

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHILDRESS

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IN COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR MEETING

On this the 9th day of December, A.D. 2024 the Commissioners' Court of Childress County, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at the regular meeting place in the Childress County Courthouse with the following members assembled and composing said Court:

**KIMBERLY JONES  
JEREMY HILL  
MARK ROSS  
KEVIN HACKLER  
RICK ELLIOTT  
TIFFANY HOWARD**

**COUNTY JUDGE  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 101  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 201  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 301  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 401  
DISTRICT-COUNTY CLERK**

**MINUTE 174:2024**

Commissioner Jeremy Hill made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Mark Ross to approve the minutes of the previous month.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTE 173:2024**

Commissioner Mark Ross made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Hill to approve the monthly reports.

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 174:2024**

Commissioner Jeremy Hill made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Kevin Hackler to approve giving the Childress Volunteer Fire Department, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) from ARPA funds to equip the new brush truck

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 175:2024**

Commissioner Mark Ross made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Hill to approve the County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 176:2024**

Commissioner Jeremy Hill made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Rick Elliott to approve Application and Prohibited Technology Policy Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 177:2024**

Discussed the collaboration with CISD for the 4H/FFA building and also adding a possible greenhouse

Tabled

**MINUTE 178:2024**

Commissioner Jeremy Hill made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Mark Ross to approve the inmate housing contract with Armstrong County

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 179:2024**

Commissioner Jeremy Hill made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Rick Elliott to approve James Lane's proposal of six thousand seventy-one dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$6171.29) to replace heater in Law Enforcement Center.

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 180:2024**

Commissioner Jeremy Hill made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Kevin Hackler to approve and designate the second Monday of the month as Commissioner Court

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 181:2024**

Commissioner Mark Ross made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jeremy Hill to not renew the burn ban

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 182:2024**

Commissioner Jeremy Hill made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Mark Ross to approve the action regarding settlement terms and authorizing the County Judge to execute the Settlement participation and release forms regarding settlement offers from Kroger in the matter of *United States District Court, Northern District of Texas*,

*Amarillo Divisions, County of Childress v. Purdue Pharma, LP, et a. MDL No 2:18-cv-0031-D*

Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTE 183:2024**

Bryan Guymon, Underwood Law: to discuss tax abatement. Entered into Executive Session from 10:06 am to 10:57 am

**MINUTE 184:2024**

Commissioner Mark Ross made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Rick Elliott to approve the monthly bills.

Motion carried unanimously


**MINUTE 185:2024**

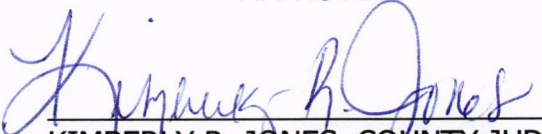
Commissioner Jeremy Hill made the motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Kevin Hackler to adjourn the meeting.

The above and foregoing minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Childress, Childress County Texas, were read and approved on the 13<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
TIFFANY HOWARD, COUNTY CLERK

  
KIMBERLY R. JONES, COUNTY JUDGE

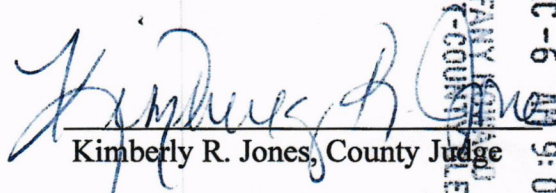
## NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with Article 6252-17 V.T.C.A. public notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Childress County, Texas will hold its **regular meeting** on **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom, in the Courthouse, Childress, Texas.

The following items are listed on the Agenda, To-Wit:

1. Reading and approving minutes of previous meeting;
2. Approval of monthly reports;
3. Ralph Freeman, Childress Fire Department: To discuss and possibly approve using \$13,000 from ARPA funds to equip brush truck (radios, paint, etc.);
4. Discuss and possibly approve County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption Resolution;
5. Discuss and possibly approve Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy Resolution;
6. Discuss 4H/FFA building collaboration and possible greenhouse with CISD;
7. Matthew Bradley, Sheriff: Discuss and possibly approve inmate housing contract with Armstrong County;
8. Matthew Bradley, Sheriff: To discuss and possibly approve James Lane Proposal to replace heater at Law Enforcement Center;
9. Discuss and approve the designation of the second Monday of each month as Commissioner Court;
10. Discuss and possibly approve renewing Burn Ban,
11. Discussion, consideration and appropriate action regarding settlement terms and authorizing the County Judge or other authorized officials to execute the Settlement participation and release forms regarding settlement offers from Kroger in the matter of *United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Divisions, County of Childress v. Purdue Pharma, LP, et al.* MDL No. 2:18-cv-0031-D;
12. \*Bryan Guymon, Underwood Law: To discuss tax abatement;
13. Approval of monthly bills;
14. Adjourn

Dated and Posted **Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by 9:00 o'clock a.m.**

  
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Kimberly R. Jones, County Judge

~Executive Session~ Convene into executive session in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.087 regarding economic development negotiations to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect and/or in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 to seek the advice of the County's attorney as required under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas.\*

FILED FOR RECORD  
CHILDRESS COUNTY, TEXAS  
2024 DEC -6 10 9:00  
TIFANY JONES  
DISTRICT CLERK



Commissioners ~~Meeting~~ <sup>Court</sup> 12-9-24  
County - \$2423.97  
2-civil  
9-criminal

District - \$21,679.76  
37-civil

- 1) JH/MR
- 2) MR/JH
- 3) approve \$13,500 JH/KH to Childress Volunteer FD
- 4) approve MR/JH
- 5) SB 1893 JH/RE
- 6) 18<sup>th</sup> 9am meeting to discuss estimates and decide how much ARPA \$ we will donate to CSD
- 7) JH/MR
- 8) ~~approve~~ CPod heater going out \$~~1111.29~~ 11.29  
JH/RE
- 9) JH/KH
- 10) MR/JH remove Burn Pan
- 11) ~~MR~~ JH/MR approve
- 12) 10:06AM - 10:57AM
- 13) MR/RE
- 14) JH/KH



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MONTHLY REPORT 12-09-24  
FOR NOVEMBER 2024

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COUNTY OF CHILDRESS

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### **Resolution of Support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption**

WHEREAS, Texas Counties are the action arm of the state government and are responsible for the operation and management of many various state governmental programs as required or authorized by state law; and

WHEREAS, Texas Counties provide essential state services to constituents at the local level which are fully or partially supported with funds disbursed by the State of Texas pursuant to the state appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, Texas Counties provide emergency management services to the citizens of the State of Texas, and serve as first responders during disasters to clear roads and provide lifesaving rescue and recovery support to local, regional, state, and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost fuel costs have a significant impact on county budgets; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has authorized a motor fuel tax exemption for Volunteer Fire Departments which partner with Texas Counties to provide lifesaving fire response and mitigation to citizens of Texas; and


WHEREAS, the State of Texas has authorized a motor fuel tax exemption to Texas Public Schools for motor fuel taxes which helps reduce expenses to local school districts and alleviate the impact of local school property taxes to the citizens of Texas; and

WHEREAS, exempting Texas motor fuel taxes for Texas Counties will reduce tax churn in the state and further alleviate the impact of local county property taxes to the citizens of Texas.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Childress County Commissioners Court does hereby resolve that for the foregoing reasons, it is in the best interest of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor passage of legislation that exempts counties from certain motor fuels taxes.


APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Childress County Commissioners Court on this the

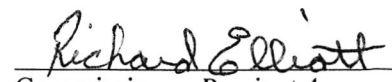
9 day of December, 2024.

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
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County Judge

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 4

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1209**

A RESOLUTION OF CHILDRESS COUNTY, TEXAS APPROVING A MODEL "TIK TOK" POLICY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 88<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATURE PASSED SENATE BILL 1893 PROHIBITING THE USE OF COVERED APPLICATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY DEVICES; DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE; INCORPORATING RECITALS; PROVIDING A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1893 to create Chapter 620 of the Texas Government Code, which requires all Texas local governments to adopt a policy prohibiting the installation or use of certain applications on government-owned devices; and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Texas Government Code, the County has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to adopt the policy set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body finds that the policy approved this date and attached as Exhibit "A" hereto is required by law and necessary for the good governance and operation of the County;

**NOW THEREFORE.BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHILDRESS COUNTY:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT** CHILDRESS COUNTY adopts the policy attached as **Exhibit "A"** hereto and orders it implemented in the manner prescribed thereby..

**SECTION 2. DISTRIBUTION** All employees shall be provided with a copy of the policy and sign an acknowledgement of receipt. The Treasurer shall keep copies of each acknowledgment in the employee's personnel file.

**SECTION 3. PUBLIC INTEREST** The County finds the adoption of the policy is in the public interest.

**SECTION 4. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS** The County hereby finds the statements set forth in the recitals of this resolution are true and correct and incorporates such recitals as findings of fact.


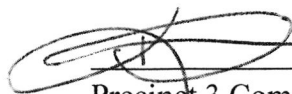
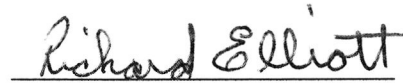
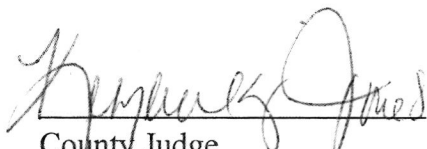
**SECTION 5 REPEALER** All resolutions or parts of resolutions and minute orders in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY** If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this resolution and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this governing body hereby declares that this resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

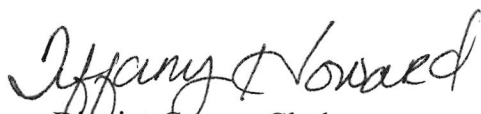


**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE** This resolution will become effective immediately following its adoption by the Commissioners of Childress County.

**RESOLVED and ORDERED** in Childress County, Texas, this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

  
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Precinct 1 Commissioner  
Jeremy Hill  
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Precinct 2 Commissioner  
Mark Ross  
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Precinct 3 Commissioner  
Kevin Hackler  
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Precinct 4 Commissioner  
Rick Elliott  
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County Judge  
Kimberly Jones

**ATTEST:**

  
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District-County Clerk  
Tiffany Howard

## **EXHIBIT A**

Childress County  
Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy  
Adopted: December 9, 2024  
Version: 1.0

### **1. PURPOSE**

On December 7, 2022, Governor Greg Abbott required all state agencies to ban the video-sharing application TikTok from all state-owned and state-issued devices and networks over the Chinese Communist Party's ability to use the application for surveilling Texans. Governor Abbott also directed the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) to develop a plan providing state agencies guidance on managing personal devices used to conduct state business. Following the issuance of the Governor's directive, the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1893, which prohibits the use of covered applications on governmental entity devices.

### **2. SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS**

This policy applies to all Childress County full and part-time employees, contractors, paid or unpaid interns, and other users of government networks. All County employees are responsible for complying with this policy.

A covered application is:

The social media service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited, or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.

A social media application or service specified by proclamation of the governor under Government Code Section 620.005.

### **3. COVERED APPLICATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED OR LEASED DEVICES**

Except where approved exceptions apply, the use or installation of covered applications is prohibited on all government-owned or -leased devices, including cell phones, tablets, desktop and laptop computers, and other internet-capable devices.

The County will identify, track, and manage all government-owned or -leased devices including mobile phones, tablets, laptops, desktop computers, or any other internet-capable devices to:

- a. Prohibit the installation of a covered application.
- b. Prohibit the use of a covered application.
- c. Remove a covered application from a government-owned or -leased device that was on the device prior to the passage of S.B. 1893 (88th Leg, R.S.).

- d. Remove an application from a government-owned or -leased device if the Governor issues a proclamation identifying it as a covered application.

The County will manage all government-owned or leased mobile devices by implementing the security measures listed below:

- a. Educate employees about the policy changes described herein.
- b. Reserve the right to conduct random device checks to ensure compliance with this policy.

#### **4. ONGOING AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY THREATS**

To provide protection against ongoing and emerging technological threats to the government's sensitive information and critical infrastructure, DPS and DIR will regularly monitor and evaluate additional social media applications or services that pose a risk to this state.

DIR will annually submit to the Governor a list of social media applications and services identified as posing a risk to Texas. The Governor may proclaim items on this list as covered applications that are subject to this policy.

If the Governor identifies an item on the DIR-posted list described by this section, then the County will remove and prohibit the covered application. The County may also prohibit social media applications or services in addition to those specified by proclamation of the Governor.

#### **5. COVERED APPLICATION EXCEPTIONS**

The County may permit exceptions authorizing the installation and use of a covered application on government-owned or -leased devices consistent with the authority provided by Government Code Chapter 620.

Government Code Section 620.004 only allows the County to install and use a covered application on an applicable device to the extent necessary for:

- (1) Providing law enforcement; or
- (2) Developing or implementing information security measures.

If the County authorizes an exception allowing for the installation and use of a covered application, the County must use measures to mitigate the risks posed to the state during the application's use as recommended by the Texas Department of Information Resources.

The County must document whichever measures it took to mitigate the risks posed to the state during the use of the covered application.

## **6. POLICY COMPLIANCE**

All County employees shall sign a document annually confirming their understanding of the agency's covered applications and prohibited technology policies. Governmental entities that are subject to Senate Bill 1893 but not subject to the Governor's December 07, 2022, directive may elect not to require employees to complete an annual certification.

The County will verify compliance with this policy through various methods, including but not limited to, IT/security system reports and feedback to leadership.

An employee found to have violated this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

## **7. POLICY REVIEW**

The County Commissioners shall review this policy at least annually and update as necessary to reflect changes in state law, additions to applications identified under Government Code Section 620.006, updates to the prohibited technology list posted to DIR's website, or to suit the needs of the County.



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CONTRACT FOR INMATE HOUSING SERVICES

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF CHILDRESS §

This Contract and Agreement made and entered into by and between the County of Armstrong, acting by and through its duly authorized representative, and the County of Childress, acting by and through its duly authorized representative, to be effective upon the signing date of this document through December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, Childress County houses inmates in a facility having been duly inspected and certified as being suitable for inmate housing; and

WHEREAS, Armstrong County, in order to carry out and conduct its inmate housing in an economical, beneficial and safe environment and in conjunction with the laws of the State of Texas, has need of the use of secure jail facilities to house and maintain inmates; and

WHEREAS, Childress County desires to make its jail facility available to Armstrong County for such use and purpose, and Armstrong County desires to contract for the use of said jail:

PROVISIONS AND SERVICES

- A. This Contract and Agreement is entered into by and between Childress County and Armstrong County whereby Armstrong County will contract for as needed beds only and subject to availability.
- B. It is further agreed between Childress County and Armstrong County that the daily rate per inmate shall be **\$55.00**.
- C. Said amount per inmates housed for Armstrong County shall be billed by Childress County and paid monthly by Armstrong County.
- D. All dental, medical, mental health, psychological testing, and laboratory services will be billed to Armstrong County with said Armstrong County being responsible for all medical expenses incurred by their inmates during incarceration;
- E. Prescription drugs for Armstrong County's inmates will be the responsibility of Armstrong County;
- F. If an Armstrong County inmate requires hospitalization, Armstrong County shall furnish a guard at Armstrong County's expense for the duration of said inmate's hospitalization if more than 12 hours of hospitalization is required;

- G. In addition, Armstrong County shall be responsible for the transportation of all Armstrong County inmates to and from the Childress County jail.

#### ASSURANCES

- A. The Childress County jail shall comply with all applicable State laws;
- B. The Childress County jail will be operated in accordance with standards promulgated by the State of Texas;
- C. Any changes regarding price or cost will be agreed upon by both Childress County Commissioners and Armstrong County Commissioners.

#### TERMINATION

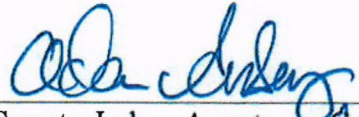
This Contract may be terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party hereto of the intention to terminate.

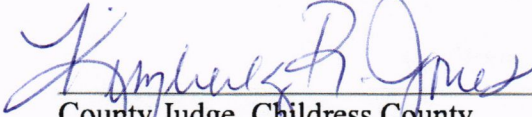
#### CONTRACT PERIOD


The Contract period will be effective upon the signing date, until midnight of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2025, with an option to renew for an additional twelve (12) month period. Allowable per diem rates may be adjusted annually with concession of both parties.

#### DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ACT

Childress County and Armstrong County hereby designate the below referenced individuals to serve as their representatives in all matters pertaining to this contract.

 11-12-2024  
County Judge, Armstrong County

  
County Judge, Childress County

 11-12-2024  
County Sheriff, Armstrong County

County Sheriff, Childress County

## CONTRACT FOR INMATE HOUSING SERVICES

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF CHILDRESS §

This Contract and Agreement made and entered into by and between the County of Motley, acting by and through its duly authorized representative, and the County of Childress, acting by and through its duly authorized representative, to be effective upon the signing date of this document through September 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, Childress County houses inmates in a facility having been duly inspected and certified as being suitable for inmate housing; and

WHEREAS, Motley County, in order to carry out and conduct its inmate housing in an economical, beneficial and safe environment and in conjunction with the laws of the state of Texas, has need of the use of secure jail facilities to house and maintain inmates; and

WHEREAS, Childress County desires to make its jail facility available to Motley County for such use and purpose, and Cottle County desires to contract for the use of said jail:

### PROVISIONS AND SERVICES

- A. This contract and Agreement is entered into by and between Childress County and Motley County whereby Motley County will contract for as needed beds only and subject to availability.
- B. It is further agreed between Childress County and Motley County that the daily rate per inmate shall be \$55.00.
- C. Said amount per inmates housed for Motley County shall be billed by Childress County and paid monthly by Motley County.
- D. All dental, medical, mental health, psychological testing, and laboratory services will be billed to Motley County with said Motley County being responsible for all medical expenses incurred by their inmates during incarceration;
- E. Prescription drugs for Motley County's inmates will be the responsibility of Motley County;
- F. If a Motley County inmate requires hospitalization, then Motley County shall furnish a guard at Motley County's expense for the duration of said inmates hospitalization if more than 12 hours of hospitalization is needed;

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- G. In addition, Motley County shall be responsible for the transportation of all Motley County inmates to and from the Childress County jail.

#### ASSURANCES

- A. The Childress County jail shall comply with all applicable state laws;
- B. The Childress County jail will be operated in accordance with standards promulgated by the State of Texas;
- C. Any changes regarding price or cost will be agreed upon by both Childress County Commissioners and Motley County Commissioners.

#### TERMINATION

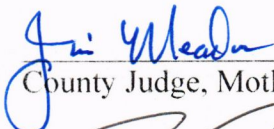
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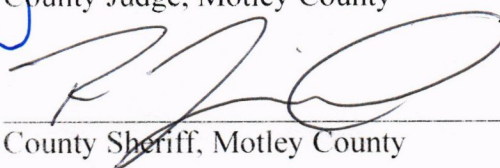
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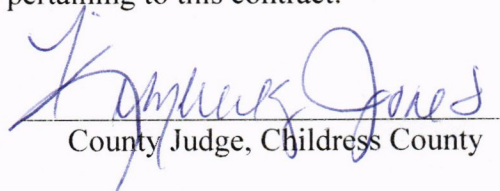
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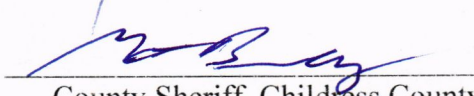
#### DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ACT

Childress County and Motley County hereby designate the below referenced individuals to serve as its representatives in all matters pertaining to this contract.

  
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County Judge, Motley County

  
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County Sheriff, Motley County

  
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County Judge, Childress County

  
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County Sheriff, Childress County

