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**From:** Bill Bristow  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 25, 2008 8:45 AM  
**To:** Sunset  
**Subject:** Grayson County Juvenile Board AGAINST Consolidation of TJPC and TYC  
**Importance:** High  
**Attachments:** Grayson Juvenile Board Resolution.pdf

Dear Sir,

Please find the attached Juvenile Board Resolution that will be ratified on December 3, 2008. It expresses that the Grayson County Juvenile Board is AGAINST the Sunset Staff recommendation of abolishment of TJPC and TYC and the creation of a single state agency.

Please also understand, as a juvenile services director I am against your efforts to destroy a system that blood, sweat and tears have put together, namely TJPC. Each year the Legislature has asked more and more of our local county agencies. We have produced. It is you, as a State agency, that have lacked the fortitude to "do the right thing" at the Texas Youth Commission. Your report lacks substance for the abolishment of TJPC. Yes, you make an excellent case for TYC; however, your proposed Super Texas Juvenile Justice Agency does not appropriately address local control, the out-of-balance State/County financial relationship with regards to juvenile justice, accomplishments over the past two decades of the TJPC and county probation departments or outcome based performance and ongoing standard compliance.

Bill C. Bristow, LMSW-AP  
Director  
Grayson County, Texas

11/25/2008

# JUVENILE BOARD RESOLUTION

STATE OF TEXAS

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Know All Men By These Present

COUNTY OF GRAYSON

On this the 3rd day of December, 2008, a duly called and lawfully convened meeting of the Juvenile Board of Grayson County, Texas was held in the City of Denison, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. A quorum of the Members was present, to wit:

Judge Rayburn M. Nall, Jr.  
Judge Jim Fallon  
Judge Brian Gary

where, among other matters, came up for consideration and adoption the following Resolution:

**Whereas**, Sunset Commission staff completed their analysis of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and Texas Youth Commission and released their recommendations on November 11, 2009; and

**Whereas**, Sunset Commission staff recommend the elimination of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Youth Commission and the creation of a new agency to be called the Texas Juvenile Justice Department effective September 30, 2009; and;

**Whereas**, the Juvenile Board of Grayson County reviewed the recommendations contained in the Sunset Commission staff report regarding the elimination of the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; and

**Whereas**, the Juvenile Board of Grayson County believes that the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission effectively and efficiently fulfills the mandates of their assigned mission; and

**Whereas**, the Juvenile Board of Grayson County strongly disagrees with the recommendation of the Sunset Commission staff, targeting the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission for elimination and aggressively supports the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission remaining a separate agency with oversight of the one hundred and sixty-six Juvenile Probation Departments in Texas; and

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the Grayson County Juvenile Board request that the Sunset Commission not accept the recommendations of the Sunset Commission staff and that Commission members recommend to the Legislature that the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission continue to be a State agency.

**Further Be It Resolved** that the Juvenile Board Chairperson, Rayburn M. Nall, Jr. be, and is hereby, authorized to sign this Resolution as the act and deed of the Juvenile Board of Grayson County.

The foregoing Resolution was lawfully moved by \_\_\_\_\_, duly seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and duly adopted by the Juvenile Board on a vote of \_\_\_ members for the motion and \_\_\_ opposed.

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Rayburn M. Nall, Jr.  
Chairman