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Re: Opinion Request

Dear Sirs and/or Madams:

Recently, I received a letter from Upshur County Judge Dean Fowler requesting my opinion regarding the following two issues:

- 1) Does a Commissioners Court have the authority, under Texas Local Government Code Section 381.004 or any other statute, to expend county funds to place holiday lighting and decorations in and on county buildings and facilities and
- 2) Does a Commissioners Court have the authority, under Texas Local Government Code Section 381.004 or any other statute, to expend county funds in order to contract with or donate to a local county literacy program in order to provide literacy programs for the benefit of county residents?

I do hereby respectfully request your opinion on these matters. I appreciate your time and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BILLY W. BYRD
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