

**JOINT ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT
BETWEEN
CALDWELL COUNTY
ON BEHALF OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
AND
PARTICIPATING ENTITIES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 41.001(d), Texas Election Code, a county elections administrator shall enter into a contract to furnish election services for a uniform election date when requested by a political subdivision;

WHEREAS, for non-uniform election dates, pursuant to Section 31.092(a), Texas Election Code, the county election administrator may enter into a contract with the governing body of a political subdivision situated wholly or partly in the county served by the county elections administrator in any one or more elections ordered by an authority of the political subdivision;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.094, Texas Election Code, an election services contract may provide for the county election administrator to perform or supervise performance of any or all of the corresponding duties and functions the elections administrator performs in connection with a countywide election ordered by a county authority, other than the exceptions enumerated in Section 31.096, Texas Election Code.

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County, Texas (the “County”) is served by the Caldwell County Elections Administrator (the “Administrator”);

WHEREAS, the undersigned political subdivisions (individually or collectively referred to as the “Participating Entities”) that conduct elections are situated wholly or partly within the political boundaries of the County.

WHEREAS, for the MAY / NOVEMBER 20____ uniform election date and associated subsequent elections, some or all of the Participating Entities request the County, on behalf of the Administrator, to contract for the performance of election services; and

WHEREAS, to promote uniform and consistent elections held within the County, to assist in the reduction of fraud, protection of the secrecy of the ballot, promotion of voter access, and to ensure all legally cast ballots are counted, the County and undersigned Participating Entities intend to enter into a joint election services contract.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the County and undersigned Participating Entities do hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.01. “Contracted Election” means the MAY / NOVEMBER 20____ uniform election, as generally described in Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, and accompanying early voting period, and, if applicable, any post-election services including any associated runoff elections, recounts, election contests, elections to resolve a tie, and any early voting periods associated with post-election services.

Section 1.02. “Election Officer” means an election judge, alternate election judge, early voting clerk, presiding judge of an early voting ballot board, alternate presiding judge of an early voting ballot board, member of an early voting ballot board, chair of a signature

verification committee, vice chair of a signature verification committee, member of a signature verification committee, presiding judge of a central counting station, alternate presiding judge of a central counting station, central counting station manager, central counting station clerk, tabulation supervisor, and assistant to a tabulation supervisor.

Section 1.03. "Election Clerk" means an election clerk, and deputy early voting clerk.

ARTICLE II PARTICIPATING ENTITY OBLIGATIONS

Section 2.01. **RETAINED DUTIES.** Any duties and obligations not expressly transferred to the Administrator or the County under this agreement are retained by the Participating Entities. Nothing in this contract will be construed to authorize or permit a change in the office with whom or the place at which any document or recording related to the Contracted Election is to be filed, a Participating Entity's requirement to maintain office hours, or place at which any function of the canvass of the election returns is to be performed.

Section 2.02. **JOINT ELECTION AUTHORIZED.** Participating Entities agree to conduct the Contracted Election jointly, as authorized by Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, with any other undersigned Participating Entities holding elections on the same day in all or part of the same territory in Caldwell County. Participating Entities agree and acknowledge that other Participating Entities may join this agreement subject only to County approval.

Section 2.03. **PRECLEARANCE FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS.** If required by law, Participating Entities will be individually responsible for obtaining appropriate preclearance from the United States Department of Justice for any special elections.

Section 2.04. **APPOINTMENT OF EARLY VOTING CLERK.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will appoint the Administrator to serve as the Early Voting Clerk for the Contracted Election.

Section 2.05. **DESIGNATION OF VOTER REGISTRAR.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will appoint the Administrator to serve as the Voter Registrar for the Contracted Election.

Section 2.06. **APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION WORKERS.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will appoint Election Officers and Election Clerks, as identified in Attachment 'C', pursuant to Section 4.09 of this contract.

Section 2.07. **ELECTION OFFICIAL COMPENSATION APPROVAL.** Participating Entities will set any compensation for election officers at rates consistent with the election cost estimate attached to this contract as Attachment 'A'.

Section 2.08. **DESIGNATION OF CENTRAL COUNTING STATION.** Participating Entities will designate the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644, as the Central Counting Station for the Contracted Election.

Section 2.09. **DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES.** Participating Entities agree to designate the Administrator's office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644, as the main early voting polling place for the Contracted Election. Participating Entities

agree to designate other polling places, including early voting polling places and temporary early voting polling places as recommended by the Administrator.

- Section 2.10. **ELECTION ORDERS, NOTICES, AND LOCAL CANVASS.** Participating Entities will be responsible for the preparation, adoption, publication, and posting of all statutorily required election orders, notices, and other documents, including bilingual materials, evidencing action by the Participating Entities of all actions necessary to call and administer the Contracted Election, except as otherwise provided for in this contract. Participating Entities will conduct the local canvass.
- Section 2.11. **BALLOTS.** Participating Entities will be responsible for the preparation information contained in English and Spanish ballots and sample ballots, including mail ballots, and, as applicable, will determine the names of the candidates, names of the offices sought, order of names on the ballot, propositions on the ballot, and the Spanish translation of the offices and any propositions. This information will be provided to the Administrator no less than 60 days prior to any associated election day during the Contracted Election. The Participating Entities are responsible for proofreading and, if necessary, notifying the Administrator of necessary corrections to proposed ballots and sample ballots, including mail ballots, as provided by the Administrator.
- Section 2.12. **USE OF COMMON BALLOT.** It is agreed by the parties to this Agreement that a common ballot will be used for joint elections. The universal serial busses ("USBs") containing the voted ballots for an election will be delivered to the Administrator's office at 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644, and the USBs will remain in the Administrator's custody, except that the County agrees to provide Participating Entities with the necessary documentation, if requested, for canvass of an election or in the event the voted ballots are required for a recount or any court proceedings in which a Participating Entity may be a party. The County agrees to maintain custody of the USBs containing the voted ballots for the period of time prescribed by the Texas Election Code. All USBs that are not placed in active voting equipment will remain locked in the Caldwell County Elections Office. USBs will not be replaced without being logged out and checked out by an Election Officer or Election Clerk at any time during an election. An audit shall be conducted to ensure that all USBs are present and accounted for. All replaced equipment will remain secured until after tabulation to ensure that all checks and balances have been satisfied.
- Section 2.013. **USE OF COMMON FORMS.** All forms used in the conduct of the election, including but not limited to the poll list, signature roster, ballot registers, expense accounts, and all oaths and certificates will be used jointly by the two agencies. All forms will be returned to the Administrator who shall keep them in his custody for the period prescribed by the Texas Election Code. The County agrees to furnish the Participating Entities with copies of any election documents upon the Participating Entity's request at no charge.
- Section 2.14. **APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL BALLOTS.** Participating Entities will designate the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644, to be the early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail will be sent. Applications for mail ballots sent to Participating entities shall be promptly faxed to the Administrator or emailed to caldwellec@co.caldwell.tx.us for timely processing, with the original application forwarded to the Administrator for appropriate record retention.

- Section 2.15. **TRANSLATION.** Each Participating Entity is responsible for having its own election orders, resolutions, notices, or official ballot wording translated into the Spanish language if necessary.
- Section 2.16. **MAPS AND ANNEXATIONS.** Participating Entities will provide the Administrator with an updated map and street index, including address numbers, of its jurisdiction in an electronic format that is compatible with the mapping format used by the Administrator's office, and will provide notice to the Administrator of any new developments, annexations, de-annexations, and any other changes to the master voter registration list within the Participating Entities jurisdiction within the County.
- Section 2.16. **RECOUNT NOTICE.** Not later than 48 hours after it becomes aware that a recount is required by law or requested by a candidate, Participating Entities will provide notice to the Administrator that a recount must be conducted.
- Section 2.17. **ELECTION TO RESOLVE A TIE.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in the event an election is needed to resolve a tie vote, the affected Participating Entity and the Administrator will agree to an election date and early voting schedule in compliance with the Texas Election Code, with consideration given to other elections conducted by the Administrator. The cost for implementing an election under this section will be attributed solely to the affected Participating Entity.
- Section 2.18. **PRECINCT REPORTS TO THE SOS.** Participating Entities will prepare and file all required precinct reports with the Texas Secretary of State.

ARTICLE III COUNTY OBLIGATIONS

- Section 3.01. **BACKGROUND CHECK.** The County will conduct a criminal background check (in accordance with statutory requirements) of any nominated Election Officer or Election Clerk who is expected to or scheduled to serve. Any person that does not satisfactorily pass the criminal background check or refuses to consent to a background check will be ineligible to serve in this Contracted Election. Failure to obtain a criminal background check does not release the Participating Entities' obligation for service rendered in good faith.
- Section 3.02. **POLLING PLACES.** The County will enter into lease agreements for polling places, including temporary branch polling locations, to effect this contract. Participating Entities agree to reimburse the County for expenses associated with any lease agreements for polling places, pursuant to Section 6.04.

ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATOR DUTIES

- Section 4.01. **ELECTION SUPERVISOR.** The Administrator will coordinate, supervise, and conduct all aspects of administering voting in connection with the Contracted Election in compliance with all applicable laws.
- Section 4.02. **POLLING PLACES.** The Administrator will arrange for election day polling places, and the hours and location of early voting polling places, including temporary branch polling places. The Administrator will arrange for the physical preparation of each polling place, including tables, chairs, and voting booths.

- Section 4.03. **NOTICE OF PREVIOUS POLLING PLACE.** As necessary, The Administrator will post physical notices of a change in polling places as required by Section 43.062, Texas Election Code. Participating Entities will be responsible for any other notice requirements under Section 43.061, Texas Election Code.
- Section 4.04. **ELECTION SUPPLIES.** The Administrator shall, as necessary to conduct the Contracted Election, procure, prepare, and distribute election supplies to Election Officers for use at their respective polling locations during the Contracted Election.
- Section 4.05. **EARLY VOTING CLERK.** Pursuant to Sections 31.096 and 32.097(b), Texas Election Code, the Administrator will serve as the Early Voting Clerk for the Contracted Election, and will supervise and conduct the early voting by mail and by personal appearance as follows:
- (a) Appoint personnel to serve as early voting deputy clerks;
 - (b) Publish notice of early voting polling places, including temporary branch polling places;
 - (c) Receive and process mail ballot applications on behalf of the Participating Entities in accordance with Title 7, Texas Election Code, at the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644;
 - (d) Secure and maintain early voting ballots at the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644, or other location as necessitated by County reorganization;
 - (e) Coordinate the Early Voting Ballot Board to meet at the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644;
 - (f) Publish electronic notice of the Signature Verification Committee meeting, pursuant to Chapter 87.121(i)(1), Texas Election Code;
 - (g) Publish notice, including electronic notice, of the Early Voting Ballot Board meeting, pursuant to Chapter 87.027, Texas Election Code;
 - (h) Publish notice, including electronic notice, that voting materials have been delivered to the signature verification committee and early voting ballot board, pursuant to Sections 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.0223, 87.023, 87.024, and 87.027(h), Texas Election Code.
- Section 4.06. **ELECTION DAY DUTIES.** For each election day during the Contracted Election, not including early voting periods, the Administrator will coordinate, supervise, and conduct the election as follows:
- (a) Make himself available from 6:00A.M. until the completion of vote counting to render guidance, technical support, and assistance to voters, Election Officials, Election Clerks, and Participating Entities;
 - (b) Prepare and conduct post-election intake of election equipment, supplies, and records;
 - (c) Serve as central counting station manager and tabulation supervisor;
 - (d) Count votes in conjunction with the Early Voting Ballot Board and Central Counting Station judges;
- Section 4.07. **ELECTION NIGHT REPORTS.** The Administrator will prepare the unofficial and official tabulation of precinct results, as follows:
- (a) Periodically make a public announcement of the current state of the unofficial tabulation, at www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.ElectionsOffice;

- (b) Provide unofficial early voting precinct results and election day precinct results to Participating Entities as soon as administratively possible, but not earlier than the close of all polling places on the associated election day;
- (c) Reconvene the Early Voting Ballot Board after election day as necessary to determine the disposition of timely provisional votes and late mail ballots, and to resolve any issues with such ballots;
- (d) Promptly after final disposition of provisional votes and late mail ballots, the Administrator will retally and update the unofficial and official tabulation of precinct results with accepted provisional votes and resolved mail ballots, and provide new unofficial and official tabulations to the Participating Entities.

Section 4.08. **ELIGIBILITY OF ELECTION WORKERS.** The Administrator will notify all Election Officers and Election Clerks about the eligibility requirements contained in Title 3, Subchapter C, Texas Election Code, and Section 271.005, Texas Election Code. The Administrator will take necessary steps to ensure that all Election Officers and Election Clerks nominated to serve during the Contracted Election are qualified and eligible to serve.

Section 4.09. **NOMINATION OF ELECTION OFFICERS.** Administrator will provide to Participating Entities a list of persons to serve as Election Officers for the Contracted Election, attached as Attachment 'C'. If a person becomes unable or unwilling to serve as an Election Officer, the Administrator will nominate a replacement and, within 2 business days after amending Attachment 'C', forward the amended Attachment 'C' to the Participating Entities for appointment of the new nominee. Notwithstanding Section 7.08 of this contract, the County may update Attachment 'C' on receipt of a written communication from an appointed or nominated Election Officer indicating an inability or unwillingness to serve as an Election Officer.

Section 4.10. **NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT TO ELECTION OFFICERS.** Within 72 hours of receiving notice of appointed Election Officers from Participating Entities, the Administrator will notify each appointed election officer of said appointment. The notification will also include the assigned polling station, the date of the election officer's election training(s), the date and time of the Contracted Election, the rate of compensation, the number of clerks the judge may appoint, the eligibility requirements for election clerks, and a list of nominated election clerks.

Section 4.11. **ELECTION TRAINING.** The Administrator will be responsible for conducting training for election officers and election clerks, as required by applicable law.

Section 4.12. **CENTRAL COUNTING STATION.** The Administrator will establish a central counting station to receive and tabulate ballots cast during the Contracted Election under Chapter 127, Texas Election Code. The central counting station will be located at the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644.

Section 4.13. **LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING.** In advance of Early Voting, the Administrator, the tabulation supervisor, and other members the Administrator designates for the testing board shall conduct all logic and accuracy testing in accordance with applicable law and guidance provided by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State. The Administrator will be responsible for the publication of any required notice for logic and accuracy testing.

Section 4.14. **REGISTERED VOTER LIST.** The Administrator will provide lists of registered voters as required by law for use during the Contracted Election.

- Section 4.15. **POLLING EQUIPMENT.** The Administrator will prepare and distribute the Elections Systems & Software (“ES&S”) Polling Equipment for the Contracted Election, with each polling location to have at least one voting machine that is accessible to disabled voters.
- Section 4.16. **BALLOTS.** The Administrator will be responsible for the printing, programming, and distribution of English and Spanish ballots and sample ballots, including mail ballots, based on the information provided by the Participating Entities pursuant to Section 2.11 of this contract. The Administrator will deliver the proposed ballots to the Participating Entities for approval prior to the printing, programming, and distribution of English and Spanish ballots and sample ballots, including mail ballots.
- Section 4.17. **CUSTODIAN OF ELECTION RECORDS.** The Administrator will serve as the general custodian for election records and will maintain and preserve election records generated as part of the Contracted Election, as required by law. Access to the election records will be available to each Participating Entity as well as to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. Third-party notice to Participating Entities, pursuant to Chapter 552, will be provided subject to Section 7.04 of this contract.
- Section 4.18. **DELEGATION OF DUTIES.** The Administrator may, at his discretion, assign a deputy elections administrator to perform any of the contracted services.
- Section 4.19. **TIMELY PERFORMANCE.** The Administrator will perform all election services in compliance with all time requirements set out in the Texas Election Code.
- Section 4.20. **THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTS.** Pursuant to Section 31.098, Texas Election Code, the County is authorized to contract with third-parties for election services and supplies, to be included in any final invoice submitted to Participating Entities for payment subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.05 of this contract.

ARTICLE V TERM AND WITHDRAWAL

- Section 5.01. **INITIAL TERM.** The initial term of the contract will commence on the last party’s execution hereof, and expires with respect to an individual Participating Entity on the County’s receipt of that Participating Entity’s payment-in-full of a final invoices submitted by the Administrator.
- Section 5.02. **WITHDRAWAL.** Participating Entities may withdraw from this contract by delivering to the Administrator any certifications and declarations required under Subchapters C or D, Chapter 2, Texas Election Code. Delivery of said necessary certifications or withdrawals must be provided by the statutory deadlines prescribed by the Texas Elections Code. Any Participating Entities withdrawing from this contract will be billed for any expenses incurred or obligated prior to the Administrator’s receipt of said necessary certifications and declarations. A Participating Entity’s obligation to pay for any expenses incurred or obligated prior to withdrawal, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.05 of this contract, survives expiration, termination, or cancellation of this contract until paid-in-full by the Participating Entities.

**ARTICLE VI
COSTS AND PAYMENT**

- Section 6.01. **ESTIMATED COST.** Participating Entities acknowledge that the estimate contained in Attachment 'A' is an estimate ONLY, and any required payment reflected in the final invoice may differ.
- Section 6.02. **FINAL INVOICE.** Final election expenses, as calculated pursuant to Sections 6.04 and 6.05 of this contract, will be determined within 120 business days after the conclusion of the Contracted Election. The Administrator will provide each Participating Entity with a final invoice.
- Section 6.03. **PAYMENT DATE.** An invoice for election services submitted by the Administrator to Participating Entities is due and payable to the address set forth in the invoice within 30 days from the date of its receipt by a Participating Entity. This provision survives expiration, termination, or cancellation of this contract until paid-in-full by the Participating Entities.
- Section 6.04. **PRORATED BILLING.** Participating Entities agree to share the costs of administering the Contracted Election. Allocation of costs for the entire election, unless specifically stated otherwise, will be shared between the Participating Entities based on a ration formula involving the total number of registered voters eligible to vote in the joint election and the number of registered voters associated with the individual Participating Entities for the joint election. The Participating Entities will be responsible for their percentage of the prorated cost or a minimum cost of \$500.00, whichever is greater. The cost of any special request from a Participating Entity which is not agreed upon by all Participating Entities, will be borne solely by the requesting Participating Entity.
- Section 6.05. **ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.** As authorized by the Section 31.100, Texas Election Code, a general supervisory fee not to exceed 10% of the total cost of the election will be assessed, and not less than \$75.00.
- Section 6.06. **PAYMENT FROM CURRENT REVENUES.** Each Party paying for the performance of governmental functions or services under this contract will make payments from current revenues available to the paying party.

**ARTICLE VII
MISCELLANEOUS**

- Section 7.01. **CONTRACT COPIES TO AUDITOR AND TREASURER.** Pursuant to Section 31.099, Texas Election Code, the Administrator will file a copy of this executed contract with the Caldwell County Auditor and the Caldwell County Treasurer within 10 days of the execution date.
- Section 7.02. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this contract is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions of this contract in accordance with the intent of the parties to this contract as expressed in the terms and provisions.
- Section 7.03. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Either of the parties to this Agreement shall be excused from any delays and/or failures in the performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract, to the extent that such delays and/or failures result from causes beyond the

delaying/failing party's reasonable control, including but not limited to war (whether declared or not), armed conflict or the serious threat of the same (including but not limited to hostile attack, blockade, military embargo), hostilities, invasion, act of a foreign enemy, extensive military mobilization, civil war, riot, rebellion, revolution, military or usurped power, insurrection, civil commotion or disorder, mob violence, act of civil disobedience, act of terrorism, sabotage or piracy; plague, epidemic, pandemic, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, including quarantine, social distancing, isolation or other behavioral restrictions; act of authority whether lawful or unlawful, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction, curfew restriction, expropriation, compulsory acquisition, seizure of works, requisition, nationalization; act of God or natural disaster such as but not limited to violent storm, cyclone, typhoon, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, landslide, flood, damage or destruction by lightning, drought; explosion, fire, destruction of machines, equipment and of any kind of installation, prolonged breakdown of transport, telecommunication or electric current; shortage or inability to obtain critical material or supplies to the extent not subject to the reasonable control of the subject party ("force majeure event ") whether foreseeable or unforeseeable by the parties at the time of the execution of this Agreement. Any delaying/failing party shall, with all reasonable diligence, attempt to remedy the cause of delay and/or failure and shall recommence all remaining duties under this Agreement within a reasonable time of such remedy, or, when applicable, on the next available dates under the Texas Election Code.

Section 7.04. **NOTICE.** Any addendum to, change or modification of, clarification of, or withdrawal from this contract requires written notice to and written approval by Caldwell County. Whenever this contract requires any consent, approval, notice, request, or demand, the writing must be delivered to the party intended to receive it and other Participating Entities, as provided in Attachment 'B'. Any required writing under this Section will be deemed to have been given when personally delivered, if mailed, 72 hours after deposit of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified, or registered, return receipt requested, property addressed to the contact person identified in Attachment 'B' Notwithstanding this Section and Section 7.08 of this contract, the County may update Attachment 'B' on receipt of a written communication from a Participating Entity designating new contact information. Within two business days after Attachment 'B' is amended, the Administrator will send each Participating Entity a copy of the amended attachment.

Section 7.05. **LIABILITY.** All parties to this contract agree to be responsible, in accordance with applicable state or federal law, each for their own negligent acts or omissions, or other tortious conduct in the course of performance of this contract without waiving any sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, statutory immunity, or other defenses available to the parties under federal or state law. Nothing in this paragraph will be construed to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, in or to any third persons or entities. All parties agree that any such liability or damages occurring during the performance of this contract caused by the joint or comparative negligence of the parties, or their employees, agents, or officers will be determined in accordance with comparative responsibility laws of Texas, but only to the extent such laws are applicable to the party.

To the extent permitted by law, if legal action is filed against a party to this contract, that party shall be solely responsible for their own respective costs and defense of that suit.

- Section 7.06. **CHOICE OF LAW.** This contract will be governed and interpreted by the laws of the State of Texas.
- Section 7.07. **VENUE AND JURISDICTION.** Venue will lie in the district courts serving Caldwell County Texas, and are the exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any lawsuit, cause of action, temporary restraining order, temporary injunction, injunction, petition for extraordinary relief, mandamus, or any other legal proceeding or claim arising out of the performance of this contract.
- Section 7.08. **ENTIRE CONTRACT.** This contract, including any exhibits or attachments, contains the entire agreement between the Administrator, the County, and the Participating Entities concerning the duties required by this contract. The Administrator and each Participating Entity hereby expressly warrant and represent that they are not relying on any promises or agreements that are not contained in this contract concerning any of the terms in this contract. Except otherwise specified in this contract, no modification, amendment, novation, renewal, or other alteration of this contract shall be effective unless mutually agreed upon in writing and executed by the Parties hereto.
- Section 7.09. **PLURALITY, GENDER, AND HEADINGS.** In this contract, words in the singular number include the plural, and those in the plural include the singular. Words of any gender also refer to any other ender. Headings in this contract are descriptive only, and not terms of inclusion or exclusion.
- Section 7.10. **RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES.** The Participating Entities, including their agents or employees, are independent contractors and are not an agent, servant, joint enterpriser, joint venturer, or employee of the Administrator or the County, and are responsible for their own acts, forbearance, negligence, and deeds, and for those of their agents or employees in conjunction with the performance of services covered under this contract. The Participating Entities represent that they have, or will secure at their own expense, all personnel and consultants required in performing the services herein. Such personnel and consultants shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the Administrator or the County.
- Section 7.11. **DEFAULT, CUMULATIVE RIGHTS, AND MITIGATION.** It is not a waiver of default if the non-defaulting party fails to immediately declare a default or delays in taking any action. The rights and remedies provided by this contract are cumulative, and no party's use of any right or remedy will preclude or waive its right to any other remedy. These rights and remedies are in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance, or otherwise. All parties have a duty to mitigate damages.
- Section 7.12. **CONTRA PROFERENTEM.** The legal document of contra proferentem will not apply to this contract. Consequently, any ambiguity that may exist in this contract will not be construed against the party who drafted this contract.
- Section 7.13. **SIGNATORY WARRANTY.** The signatories for the County, the Administrator, and Participating Entities represent that each has the full right, power, and authority to enter into and perform this contract in accordance with all of its terms and conditions, and that the execution and delivery of this contract has been made by authorized representatives of the Participating Entities to validly and legally bind the Participating Entities to all terms, performances, and provisions set forth in this contract.

Section 7.14. **COUNTERPARTS.** This contract may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all signatory parties had signed the same document. All counterparts will be construed together and will constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract on this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS:

Attest:

Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

Teresa Rodriguez
Caldwell County Clerk

Devante Coe
Caldwell County Elections Administrator

CITY OF LULING, TEXAS:

Attest:

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

CITY OF MARTINDALE, TEXAS:

Attest:

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

CITY OF UHLAND, TEXAS:

Attest:

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

SAN MARCOS CISD:

Attest:

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

HAYS COUNTY CISD:

Attest:

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

LULING ISD:

Attest:

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

BOLLINGER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT:

Attest:

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

**Originals and fully executed
versions of this agreement will be
on file with the school district.**

Attachment B

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract on this the 6th day of March, 2023.

Caldwell Count:

Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

Devante Coe
Caldwell County Elections Administrator

Hays Consolidated Independent School District:



Vanessa Petrea
President, Board of Trustees

Point of Contact for notices:

Printed Name of Official: Tim Savoy

Officials Mailing Address: 21003 IH 35, Kyle, TX 78640

Officials Email Address: tim.savoy@hayscisd.net

Official Contact Number: (512) 268-2141 office

Can this Contact Number be used after Afterhours? If not, is there an after-hours contact number?

After Hours Contact Number: [REDACTED] cell phone

After Hours Officials Name(If Different from above): same