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COUNTY OF JOHNSON §

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2020-2021**

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement For Dispatching Services (hereinafter "Agreement") is made by and entered into between Johnson County, Texas (hereinafter "County") a duly organized political subdivision of the State of Texas engaged in the administration of County Government and related services for the benefit of the citizens of the County, and Venus ISD, (hereinafter "Entity") being either a municipal corporation or an independent school district, operating pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas and located in Johnson County, Texas.

**WHEREAS**, County and Entity desire to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing the intergovernmental contracting authority at the local level for all or part of the functions and services of police protection and dispatching services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, authorizes political subdivisions within the State of Texas to contract with one another for the provision of various governmental functions and the delivery of various governmental services; and

**WHEREAS**, County and Entity mutually desire to enter into an agreement for County to the dispatch calls for the Entity's Police Department or Marshal's Office.

**NOW THEREFORE**, for the mutual consideration herein stated, County and Entity agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I – SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**A. Definitions:**

1. *Radio*- Any device capable of two-way communication by use of radio waves.
2. *Teletype* – Any electro-mechanical device using telephone lines connected to Area State and National Crime Information Facilities and other Law Enforcement Agencies capable of two-way communication through exchange of written messages.

3. *Radio Log* – Record of Radio Communication between base station and mobile units as required by federal Communications Commission.
  4. *Radio License* – A license or permit issued by the Federal Communications commission for the operation of a two-way radio capable of both receiving and transmitting.
  5. *Wrecker Call List* – A master list in alphabetical order of all wrecker companies which are authorized to be included on such list under the ordinances of JOHNSON COUNTY or JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
- B. Services to be performed by JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:
1. JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE will provide Police/EMS Dispatching Services to include answering of telephone complaints received over Entity's Police Department/EMS Department Number.
  2. JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE will record all complaints on Telephone Complaints Record and maintain same in normal system commingled with JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Telephone complaints.
  3. JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE will upon receipt of a telephone complaint notify, according to the information and belief of the JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, the proper Police Department Unit of Entity of complaint citing such information as may be required, if known, using one of the radio talk groups specified below in Article 1 C 2.
  4. JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE will receive and record radio transmissions from Entity's Police Department units using one of such talk groups as may be required in the conduct of normal operation, i.e.: logging units in and out of service, transmitting complaints and other messages relative to law enforcement activities, but not necessarily other Police Department business or personal calls.
  5. JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE will provide and make available its teletype service to the Entity's Police Department units as may be required; provided however, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE will use the Entity's Police Department Number CDC or TX numbers on all messages for Entity's Police Department.
  6. JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE will maintain wrecker call lists and shall dispatch wreckers thereon at the request of Entity's Police Department units. The Entity's Police Departments shall not be responsible or have any liability for the designation of wrecker units dispatched to the scene of any accident nor be held liable for the response or lack thereof of any ambulance and/or wrecker dispatched to such scene.
  7. JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE will make available to the Entity's Police Department all records pertaining to dispatching and communications during reasonable hours and at reasonable times. Records shall be maintained at the JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE and copies made for Entity if necessary.

C. Scope of Service:

1. Each Entity may "forward" its main police department telephone number to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch center after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and terminate the "forward" before 8:00 a.m. on the following work day. The Entity's main police department telephone number may also be "forwarded" on weekends and holidays that are officially recognized by the Entity. The telephone number "forwarded" must be one used by the Entity's police department and should not be a telephone number used by the Entity for other business or functions. "Forwarding" of a telephone number will be allowed under certain emergency situations without regard to the day or time, such as a major weather event or other major incidents requiring all of Entity's police department personnel to respond. The request for the emergency "forward" must be made to the Sheriff or a Chief Deputy. Lunch breaks, training, and/or limited manpower do not constitute an emergency.
2. Radio Licenses have been issued by the FCC for all mobile and base transmitters and receivers owned and utilized by the Entity's Police Department and such licenses will be maintained in good standing. The Entity's Police Department is authorized to use the 700 megahertz talk groups for its Police Department.
3. The Entity or its Police Department shall be responsible for any and all license, annual maintenance fees and required updates needed to support their compatibility with JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE radio system.

**ARTICLE II – PAYMENTS**

- A. Amount of Payment by Entity. Entity shall pay to County the dispatch fees for dispatch services as set forth on Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement as though set forth verbatim herein. Invoicing by County will be sent to Entity at the beginning of County's fiscal year which is October 1 and Entity agrees to pay the invoice amount within thirty (30) days of receipt of said invoice. The Parties understand and agree that prior to October 1 of each year, the County will re-calculate the amount of the dispatch fees to be paid by Entity for the next budget year and the proposed dispatch fees will be attached as an exhibit to the Agreement for the next budget year.
- B. Place of Payment. Entity shall make payment to County and payment shall be in the name of Johnson County, Texas, and shall be remitted to:  
Kathy Blackwell (or her successor to office)  
Johnson County Treasurer  
Johnson County Courthouse  
2 North Main Street  
Cleburne, TX 76033

Amounts which are not timely paid in accordance with the above procedure shall bear interest at the lesser of the annual percentage rate of ten percent (10%) or the maximum legal rate applicable thereto which shall be a contractual obligation of the Entity under this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE III – COMPLAINTS AND/OR LEVEL OF SERVICE; AMENDMENTS**

- A. Any complaints regarding the level of service provided by JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE to the Entity or its Police Department shall be directed to the Sheriff and any complaint regarding Entity or its Police Department shall be referred to its Chief who, in either case, shall take appropriate action as necessary. However, in the event a conflict or complaint arises that the Chief or the Sheriff are not able to resolve, then the complaints and/or questions of service or other matters shall be referred to the Entity's Council or Board and the Johnson County Commissioners Court to seek a resolution. This provision does not limit the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties to seek the relief to which either party might be entitled by law or equity.
- B. This Agreement shall be amended only through written agreement duly authorized by the Johnson County Commissioners Court and such Entity's Council or Board that are parties to this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE IV – INDEMNIFICATION**

The Entity and its Police Department, subject to the Texas Constitution and the Texas Tort Claims Act, agrees to hold harmless, save and indemnify JOHNSON COUNTY, the JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF, and his dispatchers and all other officials, officers and employees of JOHNSON COUNTY for any and all claims, causes of actions and judgments for damages, personal injuries, deaths, false arrests, false imprisonments, abuses or failures to act or attorney's fees incurred in defense of the foregoing on the part of any officer, employee or volunteer of JOHNSON COUNTY or JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF or of Entity or its Police Department for any court costs, or attorney's fees, claims or judgments or other expenses arising from JOHNSON COUNTY or JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF performing the acts and functions described in or associated with this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE V – FORCE MAJEURE**

- A. If by reason of force majeure either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part, to carry out the obligations under this Agreement, then such party shall give notice and full details of such force majeure in writing to the other party. The duties of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability claimed, as herein after provided, but not a longer period, and any such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch.

- B. The term "force majeure" as employed herein shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, other industrial disturbances, acts of public enemy, orders of any kind of the government of the United States, or the State of Texas, or any civil or military authority, insurrection, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquake, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability.
- C. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having difficulty, and that the above requirements that any force majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties which such settlement is unfavorable to it in the judgment of the party having the difficulty.
- D. It is specifically expected and provided, however, that in no event shall any force majeure relieve the Entity or its Police Department from its indemnity obligations under Article IV.

#### **ARTICLE VI – TERM**

- A. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from the date of the last party to sign this Agreement and shall terminate on September 30, 2021. Either Party may terminate this Agreement upon giving written notice sixty (60) days prior to the date of termination.
- B. Duties to make payment for services performed and any duties to defend, indemnify and hold harmless shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall not expire until the resolution and disposition of any claims made or liability incurred or potentially incurred by JOHNSON COUNTY as a result of this Agreement. In no event shall an Entity's duty to defend, indemnify and hold harmless JOHNSON COUNTY expire prior to the running of any statute of limitations related to claims that might be asserted against JOHNSON COUNTY because of JOHNSON COUNTY'S performance or failure to perform pursuant to this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE VII – VESTED RIGHTS**

The Entity or its Police Department shall not accrue any vested rights to any facilities, equipment or real or personal property of JOHNSON COUNTY or the JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- A. Amendments. This Agreement shall not be modified or amended except by a written instrument executed by the duly authorized representatives of both parties approved by the County Commissioners Court and the Entity's Council or Board.

- B. Prior Agreements. This Agreement contains all of the agreements and undertakings, either oral or written, of the parties with respect to any matter mentioned herein. No prior agreement or understanding pertaining to any such matter shall be effective.
- C. Choice of Law and Venue. The law which shall govern this Agreement is the law of the State of Texas. All consideration to be paid and matters to be performed under this Agreement are payable and to be performed in Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, and venue of any dispute or matter arising under this Agreement shall lie in the District Court of Johnson County, Texas.
- D. Approvals. The Entity's Council or Board and the Commissioners Court of Johnson County in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act must approve this Agreement.
- E. Funding Source. In accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, all amounts due under the Agreement are to be paid from current revenues of Entity. The signature of the Entity's representative below certifies that there are sufficient funds from the current revenues available to the Entity to meet its obligations under this Agreement.
- F. Heading. Headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered in any interpretation of this Agreement.
- G. Binding Nature of Agreement. This Agreement is contractual and is binding upon the parties hereto and their successors, assigns and representatives.
- H. Severability. In the event that any portion this Agreement shall be found to be contrary to law it is the intent of the parties hereto that the remaining portions shall remain valid and in full force and effect to the extent possible.
- I. Authority. The undersigned officers and/or agents of the parties hereto are the properly authorized officials and have the necessary authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto, and each party hereby certifies to the other that any necessary resolutions extending said authority have been duly passed and are now in full force and effect.

For the faithful performance of the terms of this Agreement, the parties hereto in their capacities as stated, execute this Agreement, affix their signatures and bind themselves.

Executed in duplicate originals, each of which shall have the full force and effect of an original.

JOHNSON COUNTY

[Signature] 10/13/2020  
Date  
Roger Harmon  
County Judge

[Signature] 10/13/2020  
Date  
Adam King  
County Sheriff

Attest:

[Signature] 10/13/2020  
Date  
Becky Ivey  
County Clerk



ENTITY

[Signature] 9/22/20  
Date  
Signature

James Hopper  
Printed Name

Supt. - Venus ISD  
Title

[Signature] 09-21-2020  
Date  
Chief of Police

Attest:

[Signature] 9-21-2020  
Date  
Signature

Les Owens  
Printed Name

School Board President  
Title

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**DISPATCH FEES BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020**

Total Personal Cost for Dispatch 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2020 \$1,532,170.44

25% of total personnel cost: \$383,042.61

**Calls for Service 07-01-2019 00:00:00 - 06-30-2020 23:59:59**

Alvarado PD	3967
Alvarado Marshal	13
Alvarado ISD	117
Joshua PD	2656
Godley PD	4327
Grandview PD	1072
Rio Vista PD	998
Venus PD	3435
Keene PD	2347
Joshua ISD PD	428
Venus ISD PD	10
Keene ISD PD	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>19375</b>

100/20,471 = 0.00516129

Agency	Console	Assist Calls	Total Minus Assist Calls
A Marshal	13	0	13
AISD PD	119	2	117
APD	4187	220	3967
GPD	4462	135	4327
GVPD	1190	118	1072
JISD	460	32	428
JPD	2907	251	2656
KISD	7	2	5
KPD	2490	143	2347
RVPD	1217	219	998
VISD	10	0	10
VPD	3637	202	3435

**Percentage of Calls For Service**

Multiply the calls for service for each agency by the formula amount (.00516129) to arrive at the percentage as follows:

Alvarado PD	20.4748
Alvarado Marshal	0.0671
Alvarado ISD	0.6038
Joshua PD	13.7084
Godley PD	22.3329
Grandview PD	5.5329
Rio Vista PD	5.151
Venus PD	17.729
Keene PD	12.1135
Joshua ISD PD	2.209
Venus ISD PD	0.05161



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Keene ISD PD	0.0258
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**Total Cost to Agency Without Phase-in**

*Multiply the percentage of each agency by the 25 percent of the personnel cost (\$383,042.61) as follows:*

Alvarado PD	\$78,427.20
Alvarado Marshal	\$257.02
Alvarado ISD	\$2,312.81
Joshua PD	\$52,509.01
Godley PD	\$85,544.52
Grandview PD	\$21,193.36
Rio Vista PD	\$19,730.52
Venus PD	\$67,909.62
Keene PD	\$46,399.86
Joshua ISD PD	\$8,461.41
Venus ISD PD	\$197.68
Keene ISD PD	\$98.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$383,041.83</b>

**Invoice amounts for 2020/2021 Budget Year**

*A year phase-in is 75 percent of the cost - Example: \$63,065.12 multiplied by .75 = \$47,298.84*

Alvarado PD	\$58,820.40
Alvarado Marshal	\$192.77
Alvarado ISD	\$1,734.61
Joshua PD	\$39,381.76
Godley PD	\$64,158.39
Grandview PD	\$15,895.02
Rio Vista PD	\$14,797.89
Venus PD	\$50,932.22
Keene PD	\$34,799.90
Joshua ISD PD	\$6,346.06
Venus ISD PD	\$148.26
Keene ISD PD	\$74.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$287,281.40</b>