certain law enforcement assets; and

WHEREAS, the County shall provide, at a minimum, the law enforcement services set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby authorizes the General Manager/CEO to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Palo Pinto County to provide law enforcement services and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BRA law enforcement assets identified in the Interlocal Agreement with Palo Pinto County Exhibit B, including but not limited to the following, are declared surplus and may be conveyed upon execution of the Interlocal Agreement to Palo Pinto County:

2019 Dodge 1500 Classic Crew Cab Vin #1C6RR7KT9KS667791

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2013 Nautistar Serial # JNT20336D313

2020 Mercury 300 XLPSX Boat Motor Serial # 3B001494

T2460 Aluminum 24 ft. Trailer Serial # 41YAL272D2041662.”



QUESTIONS?

Opportunity

- Protect and safeguard critical infrastructure
- Beneficial to all (Public, County, BRA)
- Increased Coordination & Communication
- Structure (Centralized System)
- Resource Utilization



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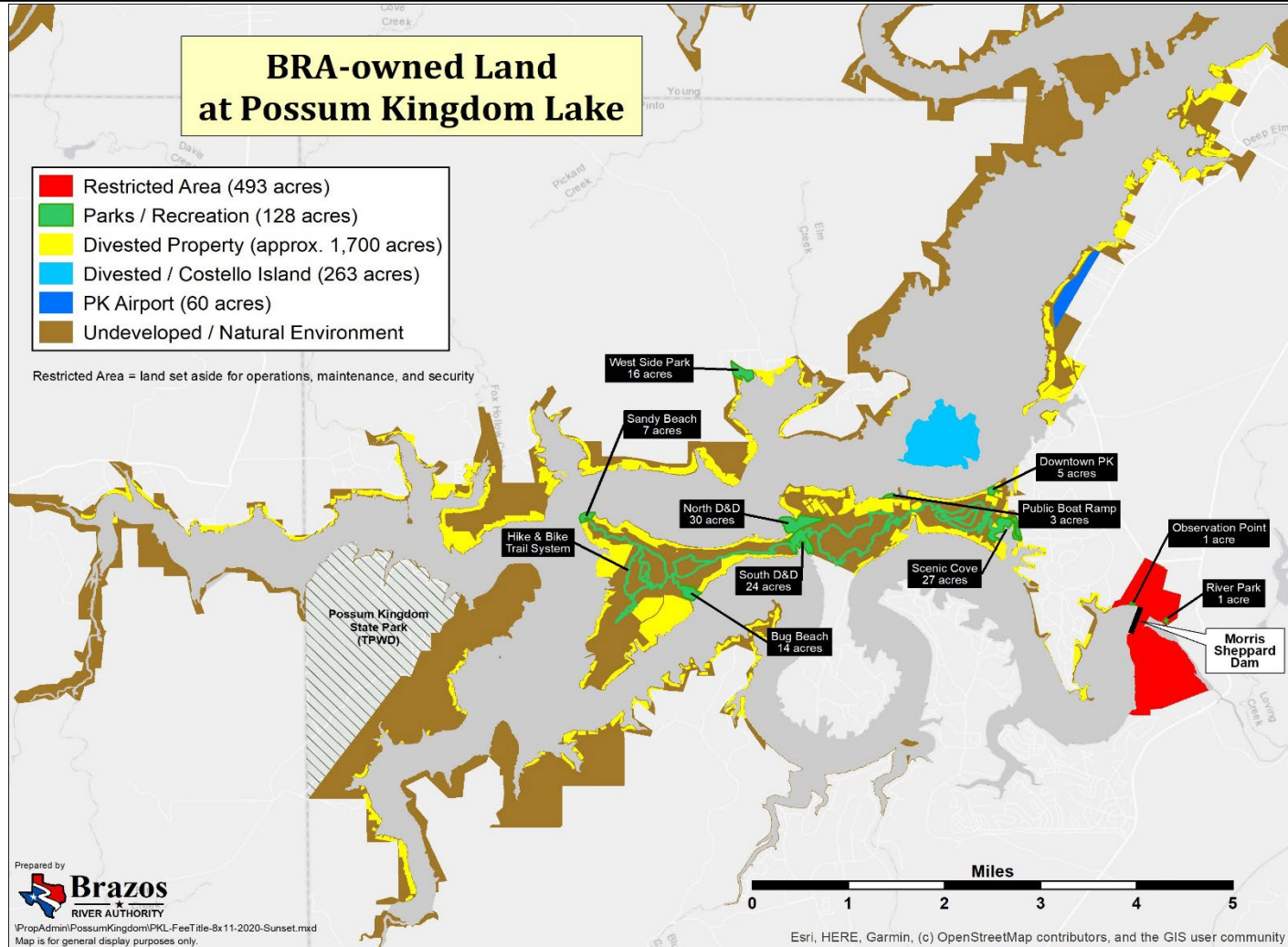


County Option

- Unification/Enhancement of Law Enforcement
- Service Responsibility
- Limit Liability
- Personnel (recruitment & retainment)
- Cost Control
- Minimal Change
- Resource Efficiency
- Centralized System
- Mirrors other Agencies
- Historical Precedent



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County Benefits

- Centralized command structure of law enforcement & response to emergencies (fire, water safety, parks/trails)
- BRA provides officer funding to County; requires conformance with terms of Interlocal Agreement
- Conveyance of BRA assets (boat, two patrol vehicles)
- Utilize and have officers respond to other areas of the County.
- Off-season timeframe officer focus can be on other areas as determined by County
- Improved dispatch and clarity on response
- County retains authority, supervision, and direction of officers

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Transition

- Existing BRA Rangers – Provide a Choice
- Option: Deputy or Reservoir Programs Coordinator
- County Sheriff supports/knows both Rangers
- Essential Functions/Duties of a Reservoir Programs Coordinator
 - Public Outreach/Education
 - Monitoring & minor maintenance of lands, restricted areas, parks, trails
 - Coordinates Special Events (e.g., Red Bull, Tournaments, July 4th, Triathlon)
 - Coordinates Environmental/Natural Resource programs
 - Provides Customer Service to general public
 - Holiday and Weekend Park Upkeep





Assets

- For enhanced services of critical infrastructure ~ \$185K/Year
- Transfer of assets – two patrol vehicles and one boat
- Ancillary equipment

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