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The Honorable Bobby Howell
County Judge
Bowie County Texas
710 James Bowie Drive
New Boston, Texas 75570

RE: Engagement Letter for Joint Legal Services - Regional Groundwater
Conservation District Creation (Internal Billing Code 0112)

Dear Judge Howell:

It is my pleasure to submit this engagement agreement whereby our firm, SledgeLaw Group PLLC ("the Firm"), will represent Bowie County, Texas (the "County") as one of the participating counties that jointly engage the Firm for the matter specifically described in this agreement. Our acceptance of this joint representation (the "Representation") becomes effective as to the County upon our receipt of an executed counterpart of this agreement approved by the County commissioners court. The purpose of this letter and the attached Attachment A, Counties Joint Legal Representation Proposed Structure, which is incorporated by reference, is to set out the roles and responsibilities of our law firm and the County as one of the co-clients in this joint representation.

Client

The client for this engagement is the County, together with each other participating county that executes this agreement or a joinder to it (collectively, the "Clients" or "participating counties"). Each participating county will be a co-client of the Firm for the Matter described below. This engagement does not create an attorney-client relationship with, or duties owed to, any other person or entity, except the participating counties in their respective capacities as co-clients in the Matter.

Scope of Engagement

As joint legal counsel for the participating counties, SledgeLaw Group PLLC (the "Firm" or "we") will provide legal services, advice, and strategic counsel in connection with the creation of a regional groundwater conservation district (the "District") anticipated initially to include the territory of the participating counties identified in Attachment A (the "Matter"). The Matter includes client counseling; assisting the participating counties with questions and interactions with stakeholders; assisting with negotiations and coordination among the participating counties; legislative drafting; required legal notices; and legal support throughout the legislative process in the 90th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, including bill filing, committee hearings,

testimony, and related legislative-process legal support. Attachment A is incorporated by reference into this Scope of Engagement and governs the joint representation structure, coordination process, confidentiality among co-clients, fee and cost allocation, withdrawal and addition of counties, anticipated participating counties and District territory, and potential initial District funding and operations. This engagement includes only the Matter described in this paragraph and Attachment A, as further clarified in the Conflicts of Interest, Other Clients, and Consent to Adverse Representation section below.

Each participating county will designate its county judge or another authorized designee to serve as that county's representative on a joint committee for the Matter. The Firm will endeavor to have the participating counties make decisions by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached on a particular issue, a majority vote of the participating counties' representatives will decide how to proceed on that issue for purposes of directing the Firm's Representation. The County authorizes the Firm to rely on the joint committee's directions, including directions approved by majority vote when consensus is not reached.

Firm Personnel Who Will Be Working on the Matter

I will be the attorney in charge of the Representation, and I will be working on the Matter. You may call, write, or e-mail me whenever you have any questions about the Representation. Other Firm personnel, including Firm lawyers and staff, will participate in the Representation if, in my judgment, their participation is necessary or appropriate.

Billing Structure and Rates

For the Matter, the Firm will charge a flat monthly legal services fee of \$19,500 for the one-year period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, which includes the end of the 90th Regular Session and veto period. Fees and costs will be divided equally among all participating counties, so if there are 16 participating counties, the monthly legal services flat fee will be approximately \$1,218.75 per county, plus that county's pro rata share of out-of-pocket expenses and any fees or expenses specifically attributable to that county. The per-county amount may change if participating counties are added or withdraw as provided in Attachment A and below. All fees paid under this agreement are exclusively for legal services. No compensation received from the participating counties shall be remuneration for any activity that constitutes lobbying under Chapter 305, Texas Government Code.

The Firm will bill each individual county monthly for its pro rata share of the flat monthly legal services fee and shared costs, together with any hourly rate fees or expenses specifically attributable to that county. You agree to pay our invoices in full and be responsible for paying any taxes required by law to the taxing authorities. Legal fees and costs are difficult to estimate, and we have made no commitment concerning total costs or expenses, even though we will make every effort to manage fees and costs by working efficiently and by using Teams or Zoom when practicable to reduce travel costs and time commitments.

In addition to the flat monthly legal services fee, we will charge the participating counties for out-of-pocket costs associated with the Matter, including mileage reimbursement, couriers,

postage, certain computerized legal research, records retrieval, filing fees, photocopying, reprographics, and other out-of-pocket costs associated with representing the participating counties in this Matter. We may charge for those items whether that work is performed by outside vendors or in-house. We do not add any overhead charges to out-of-pocket costs. Unless a cost is specifically attributable to a particular county, shared costs will be allocated pro rata among the participating counties.

The Firm will try to conduct meetings virtually to keep costs and time commitments low for all participating counties. If we are requested to travel to any participating county, however, travel time will be billed at the Firm's then-current hourly rates, plus mileage and related expenses, to the particular county requesting such travel, such as for a meeting with that county's commissioners court. For group meetings involving multiple participating counties or all participating counties, travel time and mileage will be allocated, respectively, among the multiple counties participating in the meeting or all participating counties. My billable time on the Matter will be billed at a reduced hourly rate of \$475. Other Firm lawyers and personnel may also work on the Matter at rates established by the Firm according to their position and level of experience. Any legal services outside the Matter or specifically requested by and attributable to a single county will require separate written authorization and may be billed to that county at the Firm's then-current hourly rates.

Conflicts of Interest, Other Clients, and Consent to Adverse Representation

Before agreeing to represent the participating counties jointly, we have undertaken reasonable efforts to determine whether there are any potential conflicts of interest that would bar us from representing the participating counties in this Matter. Because the Matter involves special districts, legislation, groundwater law, and related public-law issues, and because we represent a number of different governmental and private clients in Texas on those issues, the Representation is limited to the creation of the District and the related legal services described in this agreement and Attachment A. Within the area of northeast Texas specifically, we have apprised you that we serve as legal counsel for the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District and the Sulphur River Basin Authority, and could therefore not represent you on issues before those entities or transactions between the County and those entities, and any such issues and transactions are expressly excluded from the Matter. Our representation of those entities does not involve the creation of special districts or the drilling, operation, or regulation of water wells involved in the Matter. If the participating counties later ask us to undertake work beyond the Matter, we will first evaluate the particular water resources, parties, legal issues, and potential affected interests involved to determine whether we are able to undertake that work.

The participating counties will be represented jointly in the same Matter. Accordingly, communications and information relevant to the Matter may be shared among the participating counties, their designated representatives, and the joint committee. As part of this joint representation, the Firm may share information relevant to the engagement among the participating counties and cannot agree to keep material information confidential from one participating county at the request of another participating county. By signing this agreement, the County consents to this joint representation structure and to the sharing of Matter-related confidential communications

and information among the co-clients as reasonably necessary or appropriate for the Representation.

The County acknowledges that the participating counties may have different policy preferences, local interests, or views about the District's territory, governance, funding, powers, or operations. The Firm will endeavor to facilitate coordination and consensus among the participating counties, but the County agrees that, for purposes of directing the Firm's Representation, unresolved issues may be decided by majority vote of the participating counties' designated representatives as described in the Scope of Engagement and Attachment A. If a disagreement among participating counties creates a conflict of interest that, in the Firm's judgment, materially limits our ability to represent all participating counties competently and diligently, we may be required to withdraw from representing one or more participating counties or from the Matter, subject to the applicable rules of professional conduct. If the County or one or more other participating counties were to withdraw during the course of the Representation, the County agrees that the Firm can continue to represent the remaining participating Counties in the Matter, and that it waives any conflict of interest that might arise from the withdrawal to the extent permitted under the applicable rules of professional conduct.

You understand that, except for sharing information among the participating counties as co-clients in this Matter, we cannot share with you or use for your benefit any confidential information that we obtained from other participating counties or other clients. Likewise, we will not use to your disadvantage any of your confidential information that we acquire while representing you, except that Matter-related information may be shared with the other participating counties as described above.

It is possible that, during the time we are representing the participating counties, one or more of our current or future clients might have dealings, transactions, disputes, or litigation with the County, another participating county, or the proposed District. Those clients could have interests different from yours, and their actions could adversely affect your interests. By engaging us, you agree that, during the time we are representing the County, we also may represent other current and future clients in any other matter, including in litigation, unless we conclude that (i) the other matter would be substantially related to the Matter in which we are representing the County or (ii) undertaking the other matter would materially limit our ability to represent you. For purposes of this agreement, two matters are substantially related if the facts in the first matter are so closely related to the facts in the second matter that a genuine threat exists that confidential information revealed by the client in the first matter will be divulged to that client's adversary in the second matter. We would be materially limited only when our representation of another client or our relationship with someone else would materially affect our ability to represent you competently and diligently.

Accordingly, you agree that our representation of you in this matter will not disqualify us from representing other clients in other matters that are not substantially related to this one or where our ability to represent the participating counties in the Matter would not be materially limited, even if the interests of those other clients are directly adverse to yours. In those situations, we will not use to your disadvantage any of the confidential information of the participating

counties that we acquire while representing you. Likewise, we will not share with you or use for your benefit confidential information that we receive from other clients.

If the effort to create the District is successful and the District's board of directors seeks to retain the Firm as its legal counsel, you agree by signing this engagement that such representation of the District would not constitute a conflict of interest with the Firm's representation of the County on the Matter in working to get the District created.

Finally, if one of our other clients hires another law firm and becomes adverse to you in this matter, you consent to our representation of that client in other matters. If that situation arises, we will continue to competently and diligently represent you and take appropriate steps to protect your confidential information.

Termination

This engagement and the attorney-client relationship created by this Matter will end when we have completed the legal services covered by this engagement letter and Attachment A, unless earlier terminated or unless the engagement is extended or supplemented in writing. If you later engage us for any related or additional matter, including possible organizational or startup legal services for the District after creation, that engagement and its scope must be confirmed in a separate engagement letter or in a written supplement to this letter.

The County may withdraw from the joint representation at any time and for any reason by informing us in writing. Each withdrawing county agrees to pay its pro rata share of all fees and expenses incurred through the end of the month in which it provides written notice of withdrawal to the Firm, together with any fees or expenses specifically attributable to that county. Withdrawal by a participating county will not terminate this engagement as to the remaining participating counties, and the monthly fee and expenses will thereafter be reallocated on a pro rata basis among the remaining participating counties. Similarly, we may terminate or withdraw from our representation of the County, one or more participating counties, or all participating counties at any time for any reason, including non-payment of fees, provided we comply with the applicable rules of professional conduct. If we decide to withdraw for any reason, you agree to take all steps necessary to release us from any further obligation to represent you, including signing any documents necessary to complete our withdrawal. In the event of termination or withdrawal, you will pay us any outstanding fees and other charges owed under this agreement.

Finally, after the conclusion of this Matter, you might ask us, or we might be compelled, to undertake certain post-engagement tasks relating to this Matter, such as responding and objecting to subpoenas, searching for and producing documents, preparing for testimony, and other similar activities. In such case, we will promptly notify you, and you agree to compensate us for the fees and expenses we incur, including payment for the time spent by our attorneys and other timekeepers calculated at our then-current hourly rates, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Firm and the affected participating counties. However, nothing in this letter or engagement obligates our attorneys or personnel to submit to interviews or to provide testimony, and any post-engagement work will not constitute the performance of legal services for you or create or revive an attorney-client relationship between us.

Other

This letter, including Attachment A and the Additional Terms of Engagement included herein, sets forth the complete agreement between us for the Matter. No other agreements, promises, understandings, or representations have been made or relied upon in reaching this agreement. If you, an insurance carrier, or anyone else provides us with outside counsel guidelines, electronic billing requirements, or other similar documents at the outset of this engagement, we will abide by them to the extent practicable. However, this agreement cannot be modified in any material respect by the tender of such guidelines, without a writing signed by both of us. This agreement may be executed in counterparts and may be joined by additional counties if approved by the joint committee upon execution of the same legal services agreement or a joinder.

If this letter, including the provisions in the attached Additional Terms of Engagement, correctly reflects your understanding of the terms and conditions of our representation, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter in the space provided and return it to me. If you ask us to begin work before you return the signed letter to us, we will consider that you have agreed to and accepted the terms of this engagement letter and the attached Additional Terms of Engagement.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to work with you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

SLEDGELAW GROUP PLLC



Brian L. Sledge, Managing Member

Attachments: Attachment A - Counties Joint Legal Representation Proposed Structure

Additional Terms of Engagement

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED:

BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
Bobby Howell, County Judge

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* This legal services engagement agreement is intended for approval by the commissioners courts and execution by authorized officials of the following anticipated participating counties: Red River, Bowie, Titus, Franklin, Morris, Cass, Marion, Camp, Rains, Hopkins, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood, Harrison, Gregg, and Smith. The territories of those counties are anticipated to form the initial territory of the District, subject to legislative action and any later decisions described in Attachment A.

ATTACHMENT A
Counties Joint Legal Representation Proposed Structure

Client Structure: SledgeLaw Group PLLC (“the Firm”) would propose to represent all participating counties jointly (the “Clients”) in connection with the creation of a regional groundwater conservation district (“District”). Each participating county will be a co-client under a single engagement agreement, and will designate the county judge or another designee (one from each participating county) to work on a joint committee. This structure ensures alignment, efficiency, and coordinated legal strategy across all counties involved in the legislative effort. We will endeavor to have the coalition of counties attempt to make all decisions by consensus, but if consensus cannot be reached on a particular issue, a majority vote of the participating counties’ representatives will decide how to proceed on an issue for purposes of directing the Firm’s representation.

Scope and Coordination: The Firm will provide legal counsel and strategic guidance and advice on all aspects of forming the District, including client counseling, helping the counties with their questions and their interactions with stakeholders, with negotiations between the counties, legislative drafting, required legal notices, and support throughout the legislative process in the 90th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature for filing, committee hearings and testimony, etc.. We will work collaboratively with all participating counties and facilitate group communications as appropriate.

Legal Services Engagement Agreement: Each county will approve the Firm’s legal services engagement agreement through its commissioners court and designate an authorized official (typically the county judge) to sign the agreement. The agreement may be executed in counterparts. The county judge or his designee will serve on the joint committee.

Confidentiality and Representation: Because the counties will be represented jointly on the same matter, communications and information relevant to the project may be shared among participating counties. As part of this joint representation, our Firm may share information relevant to the engagement among the participating counties and cannot agree to keep material information confidential from one participating county at the request of another. This structure supports a unified legal approach and preserves appropriate legal protections for the group as a whole. This structure is designed to provide coordinated, efficient representation while maintaining transparency and fairness among all participating counties.

Fees and Cost Allocation

- The Firm would charge a flat monthly legal services fee of \$19,500 for a one-year period running from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (end of the regular session and veto period), which would be approximately \$1218.75 per month per county plus out-of-pocket expenses if there are 16 participating counties (the per county costs could change if counties are added to or withdraw from the engagement). All fees will be exclusively for legal services. No compensation received from the counties shall be remuneration for any activity that constitutes lobbying under Chapter 305, Government Code.

- Fees and costs will be divided equally among all participating counties
- The Firm will try to do meetings by Teams or Zoom to keep costs and time commitments low for all. However, if we are requested to travel to any of the participating counties, travel time will be billed on the Firm's hourly rate basis, plus mileage, to a particular county requesting such travel (e.g. a meeting with their commissioners court). For group meetings involving multiple counties or all of the participating counties, travel time and mileage will be allocated, respectively, among the multiple counties or all of the participating counties.
- The Firm will bill each individual county monthly for their pro rata share of fees and costs, together with any fees or expenses specifically attributable to that county.

Withdrawal or Addition of Counties: Each participating county agrees to pay its pro rata share of all fees and expenses incurred through the end of the month in which it provides written notice of withdrawal to the Firm. Withdrawal by a participating county shall not terminate this engagement as to the remaining participating counties, and the monthly fee and expenses will thereafter be reallocated on a pro rata basis among those remaining counties. Additional counties may be added to the engagement if approved by the joint committee upon execution of the same legal services agreement or a joinder, and will share in fees and expenses on a pro rata basis beginning in the month they join.

Participating Counties / Territory of the District: The anticipated participating counties that will be included in the opportunity to participate in the legal services agreement include the following: Red River, Bowie, Titus, Franklin, Morris, Cass, Marion, Camp, Rains, Hopkins, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood, Harrison, Gregg, and Smith. The territories of those counties are anticipated to form the initial territory of the District. The legislators and counties should give strong consideration to including all counties in the area overlying the major aquifers to ensure fair and comprehensive management of the common groundwater resources. If a participating county withdraws from the joint representation, such withdrawal does not necessarily mean that the county would not be included in the groundwater conservation District. The remaining participating counties and the legislature will ultimately decide which counties are included in the District.

Initial District Funding and Operations: In the event the effort to create the proposed groundwater conservation district is successful, the participating counties acknowledge that the District will require initial funding to support its organization and early operations prior to the receipt of revenues from groundwater production fees. Such startup activities may include, without limitation, development and adoption of a management plan and approval by the TWDB, development and adoption of initial rules, retention of legal and hydrogeologic consultants, establishment of office facilities, hiring of initial personnel, and other administrative costs. At that time (if the creation of the District becomes law), the participating counties by mutual agreement and/or the District's initial board of directors may choose to continue the Firm's engagement to assist with the District's organizational and startup activities, and/or determine another appropriate mechanism for funding the District's startup costs, which may include contributions in the form of grants or loans from the participating counties, which could be repaid from future District

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revenues over a period of time to be agreed upon between the participating counties and the District. This item is raised only to bring your attention to the possible need to address it if the District is created.

SLEDGELAW GROUP PLLC
Additional Terms of Engagement

This attachment contains additional terms of engagement that are an integral part of the agreement between you and the SledgeLaw Group PLLC (the “Firm”). Please review these additional terms and contact us promptly if you have any questions. You should keep this attachment in your file with the engagement letter.

The Scope of Our Work

We provide only legal services, including for some clients legal services related to legislative matters. We do not provide business, investment, insurance, underwriting, translation, accounting, financial, or technical services or advice, and you may not rely on us for such advice. Similarly, we do not make business decisions for you, and we do not investigate the character or credit of persons with whom you may be dealing.

Unless specifically included under “Scope of Engagement” in the attached engagement letter, this engagement does not include advice about (i) your disclosure obligations concerning the matter under any applicable law or regulation, including the federal securities laws or (ii) the tax consequences concerning the matter. We also are not responsible for review of your insurance policies to determine the possibility of coverage for any claim asserted in this matter or for notification of your insurance carriers about the matter. We encourage you to address those matters with other advisers or professionals.

You agree that we have no attorney-client relationship with and owe no duties to persons or entities not expressly identified by name as clients in the engagement letter, even if you might owe them fiduciary or other duties. This agreement has no third-party beneficiaries, including trust or estate beneficiaries, trustees, partners, limited partners, members, corporate shareholders and owners, successors, principals, agents, officers, directors, employees, representatives, your clients, and/or your insurers, insureds, indemnitors, or indemnitees.

You also agree that we will not provide any contractual indemnity to you, any corporate constituent, related entity, co-counsel, outside contractor, service provider, consultant, expert, or any other person or entity in connection with this matter.

You are engaging us to provide legal services in connection with the specific matter described in the “Scope of Engagement” section of this engagement letter agreement. After the end of the matter, circumstances might change, and changes might occur in the applicable laws or regulations that could affect your future rights and obligations. Unless you engage us after completion of the matter to provide additional legal services on issues arising from the matter, we have no obligation to advise you about future legal developments or your future rights and obligations.

Cooperation and No Guarantees

To help us provide legal services, you agree to cooperate fully with us, tell us the facts accurately and completely, give us all relevant documents and information, respond promptly to

our requests, and inform us of all information and developments relating to this matter. We necessarily rely on the accuracy and completeness of the information that you provide us, and we may rely on that information without independently verifying it. You also agree to make yourself or your representatives available to attend or participate in conference calls, meetings, conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, and any other proceedings related to this matter.

We will try to achieve a result in this matter that is satisfactory to you. But we make no promises or guarantees concerning the outcome of our legal representation, whether it involves legal services regarding administrative, business, legislative, or regulatory issues, a transaction, an adversarial proceeding such as litigation, or otherwise. For example, we cannot assure you that negotiations will be successful, a proposed transaction will be completed, or regulatory action will succeed or fail, a regulation, rule, plan, policy, or legislative measure that we prepare for you will be upheld as lawful in court, or the conclusion of this matter will result in an outcome that is favorable to you. Outcomes in litigation are especially hard to predict because of many factors that are beyond the control of clients or counsel. Any statements we make concerning possible outcomes of this matter, the legal significance of possible outcomes, or any other legal matters reflect our professional judgment at that time, but they are not guarantees. Those statements necessarily are limited by our knowledge of the facts and are based on the state of the law at the time they are made.

Billing Arrangements and Terms

Our billing rates are based on the assumption of prompt payment and, unless we agree otherwise in writing, our invoices are payable within thirty (30) days of receipt to the account specified in the invoices. If you are required by law to deduct or withhold any taxes from payments due the Firm, or if the Firm or its lawyers are required to pay any taxes directly to any taxing authority, you agree to pay us the additional amounts necessary to compensate the Firm for the withholding or additional cost so that, after the withholding or payment of the taxes, the Firm receives the full amount due under its invoices.

By engaging us, you acknowledge that you are responsible for payment of our fees, expenses, and other charges, and you agree that, if you do not pay them, we may withdraw from representing you provided that we comply with the applicable rules of professional conduct. In appropriate matters, as an accommodation to you, we may agree to send our invoices to third-party payors (e.g., an insurer, indemnitor, or borrower). But you agree that you will remain fully responsible for timely payment of our invoices if for any reason the third-party payor does not timely pay them. Likewise, even when a third party pays our fees, we owe our professional obligations to you, and not to that third party.

Individual Investments by Firm Attorneys

Many of our attorneys, directly or beneficially, own interests in corporations and other entities or in real property. Our computerized system used for checking conflicts of interest does not contain data about personal investments made individually by our attorneys, through a Firm-sponsored or administered plan, or otherwise. If you are concerned about investments in a

particular entity, please ask us to canvass our attorneys about any individual investments in that entity.

Law Firm Privilege and Possible Conflict of Interest

Although unlikely, an occasion might arise while representing you when it is appropriate for us to consult with our own legal counsel. We will do this at our own expense, unless it is to provide a service to you on this matter and you agree to the consultation. To the extent that we are addressing our duties, obligations, or responsibilities to you, it is possible that a conflict of interest might exist between you and the Firm regarding our discussions with counsel. Such a conflict is more likely if a dispute were to arise between us regarding this matter. If there is such a conflict, and if we have not obtained your consent, we might have to choose between continuing to represent you in this matter and consulting with our own counsel. Thus, as a condition of this engagement, you agree that we may consult with our own counsel, and you waive any claim of conflict of interest that might arise out of those consultations. You agree that our communications with our own counsel are protected from disclosure to you and others by the Firm's attorney-client privilege and that you will not seek to discover or inquire into those communications.

Confidentiality

Just as we will protect confidential information that you provide us, you acknowledge that we will not share with you information that we obtain in confidence from others, even if such information might help you in this matter, and you waive any objection or conflict of interest that might result.

You agree that we may disclose the existence of our attorney-client relationship with you and, subject to our confidentiality and professional responsibility obligations, certain other limited information about our representation of you in order to obtain consent or a conflicts waiver from another client. If this matter involves transactions, litigation, administrative proceedings, legislative matters, regulatory matters, or other matters where the firm appears as counsel of record for you in publicly available records, or matters involving the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Public Information Act, Freedom of Information Act, or other laws related to federal, state, or local open government laws, you agree that we may inform third parties of the fact that we represent you in this matter.

In Firm brochures and other materials or information about our practice, including legal directories, you agree that we may identify you as a Firm client, indicate the general nature of our representation of you, and provide examples of engagements handled on your behalf. We may also identify you as a Firm client in filings with federal, state, or local governmental entities, including without limitation the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Water Development Board, and the Texas Ethics Commission, and provide any other information related to our representation of you that may be required to be disclosed to or included in filings with federal, state, or local governmental entities. If you do not wish to have your name mentioned in any of those materials, please inform us in writing. Your refusal to allow us to provide required information to federal, state, or local governmental entities about our representation of you constitutes grounds for us to terminate this agreement with you at our sole discretion.

Translations

Some of our attorneys speak or read multiple languages, and sometimes our work involves the review or drafting of documents in a language other than English. At times we might translate all or parts of those documents or draft documents in one language, anticipating that they will be translated into another language. Our attorneys, however, are not professional translators, and thus they are not in a position to consider particular meanings, nuances, or legal significance that some foreign words might have under the laws of foreign jurisdictions. Unless we expressly agree otherwise, any translations that we perform are for our or your convenience, and they are not a substitute for use of a professional translation service. Also, the use of such a translation service, whether suggested or selected by you or the Firm, does not mean that the Firm vouches for the accuracy or completeness of the translation, and our advice concerning issues addressed in translated documents assumes the accuracy of the translation.

Electronic Communications

During this engagement, we likely will exchange electronic documents, emails, or other electronic or digital communication messages with you and others. Such communications are occasionally attacked by computer viruses or other destructive electronic programs. Our software may occasionally reject a communication that you send to us, or your system might reject something that we send you. There is also the possibility that communications could be intercepted by third parties and lose their privileged nature if the method of communication is ruled to lack sufficient confidentiality. We believe these relatively infrequent occurrences are part of the ordinary course of business. Many—but not all—of the emails that we send to major commercial email servers that provide service to the U.S. and many other parts of the industrialized world are automatically encrypted. If you would prefer that we not use electronic communications or that we follow special instructions for encrypting email or other communications, promptly inform us in writing of your preferences or requirements so that we can determine if we can accommodate your requests. As with any correspondence regarding legal representation, we urge you to use caution in communications and dissemination of them to protect confidentiality and privilege, especially including any communications that include persons who are not representing you as legal counsel.

Document Retention and Destruction

We will keep the documents and materials that you give us in the files that we will create for this matter. While representing you, we likely will receive or create electronic or physical documents and materials such as correspondence, research memoranda, pleadings, exhibits, transcripts, physical evidence, various agreements, transaction documents, and other documents and materials directly and substantively related to the representation (collectively, “Client Materials”). We may maintain some or all of those Client Materials solely in electronic form, and you agree that we may do so. We have no obligation to keep or maintain records of electronic or other written communications of which you or any of your employees or officers are an author or primary or copied recipient, nor of any written communications with governmental officials or staff, although we may do so in our sole discretion.

We also may create and maintain our own materials related to this matter which will belong to and will be retained by us ("Firm Materials"). Firm Materials are prepared for our internal use and include, for example, Firm administrative records, conflicts and new business intake materials and reports, time and billing reports, personnel and staffing materials, credit, expense, and accounting records, administrative and routine internal documents, internal communications between the Firm's attorneys and other personnel, Firm form files (even if referred to in the course of this matter), and other materials and internal communications.

After the conclusion of the matter, upon your request, we will send you the Client Materials at your expense. You must tell us which Client Materials you wish to receive, and you agree to cooperate with us regarding their delivery. We will send those materials after we receive payment of all outstanding fees and other charges, unless our professional obligations require us to do so sooner. We reserve the right to retain a copy of the Client Materials. If you ask us to send you paper copies of documents that we maintain solely in electronic form, scan paper documents into an electronic format, or convert electronic documents from one electronic format into another, you agree to pay the costs of printing those documents, scanning them, or converting them to a different electronic format, including making a prepayment for such expenses upon request from us. Once you have requested which Client Materials you wish to receive as set forth herein and we have complied with the request, we have no further obligation to you to keep any of the Client Materials, although we may at our sole discretion.

If you do not request the Client Materials when this matter ends, we will keep them for a period of time (currently three years for most documents) after the conclusion of the matter. In so doing, we will follow our own records retention policy, not yours. Retaining those or other materials does not constitute the performance of legal services for you and does not create or revive an attorney-client relationship between us.

Ultimately, unless you request the Client Materials, we may destroy the Client Materials, without any additional notice to you, in accordance with our records retention schedule then in effect.

Outside Contractors and Service Providers

Like many law firms and other organizations, from time to time we use or deal with outside contractors, third-party service providers, and others in connection with certain areas of our practice or operations. These persons may include vendors, consultants, advisors, experts, investigators, court reporters, translators, registered agents, local counsel, or other service providers in areas such as litigation support, filing or document services, document management, storage, cloud computing, information technology, hardware and software systems, law firm practice management, accounting and financial matters, electronic billing vendors, and the like. Additionally, we may use temporary or contract attorneys and paralegals in certain situations, and outside subconsultants who may or may not be attorneys or paralegals. In performing their services, those persons may have some access to confidential information, and we will take appropriate steps obligating them to preserve the confidentiality of any such information. You consent to our allowing all such outside contractors, subconsultants, and other service providers access to such information as described. Communications directly with or that include outside

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contractors, subcontractors, consultants, subconsultants, and other service providers may or may not be confidential or attorney-client privileged, whether oral or written and depending on the nature of and facts related to the communication, and you assume and accept the risk that confidentiality or privilege may be lost with respect to such communications by signing this agreement or by approving any subconsultant or other outside service provider.

Unless special arrangements are made, you are responsible for paying the bills from outside contractors and service providers used on this matter. We will either instruct them to bill you directly for their services, or, in our discretion, we may include those sums in our invoices to you and pay outside bills or invoices for certain amounts.

THE TEXAS LAWYER'S CREED
A MANDATE FOR PROFESSIONALISM

Promulgated by
The Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals

I am a lawyer. I am entrusted by the People of Texas to preserve and improve our legal system. I am licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas. I must therefore abide by the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, but I know that professionalism requires more than merely avoiding the violation of laws and rules. I am committed to this creed for no other reason than it is right.

I. OUR LEGAL SYSTEM

A lawyer owes to the administration of justice personal dignity, integrity, and independence. A lawyer should always adhere to the highest principles of professionalism.

1. I am passionately proud of my profession. Therefore, "My word is my bond."
2. I am responsible to assure that all persons have access to competent representation regardless of wealth or position in life.
3. I commit myself to an adequate and effective pro bono program.
4. I am obligated to educate my clients, the public, and other lawyers regarding the spirit and letter of this Creed.
5. I will always be conscious of my duty to the judicial system.

II. LAWYER TO CLIENT

A lawyer owes to a client allegiance, learning, skill, and industry. A lawyer shall employ all appropriate means to protect and advance the client's legitimate rights, claims, and objectives. A lawyer shall not be deterred by any real or imagined fear of judicial disfavor or public unpopularity, nor be influenced by mere self-interest.

1. I will advise my client of the contents of this creed when undertaking representation.
2. I will endeavor to achieve my client's lawful objectives in legal transactions and in litigation as quickly and economically as possible.
3. I will be loyal and committed to my client's lawful objectives, but I will not permit that loyalty and commitment to interfere with my duty to provide objective and independent advice.
4. I will advise my client that civility and courtesy are expected and are not a sign of weakness.
5. I will advise my client of proper and expected behavior.
6. I will treat adverse parties and witnesses with fairness and due consideration. A client has no right to demand that I abuse anyone or indulge in any offensive conduct.
7. I will advise my client that we will not pursue conduct which is intended primarily to harass or drain the financial resources of the opposing party.
8. I will advise my client that we will not pursue tactics which are intended primarily for delay.
9. I will advise my client that we will not pursue any course of action which is without merit.

10. I will advise my client that I reserve the right to determine whether to grant accommodations to opposing counsel in all matters that do not adversely affect my client's lawful objectives. A client has no right to instruct me to refuse reasonable requests made by other counsel.

11. I will advise my client regarding the availability of mediation, arbitration, and other alternative methods of resolving and settling disputes.

III. LAWYER TO LAWYER

A lawyer owes to opposing counsel, in the conduct of legal transactions and the pursuit of litigation, courtesy, candor, cooperation, and scrupulous observance of all agreements and mutual understandings. Ill feelings between clients shall not influence a lawyer's conduct, attitude, or demeanor toward opposing counsel. A lawyer shall not engage in unprofessional conduct in retaliation against other unprofessional conduct.

1. I will be courteous, civil, and prompt in oral and written communications.

2. I will not quarrel over matters of form or style, but I will concentrate on matters of substance.

3. I will identify for other counsel or parties all changes I have made in documents submitted for review.

4. I will attempt to prepare documents which correctly reflect the agreement of the parties. I will not include provisions which have not been agreed upon or omit provisions which are necessary to reflect the agreement of the parties.

5. I will notify opposing counsel, and, if appropriate, the Court or other persons, as soon as practicable, when hearings, depositions, meetings, conferences or closings are cancelled.

6. I will agree to reasonable requests for extensions of time and for waiver of procedural formalities, provided legitimate objectives of my client will not be adversely affected.

7. I will not serve motions or pleadings in any manner that unfairly limits another party's opportunity to respond.

8. I will attempt to resolve by agreement my objections to matters contained in pleadings and discovery requests and responses.

9. I can disagree without being disagreeable. I recognize that effective representation does not require antagonistic or obnoxious behavior. I will neither encourage nor knowingly permit my client or anyone under my control to do anything which would be unethical or improper if done by me.

10. I will not, without good cause, attribute bad motives or unethical conduct to opposing counsel nor bring the profession into disrepute by unfounded accusations of impropriety. I will avoid disparaging personal remarks or acrimony towards opposing counsel, parties and witnesses. I will not be influenced by any ill feeling between clients. I will abstain from any allusion to personal peculiarities or idiosyncrasies of opposing counsel.

11. I will not take advantage, by causing any default or dismissal to be rendered, when I know the identity of an opposing counsel, without first inquiring about that counsel's intention to proceed.

12. I will promptly submit orders to the Court. I will deliver copies to opposing counsel before or contemporaneously with submission to the Court. I will promptly approve the form of orders which accurately reflect the substance of the rulings of the Court.

13. I will not attempt to gain an unfair advantage by sending the Court or its staff correspondence or copies of correspondence.
14. I will not arbitrarily schedule a deposition, court appearance, or hearing until a good faith effort has been made to schedule it by agreement.
15. I will readily stipulate to undisputed facts in order to avoid needless costs or inconvenience for any party.
16. I will refrain from excessive and abusive discovery.
17. I will comply with all reasonable discovery requests. I will not resist discovery requests which are not objectionable. I will not make objections nor give instructions to a witness for the purpose of delaying or obstructing the discovery process. I will encourage witnesses to respond to all deposition questions which are reasonably understandable. I will neither encourage nor permit my witness to quibble about words where their meaning is reasonably clear.
18. I will not seek Court intervention to obtain discovery which is clearly improper and not discoverable.
19. I will not seek sanctions or disqualification unless it is necessary for protection of my client's lawful objectives or is fully justified by the circumstances.

IV. LAWYER AND JUDGE

Lawyers and judges owe each other respect, diligence, candor, punctuality, and protection against unjust and improper criticism and attack. Lawyers and judges are equally responsible to protect the dignity and independence of the Court and the profession.

1. I will always recognize that the position of judge is the symbol of both the judicial system and administration of justice. I will refrain from conduct that degrades this symbol.
2. I will conduct myself in Court in a professional manner and demonstrate my respect for the Court and the law.
3. I will treat counsel, opposing parties, the Court, and members of the Court staff with courtesy and civility.
4. I will be punctual.
5. I will not engage in any conduct which offends the dignity and decorum of proceedings.
6. I will not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize, misquote or miscite facts or authorities to gain an advantage.
7. I will respect the rulings of the Court.
8. I will give the issues in controversy deliberate, impartial and studied analysis and consideration.
9. I will be considerate of the time constraints and pressures imposed upon the Court, Court staff and counsel in efforts to administer justice and resolve disputes.

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS AND THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

The conduct of a lawyer should be characterized at all times by honesty, candor, and fairness. In fulfilling his or her primary duty to a client, a lawyer must be ever mindful of the profession's broader duty to the legal system. The Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals are committed to

eliminating a practice in our State by a minority of lawyers of abusive tactics which have surfaced in many parts of our country. We believe such tactics are a disservice to our citizens, harmful to clients, and demeaning to our profession. The abusive tactics range from lack of civility to outright hostility and obstructionism. Such behavior does not serve justice but tends to delay and often deny justice. The lawyers who use abusive tactics instead of being part of the solution have become part of the problem. The desire for respect and confidence by lawyers from the public should provide the members of our profession with the necessary incentive to attain the highest degree of ethical and professional conduct. These rules are primarily aspirational. Compliance with the rules depends primarily upon understanding and voluntary compliance, secondarily upon reinforcement by peer pressure and public opinion, and finally when necessary by enforcement by the courts through their inherent powers and rules already in existence. These standards are not a set of rules that lawyers can use and abuse to incite ancillary litigation or arguments over whether or not they have been observed. We must always be mindful that the practice of law is a profession. As members of a learned art we pursue a common calling in the spirit of public service. We have a proud tradition. Throughout the history of our nation, the members of our citizenry have looked to the ranks of our profession for leadership and guidance. Let us now as a profession each rededicate ourselves to practice law so we can restore public confidence in our profession, faithfully serve our clients, and fulfill our responsibility to the legal system.

The Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals hereby promulgate and adopt "**The Texas Lawyer's Creed - A Mandate for Professionalism**" as attached hereto and made a part hereof. *In Chambers, this 7th day of November, 1989.*

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BOWIE

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RESALE
OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY
THE BOWIE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE
AT DELINQUENT TAX SALES
“THE COUNTY OF BOWIE, TEXAS RESALE RESOLUTION”**

WHEREAS, the properties described on the attached Exhibit A were offered for sale by the Sheriff of Bowie County, Texas, at a public auction pursuant to judgments entered by the District Court of Bowie County, Texas in the Cause Numbers appearing on attached Exhibit A, for foreclosure of tax liens securing payment of delinquent taxes on the property described on attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the properties described on the attached Exhibit A did not receive a sufficient bid at the public auction as set by law and were struck off to The Bowie Central Appraisal District, Trustee, in trust for the respective taxing units of Bowie County which levy taxes on the properties pursuant to Section 34.01 (j) Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, TEX. TAX CODE § 34.05 (c) and (d) provide that any taxing unit that would be entitled to receive proceeds from the resale of the properties may request that the Sheriff sell the properties at a public sale to the highest bidder with no minimum bid required; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of The County of Bowie, Texas, and all of the other taxing units of Bowie County to resell these properties to persons who will pay taxes on the properties in the future and to obtain the proceeds from the immediate resale of the properties.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that The County of Bowie, Texas, through the Commissioners' Court of Bowie County, does hereby request the Sheriff of Bowie County, Texas, to conduct public sales in the manner prescribed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and § 34.05 (c) and (d) of the Texas Tax Code and sell the properties described on the attached Exhibit A to the highest bidder for cash.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026 by the Commissioners' Court of the County of Bowie, Texas.

County Judge

Attested: _____
County Clerk

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING A SHERIFF'S RESALE OF PROPERTIES
BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS**

**September 1, 2026
EXHIBIT A**

SUIT #	STYLE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, APPROXIMATE ADDRESS, ACCT #
10C1431-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Ovella Harrell et al	Lot 9, Block 9, Highland Park Addition to the City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 1517, Page 237 and Volume 6433, Page 333, Deed Records, Bowie County, Texas), 2002 Hazel; Account #10720012400 (Bid in Trust 4/2/2013)
19C0168-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Wesley Brown	The South part of Lot 1 and the North part of Lot 2, Block 20, Old DeKalb Townsite, City of Dekalb, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 37, Page 284 SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 217, Page 604 & 605 and Volume 296, Page 228, and Document No. 2026-00000163, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas) Account #17460011000 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)
19C0834-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Minnie C. Wright	0.50 Acre, more or less, of the J. S. Herring Survey, Abstract 263, City of Maud, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 1885, Page 332 and Document No. 2024-00002754, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 344 Houston St, Maud, Texas; Account #10560033000 (Bid in Trust 3/5/2024)
19C1769-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v James Peek	1.74 Acres, more or less, out of the Nancy Dycas Survey, Abstract 145, City of Wake Village, Bowie County, Texas (as "Tract 2" in Volume 840, Page 280, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007624, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Memorial Dr, Wake Village, Texas; Account #06320018300 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
20C0650-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Barbara Blackwell	Lot 3, 10 feet of Lot 4, Block 53, Grandview Addition to the City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Document No. 2021-00013896, and 2024-00002755, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas) Account #09220033600 (Bid in Trust 3/5/2024)
20C1215-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Trustees of Oaklawn Assembly	Lot 10, Block 2, Crestview Estates, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (A part of that in Volume 2201, Page 27, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00002948, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Crestview, Texarkana, Texas; Account #04840001901 (Bid in Trust 3/4/2025)
21C0386-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Gary Lynn Graves	Part of Lots 24 (AKA 24A) and 25, Block 3, East Court Hooks Addition to the City of Hooks, Bowie County, Texas (Tract 4 in Volume 4429, Page 185, Document No. 2016-00009350, and Document No. 2025-00010666, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 117 Roosevelt Rd, Hooks, Texas 75561-5207; Account #06500004500 (Bid in Trust 10/7/2025)
		Lots 22, Block 1, Winnwood Addition to the City of Hooks, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 5800, Page 191, Document No. 2016-00009350, and Document No. 2025-00010666, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 113 Grant St, Hooks, Texas 75561-5446; Account #29720002100 (Bid in Trust 10/7/2025)
		0.41 Acres, more or less, out of the Charles Lewis Survey, Abstract 338 AKA Lot 4, McMichael Dogwood Property and a Manufactured Home Label #TEX0290952, Serial #2048117304, City of Hooks, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 6046, Page 123, Document No. 2016-00009350, and Document No. 2025-00010666, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 114 E Avenue G, Hooks, Texas 75561-5104; Account #14625001200 (Bid in Trust 10/7/2025)

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22C0354-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Gladys Graves	Lot 3, Block 8, Avondale Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (A part of that described in Volume 581, Page 135, Deed Records, and Document No. 2026-00000164, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Blake, Texarkana, Texas; Account #00560001800 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)
		Lot 4, Block 8, Avondale Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (A part of that described in Volume 581, Page 135, Deed Records, and Document No. 2026-00000164, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Blake, Texarkana, Texas; Account #00560001801 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)
22C0736-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v James Johnson	Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 42, Broadmoor Addition, an Annex to Beverly Heights, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Document No. 2018-00010403 and Document No. 2025-00007643, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 500 Reading Ave, Texarkana, Texas 75501-3526; Account #01580049300 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
22C0959-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Ashley Thomas	Lots 7 and 8, Block 95, City/Triggs Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Document No. 2022-00003327 and Document No. 2026-00000165, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 804 Pine, Texarkana, Texas 75501-5112; Account #03840055600 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)
22C1323-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Monte Spell	Lots 27 and 28, Block 5, Watts Heights Addition, City of Nash, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 204, Page 165, Plat Records, and Document No. 2026-00000166, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Post Street, Nash, Texas; Account #28120037600 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)
23C0438-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v William Montona	The South 107 feet of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Taylor Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Tract Seventeen in Volume 5944, Page 76, Deed Records, and Document No. 2024-00002761, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 907 Nettie, Texarkana, Texas; Account #24980000400 (Bid in Trust 3/5/2024)
23C0768-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Bible Way Christian Assembly	Lots 27 & 28, Vaughans Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 1482, Page 143, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007644, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Findley, Texarkana, Texas; Account #27040002200 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
23C1103-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Christy Davis-Nelson	Lots 8 & 9, Block 6, Springdale Park Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (A part of that property described in Document #2022-00002178 and part of Document #2025-00000482, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 1102 Waterall St, Texarkana, Texas 75501-4948; Account #23040002200 (Bid in Trust 12/3/2024)
24C0087-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Bonnie Faulk	Part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Taylors Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 2893, Page 107, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007645, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 2001 W 10th, Texarkana, Texas; Account #24980000500 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0132-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Tammy McDowell	Lot 3, Block 55, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 4092, Page 57, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007646, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 511 Spruce, Texarkana, Texas; Account #03840035500 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
		Lots 3, 4 and part of 5, Block 2, Red Cut Heights Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Document No. 2018-00008731 and Document No. 2025-00007647, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 2514 Britton, Texarkana, Texas; Account #19340001400 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)

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24C0132-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Tammy McDowell	Lot 7 and 8, Block 2, Red Cut Heights Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Document No. 2018-00008733 and Document No. 2025-00007647, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Britton, Texarkana, Texas; Account #19340001600 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0133-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Shasta Developers, LLP	Lot 13, Block 5, New Town Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 4975, Page 157, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007648, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 2116 Summerhill, Texarkana, Texas; Account #16920003700 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0147-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Paul Son	Lot 9, Block 28, Beverly Heights Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 6390, Page 307, Deed Records, and Document No. 2026-00000167, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 408 Connella, Texarkana, Texas; Account #01580035900 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)
24C0149-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v James E. Cole	0.161 Acre, more or less, out of the Daniel Morris Survey, Abstract 381, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 547, Page 931, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00002940, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 102 Short St, Maud, Texas; Account #16460002900 (Bid in Trust 3/4/2025)
24C0158-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Kyle Davis	Lot 1, Block 6, Bell View Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Thirteenth Tract, Volume 4109, Page 103, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00002941, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 1700 Parker, Texarkana, Texas; Account #01380002000 (Bid in Trust 3/4/2025)
		The East 100 feet of Lot 6, Block 172, City/Triggs Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Fifteenth Tract, Volume 4109, Page 103, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00002941, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 1501 Oak, Texarkana, Texas; Account #03841057210 (Bid in Trust 3/4/2025)
		Lots 11 and 12, Block 5, Greater Texarkana Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Sixteenth Tract, Volume 4109, Page 103, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00002942, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Texarkana Ave, Texarkana, Texas; Account #09260002100 (Bid in Trust 3/4/2025)
		Lots 13 and 14, Block 8, Greater Texarkana Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Seventeenth Tract, Volume 4109, Page 103, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00002942, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Collier, Texarkana, Texas; Account #09260004400 (Bid in Trust 3/4/2025)
		Lot 2, Block 1, H. E. Rape Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Fourteenth Tract, Volume 4109, Page 103, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00002941, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Phenie, Texarkana, Texas; Account #19300000200 (Bid in Trust 3/4/2025)
24C0534-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Leonard Sanford, Jr.	0.33 Acre, more or less, out of the W. F. Thompson Survey, Abstract 565, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 2676, Page 303, Deed Records, and Document No. 2026-00000168, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 222 Courthouse Avenue, New Boston, Texas; Account #26140033400 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)
24C0534-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Leonard Sanford, Jr.	0.18 Acre, more or less, out of the W.F. Thompson Survey, Abstract 565, City of New Boston, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 2388, Page 70, Deed Records, and Document No. 2026-00000169, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 220 Courthouse Avenue, New Boston, Texas; Account #26140033500 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)

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24C0663-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Aaron Keeling	Lot 11, Block 171, Triggs Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 88, Page 110, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007649, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 1418 Elm, Texarkana, Texas; Account #03841056500 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0664-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v D. C. Fulce	1.00 Acre, more or less, out of the John Collum Survey, Abstract 115, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 192, Page 145, and Document No. 2025-00002945, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), CR 13983 Account #04320005700 (Bid in Trust 3/4/2025)
24C0675-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Napoleon Lee Quenton Chrisp	Lot 3, Block 6, Beverly Heights Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 5937, Page 170, Volume 216, Page 280, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007650, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 705 Melton, Texarkana, Texas; Account #01580007000 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0875-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Bettie J. Green	Lot 3, Block 3, Buchanan Ave Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 4092, Page 320 of the Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00008551, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 1506 Willis; Account #03040003900 (Bid in Trust 8/5/2025)
24C0965-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Sheryl Moore	0.25 Acre, more or less, out of the WM L. Browning Survey, Abstract 23, Block/Tract 44, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 669, Page 509 SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 687, Page 393, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007651, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 625 NW M L King Blvd, De Kalb, Texas; Account #02900024400 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0969-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Linda Taylor	Lot 2, Block 18, Beverly Heights Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Document No. 2016-13565 and Document No. 2025-00007652, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 503 Waterman, Texarkana, Texas 75501-3353; Account #01580022000 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0974-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Marshall Curry	Lot C, Block 2, Cotton Belt Round House Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 98, Page 588, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007653, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Willis; Account #04620002600 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0975-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v William Earl Mathis	0.05 Acre, more or less, out of the WM L. Browning Survey, Abstract 23, City of DeKalb, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 350, Page 195, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007654, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 586 NW M.L. King Blvd, DeKalb, Texas; Account #02900011300 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0977-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Lawana McElhaney	5.28 Acres, more or less, out of the W. M. Mitchell Survey, Abstract 703, Bowie County, Texas (Tract One, Volume 3013, Page 270, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007655, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas) Account #16240001705 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0979-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Louis Heilbron	Lot E, Block 3, Cotton Belt Round House Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 60, Page 365, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007656, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas) Account #04620004000 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C0980-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v C. A. Foster	1.00 Acre, more or less, out of the J. S. Herring Survey, Abstract 263, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 300, Page 589, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007657, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas) Account #10560000600 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C1005-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Brenda Faudree	0.47 Acre, more or less, out of the Nancy Dycas Survey, Abstract 145, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 521, Page 67, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007658, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 121 Pioneer E, Wake Village, Texas 75501-5818; Account #06320004400 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)

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24C1037-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Betty Markcray	Lot 20, North Robison Courts Addition, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 3961, Page 83, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007659, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 205 N Midway Dr, Texarkana, Texas; Account #17160002000 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C1133-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Ross McDaniel, Jr.	0.35 Acre, more or less, out of the J. W. Johnson Survey, Abstract 308, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 396, Page 601, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007660, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), Britton, Texarkana, Texas; Account #11960012600 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C1139-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Corene Duson	0.377 Acre, more or less, out of the J. W. Johnson Survey, Abstract 308, City of Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas (Tract Two, Volume 1715, Page 262, Deed Records SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 2959, Page 37, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007711, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 2819 S Lake Dr, Texarkana, Texas; Account #11960008503 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
24C1165-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Ben Wilson	0.20 Acre, more or less, being the residue of an 8.00 Acre Tract, out of the J. Barkman Survey, Abstract 30, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 198, Page 13 SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 415, Page 131, Document No. 2023-00006741, and Document No. 2026-00000171, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas) Account #00820001600 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)
24C1357-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Ray Charles White	0.43 Acre, more or less, out of the W. L. Browning Survey, Abstract 23, City of DeKalb, Bowie County, Texas (Tract Two, Volume 4718, Page 267, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007661, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), 506 NW Mill, DeKalb, Texas; Account #02900036810 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
25C0019-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v A J Waters, III	Lot 9, Block 2, Wake Village Addition, City of Wake Village, Bowie County, Texas (A part of that described in Volume 2534, Page 153, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007662, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas) Account #27380005200 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
		Lot 8, Block 6, Wake Village Addition, City of Wake Village, Bowie County, Texas (A part of that described in Volume 2534, Page 153, Deed Records, and Document No. 2025-00007662, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas) Account #27380012200 (Bid in Trust 7/1/2025)
25C0430-102	Bowie Central Appraisal District v Tom Dillard	0.22 Acre, more or less, out of the WM L Browning Survey, Abstract 23, City of DeKalb, Bowie County, Texas (Volume 198, page 382, Volume 200, Page 542, Deed Records, and Document No. 2026-00000172, Official Public Records, Bowie County, Texas), M L King Blvd, DeKalb, Texas; Account #02900014000 (Bid in Trust 12/2/2025)

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TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Bowie

ss.

Bond No. 101527087

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Katelyn Derrick, as Principal, and the
Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound
unto Bowie County Auditors Office, his successors in office, in the sum of
Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which we
hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 19th
day of May, 2025, duly Appointed
to the office of Assistant Auditor in and for Bowie
County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 3rd day of June, 2026 and ending the 3rd day of June, 2027.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid
officer, and shall
faithfully perform duties of the office

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be
made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or
actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable
stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 30th day of January, 2026.

Katelyn Derrick

Principal

Katelyn Derrick

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By Jeannette D. Blanke

Attorney-in-Fact

Jeannette D. Blanke

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

ss.

Before me, _____, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

Katelyn Derrick known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing
instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at _____

this _____ day of _____, _____

SEAL

PO 0123 TX (2/15)

_____, County, Texas.

OATH OF OFFICE
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, Texas, this _____ day of _____, _____

SEAL

OATH OF OFFICE
(General)

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, Texas, this _____ day of _____, _____

SEAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

The foregoing bond of _____ as _____ in and for _____ County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date _____

_____, Clerk _____ County Judge,
County Court _____ County _____ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

_____, Clerk

By _____ Deputy _____ County Court _____ County

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY, an assumed name of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Brenda L Sutton; Donald Newton Morriss; Jeannette D Blanke; Kimberly N Wilson-Murphy; Rolla Scott Bruner; Ross Ormond

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner - Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 30th day of January, 2026.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

Larry Taylor

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 30th day of January, 2026, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



(Expiration of notary's commission
does not invalidate this instrument)

Penni Miller

Notary Public

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 30th day of January, 2026.



Elisabeth Sandersfeld

Secretary



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To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

Call: Compliance Officer at (800) 671-8171

Toll-free: (800) 671-8171

Email: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

Mail: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-3498

To get insurance information, you may also contact your agent:

Offenhauser & Co Insurance Agency

Call: 903-793-5511

Mail: 2301 Moores Lane Texarkana, TX 75503

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

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Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

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Llame a: Compliance Officer al (800) 671-8171

Teléfono gratuito: (800) 678-8171

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Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439

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ENDORSEMENT

It is hereby understood and agreed that Bond No.: 101527087

Principal: Katelyn Derrick

Obligee: Bowie County Auditors Office

in the Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) , is changing this bond effective July 15, 2026

FROM:

Principal Name: Katelyn Derrick

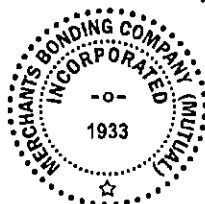
TO:

Principal Name: Katelyn Birchfield

All terms and conditions of said bond, except as above changed, to remain the same.

Signed, sealed and dated this 15th day of July , 2026

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)



By Larry Taylor
Larry Taylor, President

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2026	Bowie	Citation	Citation by Posting	Citation by Posting	\$100.00	H	-
2026	Bowie	Citation	Citations by Publications	Citation by Publication	\$100.00	H	-
2026	Bowie	Writ & Order of Sale	Justice Court Writ of Possession	Justice Court Citation	\$100.00	H	-
2026	Bowie	Posting	Posting Trustee Sale inside courthouse	Small Claims Citation	\$100.00	H	-
2026	Bowie	Writ & Order of Sale	Writ of Attachment	Writ of Attachment	\$125.00	H	-
2026	Bowie	Writ & Order of Sale	Writ of Execution	Writ of Execution	\$125.00	H	5% fee on total sale price
2026	Bowie	Writ & Order of Sale	Writ of Garnishment	Writ of Garnishment	\$125.00	H	-
2026	Bowie	Writ & Order of Sale	Writ of Habeas Corpus	Writ of Habeas Corpus	\$125.00	H	-
2026	Bowie	Writ & Order of Sale	Writ of Possession	Writ of Possession	\$125.00	H	Fee; \$75.00 per hour after two hours per Officer on site.
2026	Bowie	Writ & Order of Sale	Writ of Restriction	Writ of Restriction	\$125.00	H	-
2026	Bowie	Writ & Order of Sale	Writ of Sequestration	Writ of Sequestration	\$125.00	H	-

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No changes for 2027

Bowie

Citation, Posting, Writ & Order of Sale

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

287(g) Task Force Model

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) constitutes an agreement between United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Bowie County Sheriff's Office, Texas, pursuant to which ICE delegates to nominated, trained, and certified officers or employees of the Bowie County Sheriff's Office, Texas (hereinafter interchangeably referred to as "Law Enforcement Agency" (LEA)), the authority to perform certain immigration enforcement functions as specified herein. The LEA represents Bowie County Sheriff's Office, Texas in the implementation and administration of this MOA. The LEA and ICE enter into this MOA in good faith and agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained herein. The ICE and LEA points of contact for purposes of this MOA are identified in Appendix A.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOA is to set forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which selected LEA personnel (participating LEA personnel) will be nominated, trained, and thereafter be approved by ICE to perform certain functions of an immigration officer under the direction and supervision of ICE within the LEA's jurisdiction. This MOA sets forth the scope of the immigration officer functions that DHS is authorizing the participating LEA personnel to perform. Nothing contained herein shall otherwise limit the jurisdiction and powers normally possessed by participating LEA personnel as members of the LEA. However, the exercise of the immigration enforcement authority granted under this MOA to participating LEA personnel shall occur only as provided in this MOA. This MOA also describes the complaint procedures available to members of the public regarding immigration enforcement actions taken pursuant to this agreement by participating LEA personnel.

II. AUTHORITY

Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), as amended by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security, or her designee, to enter into written agreements with a State or any political subdivision of a State so that qualified officers and employees can perform certain functions of an immigration officer. This MOA constitutes such a written agreement.

III. POLICY

This MOA sets forth the scope of the immigration officer functions that DHS is authorizing the participating LEA personnel to perform. It sets forth with specificity the duration of the authority conveyed and the specific lines of authority, including the requirement that participating LEA personnel be subject to ICE direction and supervision while performing delegated immigration officer functions pursuant to this MOA. For the purposes of this MOA, ICE officers will provide direction and supervision for participating LEA personnel only as to immigration enforcement functions as authorized in this MOA. The LEA retains supervision of all other aspects of the employment and performance of duties of participating LEA personnel.

IV. TRAINING AND ASSIGNMENTS

Before participating LEA personnel receive authorization to perform immigration officer functions granted under this MOA, they must successfully complete mandatory training on relevant administrative, legal, and operational issues tailored to the immigration enforcement functions to be performed as provided by ICE instructors and thereafter pass examinations equivalent to those given to ICE officers. The mandatory training may be made available to the LEA in both in-person and online, recorded or virtual-meeting formats, as determined by ICE. Only participating LEA personnel who are nominated, trained, certified, and authorized, as set out herein, have authority pursuant to this MOA to conduct the delegated immigration officer functions, under ICE direction and supervision, enumerated in this MOA.

Upon the LEA's agreement, participating LEA personnel performing immigration-related duties pursuant to this MOA will be assigned to various units, teams, or task forces designated by ICE.

V. DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED FUNCTIONS

For the purposes of this MOA, participating LEA personnel are authorized to perform the following functions pursuant to the stated authorities, subject to the limitations contained in this MOA:

- The power and authority to interrogate any alien or person believed to be an alien as to his right to be or remain in the United States (INA § 287(a)(1) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(a)(1)) and to process for immigration violations those individuals who have been arrested for State or Federal criminal offenses.
- The power and authority to arrest without a warrant any alien entering or attempting to unlawfully enter the United States in the officer's presence or view, or any alien in the United States, if the officer has reason to believe the alien to be arrested is in the United States in violation of law and is likely to escape before a warrant can be obtained. INA § 287(a)(2) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(1). Subsequent to such arrest, the arresting officer must take the alien without unnecessary delay for examination before an immigration officer having authority to examine aliens as to their right to enter or remain in the United States.
- The power to arrest without warrant for felonies which have been committed and which are cognizable under any law of the United States regulating the admission, exclusion, expulsion, or removal of aliens, if the officer has reason to believe the alien to be arrested is in the United States in violation of law and is likely to escape before a warrant can be obtained. INA § 287(a)(4) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(2).
- The power to serve and execute warrants of arrest for immigration violations under INA § 287(a) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(e)(3).
- The power and authority to administer oaths and to take and consider evidence (INA § 287(b) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(a)(2)) to complete required alien processing to include fingerprinting,

photographing, and interviewing, as well as the preparation of affidavits and the taking of sworn statements for ICE supervisory review.

- The power and authority to prepare charging documents (INA § 239, 8 C.F.R. § 239.1; INA § 238, 8 C.F.R. § 238.1; INA § 241(a)(5), 8 C.F.R. § 241.8; INA § 235(b)(1), 8 C.F.R. § 235.3) including the preparation of the Notice to Appear (NTA) or other charging document, as appropriate, for the signature of an ICE officer for aliens in categories established by ICE supervisors.
- The power and authority to issue immigration detainers (8 C.F.R. § 287.7) and I-213, Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien, for aliens in categories established by ICE supervisors.
- The power and authority to take and maintain custody of aliens arrested by ICE, or another State or local law enforcement agency on behalf of ICE. (8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(6))
- The power and authority to take and maintain custody of aliens arrested pursuant to the immigration laws and transport (8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(6)) such aliens to ICE-approved detention facilities.

VI. RESOLUTION OF LOCAL CHARGES

The LEA is expected to pursue to completion prosecution of any state or local charges that caused the alien to be taken into custody. ICE may assume custody of aliens who have been convicted of a state or local offense only after such aliens have concluded service of any sentence of incarceration. The ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Field Office Director or designee shall assess on a case-by-case basis the appropriate actions for aliens who do not meet the above criteria based on special interests or other circumstances after processing by the LEA.

After notification to and coordination with the ICE supervisor, the alien whom participating LEA personnel have determined to be removable will be arrested on behalf of ICE by participating LEA personnel and be transported by the LEA on the same day to the relevant ICE detention office or facility.

VII. NOMINATION OF PERSONNEL

The chief officer of the LEA will nominate candidates for initial training and certification under this MOA. For each candidate, ICE may request any information necessary for a background check and to evaluate a candidate's suitability to participate in the enforcement of immigration authorities under this MOA. All candidates must be United States citizens. All candidates must have at least two years of LEA work experience. All candidates must be approved by ICE and must be able to qualify for appropriate federal security clearances and access to appropriate DHS and ICE databases/systems and associated applications.

Should a candidate not be approved, a substitute candidate may be submitted if time permits such substitution to occur without delaying the start of training. Any subsequent expansion in the number of participating LEA personnel or scheduling of additional training classes may be based

on an oral agreement of the parties but will be subject to all the requirements of this MOA.

VIII. TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

ICE will provide participating LEA personnel with the mandatory training tailored to the immigration functions to be performed. The mandatory training may be made available to the LEA in both in-person and online, recorded or virtual-meeting formats, as determined by ICE.

Training will include, among other things: (i) discussion of the terms and limitations of this MOA; (ii) the scope of immigration officer authority; (iii) relevant immigration law; (iv) the ICE Use of Force Policy; (v) civil rights laws; (vi) the detention of aliens; (vii) public outreach and complaint procedures; (viii) liability issues; (ix) cross-cultural issues; and (x) the obligations under federal law, including applicable treaties or international agreements, to make proper notification upon the arrest or detention of a foreign national.

Approximately one year after the participating LEA personnel are trained and certified, ICE may provide additional updated training on relevant administrative, legal, and operational issues related to the performance of immigration officer functions, unless either party terminates this MOA pursuant to Section XVIII below. Local training on relevant issues will be provided on an ongoing basis by ICE supervisors or a designated team leader.

IX. CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

ICE will certify in writing the names of those LEA personnel who successfully complete training and pass all required testing. Upon certification, ICE will provide the participating LEA personnel with a signed authorization to perform specified functions of an immigration officer for an initial period of two years from the date of the authorization. ICE will also provide a copy of the authorization to the LEA. The ICE supervisory officer, or designated team leader, will evaluate the activities of all personnel certified under this MOA.

Authorization of participating LEA personnel to act pursuant to this MOA may be revoked at any time and for any reason by ICE or the LEA. Such revocation will require notification to the other party to this MOA within 48 hours. The chief officer of the LEA and ICE will be responsible for notification of the appropriate personnel in their respective agencies. The termination of this MOA, pursuant to Section XVIII below, shall constitute revocation of all immigration enforcement authorizations delegated herein.

X. COSTS AND EXPENDITURES

Participating LEA personnel will carry out designated functions at the LEA's expense, including salaries and benefits, local transportation, and official issue material. Whether or not the LEA receives financial reimbursement for such costs through a federal grant or other funding mechanism is not material to this MOA.

ICE is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the Information Technology (IT) infrastructure. The use of the IT infrastructure and the DHS/ICE IT security policies are

defined in the Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA). The ISA is the agreement between ICE's Chief Information Security Officer and the LEA's Designated Accreditation Authority. The LEA agrees that each of its sites using an ICE-provided network access or equipment will sign the ISA, which defines the DHS ICE 4300A Sensitive System Policy and Rules of Behavior for each user granted access to the DHS network and software applications. Failure to adhere to the terms of the ISA could result in the loss of all user privileges.

The LEA is responsible for personnel expenses, including, but not limited to, salaries and benefits, local transportation, and official issue material used in the execution of the LEA's mission. ICE will provide instructors and training materials. The LEA is responsible for the salaries and benefits, including any overtime, of all its personnel being trained or performing duties under this MOA and of those personnel performing the regular functions of the participating LEA personnel while they are receiving training. ICE is responsible for the costs of the LEA personnel's travel expenses while in a training status, as authorized by the Federal Travel Regulation and the ICE Travel Handbook. These expenses include housing, per diem and all transportation costs associated with getting to and from training. ICE is responsible for the salaries and benefits of all ICE personnel, including instructors and supervisors.

The LEA is responsible for providing all administrative supplies (e.g. paper, printer toner) necessary for normal office operations. The LEA is also responsible for providing the necessary security equipment, such as handcuffs, leg restraints, etc.

XI. ICE SUPERVISION

Immigration enforcement activities conducted by participating LEA personnel will be supervised and directed by ICE. Participating LEA personnel are not authorized to perform immigration officer functions except when working under the supervision or direction of ICE.

When operating in the field, participating LEA personnel shall contact an ICE supervisor at the time of exercising the authority in this MOA, or as soon as is practicable thereafter, for guidance. The actions of participating LEA personnel will be reviewed by the ICE supervisory officers on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance with the requirements of the immigration laws and procedures and to assess the need for additional training or guidance for that specific individual.

For the purposes of this MOA, ICE officers will provide supervision of participating LEA personnel only as to immigration enforcement functions. The LEA retains supervision of all other aspects of the employment of and performance of duties by participating LEA personnel.

In the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, the policies and procedures to be utilized by the participating LEA personnel in exercising these authorities shall be DHS and ICE policies and procedures, including the ICE Use of Force Policy. However, when engaged in immigration enforcement activities, no participating LEA personnel will be expected or required to violate or otherwise fail to maintain the LEA's rules, standards, or policies, or be required to fail to abide by restrictions or limitations as may otherwise be imposed by law unless doing so would violate

federal law.

If a conflict arises between an order or direction of an ICE supervisory officer and LEA rules, standards, or policies, the conflict shall be promptly reported to ICE, and the chief officer of the LEA, or designee, when circumstances safely allow the concern to be raised. ICE and the chief officer of the LEA shall attempt to resolve the conflict.

Whenever possible, the LEA will deconflict all addresses, telephone numbers, and known or suspected identities of violators of the INA with ICE's Homeland Security Investigations or ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations prior to taking any enforcement action. This deconfliction will, at a minimum include wants/warrants, criminal history, and a person's address, and vehicle check through TECS II or any successor system.

LEA participating personnel authorized pursuant to this MOA may be assigned and/or co-located with ICE as task force officers to assist ICE with criminal investigations.

XII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The LEA will be responsible for tracking and maintaining accurate data and statistical information for their 287(g) program, including any specific tracking data requested by ICE. Upon ICE's request, such data and information shall be provided to ICE for comparison and verification with ICE's own data and statistical information, as well as for ICE's statistical reporting requirements and to assess the progress and success of the LEA's 287(g) program.

XIII. RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES

The LEA may, at its discretion, communicate the substance of this agreement to the media and other parties expressing an interest in the law enforcement activities to be engaged in under this MOA. It is the practice of ICE to provide a copy of this MOA, only after it has been signed, to requesting media outlets; the LEA is authorized to do the same.

The LEA hereby agrees to coordinate with ICE prior to releasing any information relating to, or exchanged under, this MOA. For releases of information to the media, the LEA must coordinate in advance of release with the ICE Office of Public Affairs, which will consult with ICE Privacy Office for approval prior to any release. The points of contact for ICE and the LEA for this purpose are identified in Appendix C. For releases of information to all other parties, the LEA must coordinate in advance of release with the FOD or the FOD's representative.

Information obtained or developed as a result of this MOA, including any documents created by the LEA that contain information developed or obtained as a result of this MOA, is under the control of ICE and shall not be disclosed unless: 1) permitted by applicable laws, regulations, or executive orders; and 2) the LEA has coordinated in advance of release with (a) the ICE Office of Public Affairs, which will consult the ICE Privacy Office for approval, prior to any release to the media, or (b) an ICE officer prior to releases to all other parties. LEA questions regarding the

applicability of this section to requests for release of information shall be directed to an ICE officer.

Nothing herein limits LEA's compliance with state public records laws regarding those records that are solely state records and not ICE records.

The points of contact for ICE and the LEA for the above purposes are identified in Appendix C.

XIV. LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Except as otherwise noted in this MOA or allowed by federal law, and to the extent required by 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)(7) and (8), the LEA will be responsible and bear the costs of participating LEA personnel regarding their property or personal expenses incurred by reason of death, injury, or incidents giving rise to liability.

Participating LEA personnel will be treated as Federal employees for purposes of the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b)(1), 2671-2680, and worker's compensation claims, 5 U.S.C. § 8101 et seq., when performing a function on behalf of ICE as authorized by this MOA. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)(7); 28 U.S.C. § 2671. In addition, it is the understanding of the parties to this MOA that participating LEA personnel performing a function on behalf of ICE authorized by this MOA will be considered acting under color of federal authority for purposes of determining liability and immunity from suit under federal or state law. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)(8).

Participating LEA personnel named as personal-capacity defendants in litigation arising from activities carried out under this MOA may request representation by the U.S. Department of Justice. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 50.15. Absent exceptional circumstances, such requests must be made in writing. LEA personnel who wish to submit a request for representation shall notify the local ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) field location at [OPLA-DCLD-TortClaims@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:TortClaims@ice.dhs.gov). ICE OPLA, through its headquarters, will assist LEA personnel with the request for representation, including the appropriate forms and instructions. Unless OPLA concludes that representation clearly is unwarranted, it will forward the request for representation, any supporting documentation, and an advisory statement opining whether: 1) the requesting individual was acting within the scope of his/her authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) and this MOA; and, 2) such representation would be in the interest of the United States, to the Director of the Constitutional and Specialized Tort Litigation Section, Civil Division, Department of Justice (DOJ). Representation is granted at the discretion of DOJ; it is not an entitlement. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 50.15.

The LEA agrees to cooperate with any federal investigation related to this MOA to the full extent of its available powers, including providing access to appropriate databases, personnel, individuals in custody and documents. Failure to do so may result in the termination of this MOA. Failure of any participating LEA employee to cooperate in any federal investigation related to this MOA may result in revocation of such individual's authority provided under this MOA. The LEA agrees to cooperate with federal personnel conducting reviews to ensure compliance with the terms of this MOA and to provide access to appropriate databases, personnel, and documents necessary to complete such compliance review. It is understood that information provided by any LEA personnel under threat of disciplinary action in an administrative investigation cannot be

used against that individual in subsequent criminal proceedings, consistent with *Garrity v. New Jersey*, 385 U.S. 493 (1967), and its progeny.

As the activities of participating LEA personnel under this MOA derive from federal authority, the participating LEA personnel will comply with federal standards relating to the Supreme Court's decision in *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), and its progeny, which govern the disclosure of potential impeachment information about possible witnesses or affiants in a criminal case or investigation.

The LEA and ICE are each responsible for compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, DHS Privacy Act regulations, 6 C.F.R. §§ 5.20-5.36, as applicable, and related system of records notices regarding data collection and use of information under this MOA.

XV. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The complaint reporting and resolution procedure for allegations of misconduct by participating LEA personnel, regarding activities undertaken under the authority of this MOA, is included at Appendix B.

XVI. CIVIL RIGHTS STANDARDS

Participating LEA personnel who perform certain federal immigration enforcement functions are bound by all applicable federal civil rights statutes and regulations.

Participating LEA personnel will provide an opportunity for subjects with limited English language proficiency to request an interpreter. Qualified foreign language interpreters will be provided by the LEA as needed.

XVII. MODIFICATION OF THIS MOA

Modifications of this MOA must be proposed in writing and approved by the signatories.

XVIII. EFFECTIVE DATE, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION OF THIS MOA

This MOA becomes effective upon signature of both parties and will remain in effect until either party terminates or suspends the MOA. Termination by the LEA shall be provided, in writing, to the local Field Office.

In instances where serious misconduct or violations of the terms of the MOA come to the attention of ICE, the ICE Director may, upon recommendation of the Executive Associate Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations, elect to immediately suspend the MOA pending investigation of the misconduct and/or violations.

Notice of the suspension will be provided to the LEA, and the notice will include, at a minimum, (1) an overview of the reason(s) that ICE is suspending the 287(g) agreement, (2) the length of the temporary suspension, and (3) how the LEA can provide ICE with information regarding the alleged

misconduct and/or violations, as well as any corrective measures it has undertaken.

ICE shall provide the LEA with a reasonable opportunity to respond to the alleged misconduct and/or violations and to take actions to implement corrective measures (e.g., replace the officer(s) who are the focus of the allegations). ICE will provide the LEA timely notice of a suspension being extended or vacated.

If the LEA is working to take corrective measures, ICE will generally not terminate an agreement. The termination of an agreement is generally reserved for instances involving problems that are unresolvable and detrimental to the 287(g) Program.

If ICE decides to move from suspension to termination, ICE will provide the LEA a 90-day notice in advance of the partnership being terminated. The notice will include, at a minimum: (1) An overview of the reason(s) that ICE seeks to terminate the 287(g) agreement; (2) All available data on the total number of aliens identified under the 287(g) agreement; and (3) Examples of egregious criminal aliens identified under the 287(g) agreement. ICE's decision to terminate a MOA will be published on ICE's website 90 days in advance of the MOA's termination.

This MOA does not, is not intended to, shall not be construed to, and may not be relied upon to create any rights, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any person in any matter, civil or criminal.

By signing this MOA, each party represents it is fully authorized to enter into this MOA, accepts the terms, responsibilities, obligations, and limitations of this MOA, and agrees to be bound thereto to the fullest extent allowed by law.

For the LEA:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: Jeffrey K. Neal

Title: Sheriff

Agency: Bowie County Sheriff's Office, Texas

For ICE:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

APPENDIX A
POINTS OF CONTACT

The ICE and LEA points of contact for purposes of implementation of this MOA are:

For ICE: Department of Homeland Security
 Immigration and Customs Enforcement
 Enforcement and Removal Operations
 Assistant Director for Enforcement
 Washington DC

For the LEA: Robby McCarver
 Chief Deputy
 903-798-3149
 100 North State Line Box 18 Texarkana, Texas 75501
 robby.mccarver@bowiecounty.org

APPENDIX B

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

This MOA is an agreement between ICE and the Bowie County Sheriff's Office, Texas, hereinafter referred to as the "Law Enforcement Agency" (LEA), in which selected LEA personnel are authorized to perform immigration enforcement duties in specific situations under federal authority. As such, the training, supervision, and performance of participating LEA personnel pursuant to the MOA, as well as the protections for individuals' civil and constitutional rights, are to be monitored. Part of that monitoring will be accomplished through these complaint reporting and resolution procedures, which the parties to the MOA have agreed to follow.

If any participating LEA personnel are the subject of a complaint or allegation involving the violation of the terms of this MOA the LEA shall, to the extent allowed by state law, make timely notification to ICE.

Further, if the LEA is aware of a complaint or allegation of any sort that may result in that individual receiving professional discipline or becoming the subject of a criminal investigation or civil lawsuit, the LEA shall remove the designated LEA personnel from the program, until such time that the LEA has adjudicated the allegation.

The LEA will handle complaints filed against LEA personnel who are not designated and certified pursuant to this MOA but are acting in immigration functions in violation of this MOA. Any such complaints regarding non-designated LEA personnel acting in immigration functions must be forwarded to the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) at ICEOPRIntake@ice.dhs.gov.

1. Complaint Reporting Procedures

Complaint reporting procedures shall be disseminated as appropriate by the LEA within facilities under its jurisdiction (in English and other languages as appropriate) in order to ensure that individuals are aware of the availability of such procedures. Complaints will be accepted from any source (e.g., ICE, LEA, participating LEA personnel, inmates, and the public).

Complaints may be reported to federal authorities as follows:

- A. Telephonically to the ICE OPR at the toll-free number 1-833-4ICE-OPR; or
- B. Via email at ICEOPRIntake@ice.dhs.gov.

Complaints may also be referred to and accepted by any of the following LEA entities:

- A. The LEA Internal Affairs Division; or
- B. The supervisor of any participating LEA personnel.

2. Review of Complaints

All complaints (written or oral) reported to the LEA directly, which involve activities connected to immigration enforcement activities authorized under this MOA, will be reported to the ICE OPR. The ICE OPR will verify participating personnel status under the MOA with the assistance of ICE. Complaints received by any ICE entity will be reported directly to the ICE OPR as per existing ICE policies and procedures.

In all instances, the ICE OPR, as appropriate, will make an initial determination regarding DHS investigative jurisdiction and refer the complaint to the appropriate office for action as soon as possible, given the nature of the complaint.

Complaints reported directly to the ICE OPR will be shared with the LEA's Internal Affairs Division when the complaint involves LEA personnel. Both offices will then coordinate appropriate investigative jurisdiction, which may include initiation of a joint investigation to resolve the issue(s).

3. Complaint Resolution Procedures

Upon receipt of any complaint the ICE OPR will undertake a complete review of each complaint in accordance with existing ICE allegation criteria and reporting requirements. As stated above the ICE OPR will adhere to existing ICE reporting requirements as they relate to the DHS OIG and/or another legally required entity. Complaints will be resolved using the existing procedures, supplemented as follows:

A. Referral of Complaints to LEA Internal Affairs Division.

The ICE OPR will refer complaints, as appropriate, involving LEA personnel to the LEA's Internal Affairs Division for resolution. The Internal Affairs Division Commander will inform ICE OPR of the disposition and resolution of any complaints referred by ICE OPR.

B. Interim Action Pending Complaint Resolution

Whenever any participating LEA personnel are under investigation and subject to interrogation by the LEA for any reason that could lead to disciplinary action, demotion, or dismissal, the policy requirements of the LEA shall be honored. If appropriate, an individual may be removed from participation in the activities covered under the MOA pending resolution of an inquiry.

C. Time Parameters for Resolution of Complaints

It is expected that any complaint received will be resolved within 90 days. However, this will depend upon the nature and complexity of the substance of the complaint itself.

D. Notification of Resolution of a Complaint

ICE OPR will coordinate with the LEA's Internal Affairs Division to ensure notification as appropriate to the subject(s) of a complaint regarding the resolution of the complaint.

APPENDIX C

PUBLIC INFORMATION POINTS OF CONTACT

Pursuant to Section XIII of this MOA, the signatories agree to coordinate any release of information to the media regarding actions taken under this MOA. The points of contact for coordinating such activities are:

For the LEA:

Robby McCarver

Chief Deputy

903-798-3149

100 North State Line Box 18 Texarkana, Texas 75501

robby.mccarver@bowiecounty.org

For ICE:

Department of Homeland Security
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Office of Public Affairs

Bowie County Cellular Telephone Phone Allowance Request Form

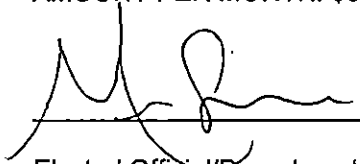
EMPLOYEE NAME: Jeffery Cummings

DEPARTMENT: Bowie County Juvenile Probation Department

EXPLANATION OF CELLULAR TELEPHONE NECESSITY FOR JOB DUTIES:

Juvenile Probation Officers and Case Managers have responsibilities that include a rotating on-call schedule, transportation duties and field work, which necessitate the use of their personal cell phones. Within these responsibilities the on-call schedule has them needing to be available to dispatch for intake purposes 24 hours a day. Cell phone allowance is paid out of state funding which is not cost to the county.

AMOUNT PER MONTH: \$50



Elected Official/Department Head

7.13.2026

Date

Approved this ____ day of _____, _____.

Commissioner Precinct 1

Commissioner Precinct 2

Commissioner Precinct 3

Commissioner Precinct 4

County Judge

County Clerk Attest

LEASE

STATE OF TEXAS
BOWIE COUNTY

This lease agreement is made and entered into this day, January 20th, 2026 by and between Jeff Neal, Sheriff for Bowie County, Texas in this lease called "lessor", and Bowie County, Texas, in this lease called "lessee".

The property leased in this lease is described as follows:

Make & Model: Toyota Tundra

Year: 2026

Vin Number: 5TFWA5DB2TX378400

This lease is for the term of one year, commencing on January 20th, 2026 and ending on December 31st, 2026 for the sum of one dollar and no cents (\$1.00) unless terminated prior to the expiration of the lease term by the termination of employment by the Lessor with Bowie County, Texas, or officer no longer uses the vehicle in his employment or by seven (7) days written notice given by Lessee.

This leased vehicle shall be used for the purpose of conducting and carrying on the business of Bowie County Sheriff. When not on duty and using said vehicle for the purpose(s) stated herein, lessee shall permit said vehicle to be driven by anyone who is twenty-one (21) or older and who holds a valid driver's license.

Executed in Bowie County, Texas on: July 16, 2026
Date

Lessor: Jeffery T Neal

Address: 142 Warren Thomas Rd
Texarkana, TX 75501

Lessee: Bowie County, Texas

By: _____
Bobby Howell, County Judge
710 James Bowie Dr.
New Boston, TX 75570

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

JULY 13, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 13th day of July, 2026, the **HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT** of Bowie County, Texas met in **REGULAR SESSION** at the Courthouse in New Boston, Texas after due notice had been posted on the 7th day of July, 2026 with the **HONORABLE BOBBY L. HOWELL** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

**Sammy Stone
Tom Whitten
James Strain
Mike Carter**

**Commissioner Pct. #1
Commissioner Pct. #2
Commissioner Pct. #3
Commissioner Pct. #4**

Also in attendance were the following County Officials:

- **County Auditor Jennifer Beckett**
- **County Clerk Tina Petty**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:00 A.M. when the following ORDERS, JUDGMENTS and DECREES were had and ORDERED spread upon the minutes of the Court to-wit.

Item 1: Public Comments were made by:

**David Grant, Texarkana, TX
George Green, Nash, TX
Richie Grant, Texarkana, TX
Christal Prince, Hooks, TX
Danny Proctor, Texarkana, TX**

**Tom Parsons, Texarkana, TX
Justin Koch, Texarkana, TX
Paula Sorenson, Hooks, TX
Alicia Utz, Texarkana, TX
Sandy Burton, Texarkana, TX**

Item 2: Judge Howell and Commissioner Mike Carter responded to Public Comments.

Item 3: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a Resolution supporting legislation to create a Regional Groundwater Conservation District.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

COURT RECESSED FOR A BREAK AT 10:04 A.M.

COURT RECONVENED AT 10:10 A.M.

Item 4: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the updated Purchase Agreement of one Cat 317 TC Excavator-Serial Number ONDX20218 from Holt Cat Sourcewell State Contract #011723-cat for \$196,621.02 with a down payment cost of \$30,000 and a lease cost of \$166,621.02 for Pct. 4.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Service Agreement between the Bowie County Auditor's Office and Planet Bids from TIPS state contract #230105 for \$10,200.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sam Stone to approve the cell phone allowance for Mitzi Randall for the Juvenile Probation Department.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign Juvenile Detention Contracts with Bell County, Taylor County, Rite of Passage and Victoria County.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Bulletproof Vest OMB Grant #1121-0235 for Bowie County Constable, Precinct 3, in the amount of \$326.23 from the Department of Justice.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to appoint Roy Beckett as the Administrator of the Nuisance Abatement Program.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Jail Contracts with DeKalb ISD, Maud ISD, City of DeKalb, Pleasant Grove ISD, Redwater ISD, City of Hooks, City of Nash, City of Wake Village and Simms ISD.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a payment of Bond/Series 2018 and Bond/Series 2021.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Service Agreement between UT Southwestern Medical Center and Bowie County.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to accept the Annual Financial Report and Single Audit report for Year Ended September 30, 2025.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 14: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Order Revising Election Precincts.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 15: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve budget adjustments (line-item transfers).

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 16: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve payment of accounts payable and payroll.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 17: On this 17th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (June 22, 2026).

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 18: There was no Adjournment into Executive Session pursuant to the following Sections:

a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: Consultation with attorney regarding legal issues relating to pending or contemplated litigation.

b. Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: Deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

c. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code: Personnel Matters.

d. Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code: Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

Item 19: There was no action to authorize the County Judge to execute settlement participation and release forms regarding confidential partial settlement matters in the Texas opioid multi-district litigation for Bowie County in the matter of *County of Bowie v. Purdue Pharma, L.P. et al.*

On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to adjourn.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.