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March 14, 2025

VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Bobby W. Stovall
Hunt County Judge
2507 Lee St., 2nd Floor
Greenville, Texas 75401
cojudge@huntcounty.net

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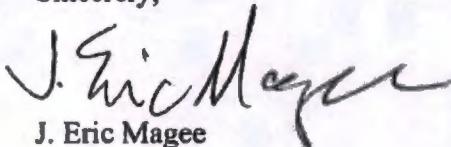
Re: Retainer Agreement for Assistance with County Election Precincts (Voting
Tabulation Districts (VTDs))

Dear Judge Stovall:

For your consideration, enclosed please find a Contract for Professional Services between Hunt County, Texas and Allison, Bass & Magee LLP for assistance with issues regarding County Election Precincts (Voting Tabulation Districts (VTDs)). Upon approval by the Commissioners Court, please return an executed original for our file.

We appreciate your consideration of our firm for this service to Hunt County. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


J. Eric Magee

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Enclosure

cc: Members, Hunt County Commissioners Court
Jeannie Ash, Elections Administrator
jash@huntcounty.net

RETAINER AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 25th day of March, 2025, by and between Hunt County, Texas, hereinafter referred to as "Client", and Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P. hereinafter referred to as "Attorneys".

Recitals

The Client is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. The Attorneys are duly licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and desire to render their professional services for the Client as provided herein.

The Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas, acting in its judicial and executive capacity, finds that the public interest requires the retention of legal counsel to represent the County in the referenced matters.

THEREFORE, the Client hereby engages the services of the Attorneys, and in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

Services of Attorney

1. The Attorneys will advise and represent the Client in legal matters as requested by the Client, by and through a majority vote of the Commissioners Court, pertaining to the legal issues regarding assistance with the County Election Precincts (Voting Tabulation Districts (VTDs)) and on such legal matters as may be assigned by the Commissioners Court. Services will also include drafting and reviewing of documents, briefing, and any negotiations, legal proceedings or trials/appeals that may be required for resolution of this matter.

2. This Retainer Agreement shall serve as the basis for understanding regarding fees and costs to be charged to the Client, but the subject matter for legal services may only be authorized by an Order of the Commissioners Court.

3. Fees will include any and all necessary research, drafting and reviewing of documents, briefing, and any negotiations required for the proper disposition of any and all matters entrusted to

the Attorneys pursuant to this retainer agreement.

Compensation

4. For the services described in Paragraph 1, the Client agrees to pay the Attorneys the sum of \$400.00 per hour for services rendered by partners of the firm and \$300.00 for services rendered by associates of the firm. The client will be billed at the rate of \$150.00 per hour for services rendered by any paralegal of the firm. A travel time fee of \$200.00 per hour will be charged for all time actually in transit, in lieu of any hourly charge normally attributed to the timekeeper. Billing rates are subject to change with advance notice to Client. The Client will also be billed for all direct out-of-pocket expenses including travel expenses, telephone, photocopy, facsimile costs, reports, studies, and exhibits incurred by Attorneys in the investigation of this matter. The Attorneys will provide Client with an itemized billing stating services rendered.

Devotion of Time

5. The Attorneys shall make themselves available for consultation with the Client at reasonable times, at the request of the Client.

Term

6. This agreement shall be effective on the execution hereof by Client and shall continue in effect until the matter has been finally resolved or upon 30 days written notice by either party. The Client shall send notice to the Attorneys' office at 1301 Nueces Street, Suite 201, Austin, Texas 78701, and the Attorneys shall send notice to the Client care of the County Judge, 2507 Lee St., 2nd Floor, Greenville, Texas 75401.

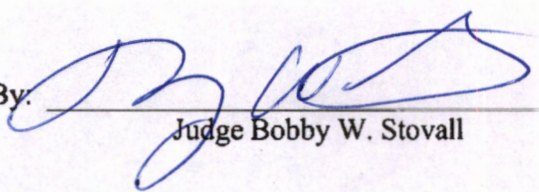
Prior Agreements Superseded

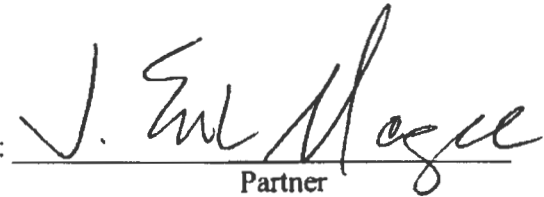
7. This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the within subject matter.

EXECUTED on the 25th day of March, 2025.

CLIENT
HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTORNEYS
ALLISON, BASS & MAGEE, L.L.P.

By: 
Judge Bobby W. Stovall

By: 
Partner

County Identification Number assigned to the contract as required by the Ethics Commission:
