

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: September 16, 2025

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025

Submitted By: Steve Gant

Department: Juvenile Services

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

Steve Gant

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>

<p>10/14/2025</p>

Description:

Consideration and Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Randall County for Post-Adjudication Secure Correctional Facility Residential Treatment Services

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: Steve Gant

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) PUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: _____ minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

Action Item Consent Workshop Executive Other _____

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County Attorney IT Purchasing Auditor

Personnel Public Works Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RANDALL

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INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Johnson County _____ **JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
and
THE RANDALL COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
Post-Adjudication Secure Correctional Facility Residential Treatment Services

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Johnson County _____ Juvenile Board on behalf of the Johnson County _____ Juvenile Probation ("Sending County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and the Randall County Juvenile Board on behalf of the Randall County Juvenile Probation Department (collectively referred to as "Receiving County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas. This Agreement is entered into by the parties pursuant to authority granted under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 791.

WHEREAS, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) has made grant funds available to Receiving County during the FY2026-2027 biennium for the purpose of Regional Service Enhancement Projects to improve the region's ability to treat children locally, improve outcomes and decrease the likelihood of commitment to the TJJD; and

WHEREAS the goal of the Regional Services Enhancement Project grant is to support regions in their ability to provide an array of rehabilitative services for children and their families to include evidence-based, intensive community-based, residential, re-entry and aftercare programs; and

WHEREAS Sending County is seeking secure post-adjudication correctional residential treatment services for children under the supervision of its juvenile probation department who are at risk of commitment to the TJJD; and

WHEREAS, Receiving County has the ability to provide said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements stated herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE

- 1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to provide Sending County with secure post-adjudication correctional treatment services for children under the probation supervision of Sending County who have been accepted by the Randall County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer (Randall County Chief) for placement at the Youth Center of the High Plains – Regional Constructive Living Unit (R-CLU) a secure post-adjudication correctional facility.

ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS

- 2.01 For purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions apply:**
- 2.01.1 "Child/Children": Any child/children under juvenile probation supervision of Sending County who have been accepted by the Randall County Chief for placement at the (R-CLU).**
 - 2.01.2 "Child's Probation Officer": A juvenile probation officer of Sending County who is assigned to a Child.**
 - 2.01.3 "Detention Center": Youth Center of the High Plains, a secure pre-adjudication detention facility located at 9300 South Georgia Street, Amarillo, TX 79118.**
 - 2.01.4 "Facilities": Collectively refers to the YCHP, R-CLU and Detention Center.**
 - 2.01.5 "Facility Administrator": The individual designated by the Randall County Chief who has ultimate responsibility for managing and operating the (R-CLU) facility. This definition includes the certified juvenile supervision officer who is designated in writing as the acting Facility Administrator during the absence of the Facility Administrator.**
 - 2.01.6 "Furlough": A period of time during which a Child is allowed to leave the facility premises and go into the community unsupervised for various purposes consistent with public interest.**
 - 2.01.7 "HIPAA": Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191).**
 - 2.01.8 "R-CLU": Youth Center of the High Plains – R-Constructive Living Unit, a regional secure post-adjudication correctional facility located at 9300 South Georgia Street, Amarillo, TX 79118.**
 - 2.01.9 "ITP": Individualized Treatment Plan.**
 - 2.01.10 "PREA": Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (34 U.S.C. Ch. 303 / 28 CFR §115).**
 - 2.01.11 "Regional Diversion Coordinator": Receiving County's staff designated to serve as the liaison and primary point of contact for Sending Counties.**
 - 2.01.12 "Randall County Chief": Randall County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer.**
 - 2.01.13 "Treatment Team": Multidisciplinary team comprised of, at minimum, probation, residential and treatment staff directly involved with a child's treatment and programming in the R-CLU.**

**ARTICLE III
TERM**

- 3.01 The term of this Agreement shall be for twelve (12) months, commencing on September 1, 2025, and expiring on August 31, 2026, and shall automatically renew for one (1) year periods unless either party gives written notice of non-renewal not less than 30 days before the end of the current term: subject to continued state appropriated funding.

**ARTICLE IV
OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY**

- 4.01 Receiving County owns and operates a pre-adjudication secure detention facility, and a post-adjudication secure correctional facility. The R-CLU is a secure post-adjudication correctional facility, and the Detention Center is a secure pre-adjudication detention facility. These facilities are registered with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) and certified by the Randall County Juvenile Board.

**ARTICLE V
ACCEPTANCE & PLACEMENT OF CHILD BY RECEIVING COUNTY**

- 5.01 The R-CLU program placement objectives are to provide:
- 5.01.1 Effective programming and services for children placed in the R-CLU.
 - 5.01.2 A successful transition and re-entry for children returning to their community.
- 5.02 Receiving County will only accept and place a child at the R-CLU with: 1) prior written approval of the Randall County Chief or Facility Administrator; 2) acknowledgement from TJJD that the child is eligible for placement in the R-CLU under the regional diversion alternatives application process; and 3) a health assessment, conducted by Receiving County, to determine if the child is in need of any emergency medical care and is not in psychiatric crisis. The parties acknowledge and agree that Receiving County is under no obligation to accept a child who is deemed by Receiving County to be inappropriate for placement in the R-CLU program.
- 5.03 Prior to admission, Receiving County shall receive from Sending County the TJJD "Interagency Placement Application" and any other pre-admission records pertaining to a child as currently listed, or subsequently amended, in 37 Texas Administrative Code, Sec. 343.600. All documents shall be sent to:

Deputy Chief of Behavioral Health
Randall County Juvenile Probation Department
9300 South Georgia Street
Amarillo, TX 79118
admissions@randallcounty.gov
(806)468-5783 | fax: (806)468-5713

ARTICLE VI
RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF RECEIVING COUNTY

- 6.01 R-CLU Services. Services to be provided include:**
- 6.01.1 Routine supervision, intervention, and therapeutic services to provide for a child's safety, involvement in age-appropriate structured activities, educational and rehabilitative services and guidance from professionals and paraprofessionals to help attain or improve functioning appropriate to a child's age and functioning/development.**
 - 6.01.2 A full range of treatment and rehabilitative interventions including educational, social, recreational, psycho-educational, as well as behavioral and mental health services.**
 - 6.01.3 Specialized treatment of children in need of sex offense specific treatment. This treatment is offered within the general R-CLU program and is tailored to effectively stabilize, manage, and treat the specialized needs of these children in a developmentally appropriate manner.**
 - 6.01.4 Appropriately licensed medical and mental health professionals to manage and facilitate ongoing treatment, to include crisis intervention, as needed.**
 - 6.01.5 Monthly Treatment Team meetings to develop and refine Individualized Treatment Plans (ITPs), monitor the progress of children, and plan each child's transition back to the community.**
- 6.02 Education. Within the limits of state and federal law, all children will have access to, at a minimum, appropriate public education and related services through the Canyon Independent School District while residing at the R-CLU.**
- 6.03 Basic Medical Care. Medical health care services that can be provided at the R-CLU.**
- 6.04 Written Reports. Receiving County shall, on a monthly basis, provide the Child's Probation Officer with a written report of the child's progress toward, or achievement of, goals/objectives contained in the ITP.**
- 6.05 Emergency Notification. Receiving County will ensure that the child's parent/legal guardian/custodian, Child's Probation Officer and any person specifically designated by an authorized agent of Sending County are promptly notified if a child makes an unauthorized departure, becomes seriously ill, is involved in a serious accident or incident, or has been transported to a hospital or emergency care facility.**

ARTICLE VII
RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF SENDING COUNTY

- 7.01 Transportation. Sending County shall be responsible for all transportation needs of a child, a Child's Probation Officer and a child's family, except for a child's transportation within Randall County, Texas.**

- 7.02 **Probation Supervision.** A child's probation supervision shall remain under the jurisdiction of Sending County while the child is receiving services under this Agreement.
- 7.03 **Case Plan/Case Plan Review.** The Child's Probation Officer is responsible for completing the Case Plan and ongoing Case Plan Reviews, and for providing copies to the Regional Diversion Coordinator, upon child's placement in the R-CLU. All Case Plans and Case Plan Reviews shall be conducted in accordance with Title 37, Part 11 of the Texas Administrative Code.
- 7.04 **Child's Parent and Probation Officer Participation.** The parties acknowledge that a significant part of a child's rehabilitation process is parental involvement. The R-CLU program requires a child's parent/legal guardian/custodian to participate in treatment planning, family services and transition planning, either in person or remotely. If a child's parent/legal guardian/custodian is unable to attend in person, arrangements may be made for participation via a variety of means, including HIPAA compliant audio/visual technology, which may include utilizing the internet. The R-CLU program requires that a Child's Probation Officer participate in treatment planning, multi-disciplinary team progress reviews and transition planning. A Child's Probation Officer from a Sending County shall conduct monthly visits with a child.
- 7.05 **Confidentiality.** Sending County may receive protected health information related to the child under Chapter 58, Texas Family Code, which must be kept confidential. Sending County must comply with all applicable state or federal laws or regulations requiring confidential information to be safeguarded, used, or disclosed only for authorized purposes by authorized users, including but not limited to: HIPAA privacy, security, and breach notification regulations; relevant Texas Family Code provisions; Sec. 159.005, Texas Occupations Code; and Sec. 129.001, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

ARTICLE VIII
SEPARATION OR DISCHARGE FROM THE R-CLU

- 8.01 When a child's separation from the R-CLU placement program is required due to disciplinary issues or concerns for the safety and security of the child, other children or staff, the child may be transferred to a separate unit in the R-CLU facility for temporary housing. The child may remain separated from the program until the Facility Administrator or designee deems it appropriate for the child to return to the program or to be discharged from the R-CLU in accordance with Sec. 8.02.
- 8.02 If a child commits a new offense or a violation of probation while residing at the R-CLU, the child may be transferred to the Detention Center or to the Randall County Jail depending on the child's age and offense level. Receiving County will promptly contact Sending County to determine the next course of action for the child. If Receiving County elects to discharge the child from the R-CLU, Sending County shall pick up the child at the R-CLU facility promptly within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays. Receiving County will only release a child to a person or agency specifically designated by an authorized agent of Sending County.
- 8.03 If a child is discharged from the R-CLU, Sending County will pay the per diem rate set forth in the Contract for Secure Residential Services for each day a child remains in the facility past the initial 24-hour time period.

- 8.04 Receiving County reserves the right to discharge a child from placement at the R-CLU at its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever. If the child is discharged, Sending County must send an authorized person or agency to pick up the child. Receiving County will only release a child to a person or agency specifically designated by an authorized agent of Sending County.

**ARTICLE IX
FURLOUGH FROM THE R-CLU**

- 9.01 The parties recognize that a child's ITP may include time away from the R-CLU on furlough, such as weekends and/or holidays. The parties agree that any furlough decision, along with the specific time frame, must be approved by the Facility Administrator or designee upon recommendation by the Treatment Team.
- 9.02 Receiving County shall coordinate with Sending County to schedule a mutually agreeable day and time for a child's furlough. Sending County will be responsible for the child's transportation to and from Randall County, and for the child's supervision during any furlough to Sending County. Receiving County will only retain a bed for a child until the child's timely return from any approved furlough.

**ARTICLE X
POST-DISCHARGE COLLABORATION**

- 10.01 Parties acknowledge that successful transition and re-entry into the community is a primary objective of the R-CLU placement program. Provided a child remains under Sending County's supervision following successful discharge from the R-CLU, parties agree and commit to maintaining collaborative contact for up to twelve (12) months regarding the child's transition back to the community.
- 10.02 Post-discharge collaboration will: 1) promote successful transition and re-entry to benefit the child, family, and community; and 2) assist Receiving County in evaluating and potentially implementing programmatic changes to benefit other children, families, and communities in the future.

**ARTICLE XI
COMPENSATION**

- 11.01 Payment for services provided under this Agreement shall be made from state grant funds maintained and designated for this purpose by the TJJD. Said funding will: 1) compensate Receiving County for the services performed under this Agreement; and 2) be made from current funding available to the TJJD. It is understood and agreed by the parties that this Agreement is funded with state appropriated grant funds and shall be subject to termination by either party without penalty, either in whole or in part, if funds are not available or are not appropriated by the Texas Legislature.
- 11.02 The parties agree that the portion of any day on which a child arrives at or exits the Receiving County facility shall be computed as a full day under this Agreement.
- 11.03 Sending County shall be responsible for all medical service costs not included in the basic medical care provided in the R-CLU program.

- 11.04 If any per diem or medical service costs are assessed, then Receiving County shall submit an invoice for payment to Sending County on a monthly basis within fifteen (15) working days following the end of the invoiced month. Each invoice shall include information deemed necessary for adequate fiscal control including the child's initials, SID number, number of days the child was placed during the invoiced month and the per diem rate. Receiving County will send invoices to:

Johnson County Juvenile Probation
Region: North
Attn: Ellen Pewato, Title: Office Manager
Address: 1102 E. Kipetrick Suite C
City: Cleburne State: Texas Zip: 76031
Email: juvbilling@johnsoncountytx.org
Phone Number: 817-558-8880 ext 1460

- 11.05 Invoices submitted by Receiving County shall be paid by Sending County within thirty (30) days of receipt. The check will reference Receiving County's invoice number and will be made payable to "Randall County Juvenile Probation." Payment will be sent to:

Randall County Juvenile Probation
Attn: Financial Services
9300 South Georgia Street
Amarillo, TX 79118

- 11.06 Sending County will direct any inquiries regarding an invoice or other fiscal matter to Receiving County's Fiscal Officer at (806)468-5701. Sending County will not contact any other Receiving County employees regarding fiscal matters.
- 11.07 Because state funds are used to pay for services rendered to Sending County, Receiving County shall account separately for the receipt and expenditure of all funds received from Sending County and shall adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the accounting, reporting, and auditing of such funds.

ARTICLE XII **REPRESENTATIONS**

- 12.01 Receiving County hereby represents and states the following:

12.01.1 That it has all necessary right, title, license, and authority to enter into this Agreement.

12.01.2 That it is qualified to do business in the State of Texas; that it holds all necessary licenses and staff certifications to provide the type(s) of services being contracted for; that it is in compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements for the operation of its business; and that there are no taxes due and owing to the State of Texas, the County of Randall, or any political subdivision thereof.

12.01.3 That it will adhere to all federal, state, county and city laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards applicable to the provision of services described herein and the performance of all obligations undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

12.014 That all its employees, interns, volunteers, and other individuals providing services to children under the auspices of Receiving County will report and investigate any incident or allegation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, death, or other serious incident involving a child in its Facilities in accordance with Chapter 261, Texas Family Code, and Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 358, or successor provisions, and PREA.

Additionally, all incidents and allegations, including sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and death, will be faxed, or emailed to Sending County's Chief Juvenile Probation Officer or other authorized designee, within 24 hours of the initial report.

12.015 That it prominently posts in all public and staff areas in all its office and facility areas, both the English and Spanish language versions of the following official notice forms: TJJD Notice to Public Regarding Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation; and TJJD Notice to Employees Regarding Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation.

12.016 That it will permit Sending County to examine and evaluate its program of services provided under the terms of this Agreement and/or to review the records of an individual child in accordance with Sec. 58.0052, Family Code. Receiving County agrees to maintain any child-care records, treatment records and any documents connected with the provision of child-care and special treatment services for a minimum of seven (7) years after the child's final discharge or until any pending litigation, claim, audit or review, and all questions arising therefrom, have been resolved.

Sending County's examination and evaluation of the R-CLJ program may include site visitation, observation of programs in operation, interviews, and the administration of questionnaires to staff, as well as children, when deemed necessary.

12.017 That it will cooperate with and testify in any formal, informal, administrative, or judicial proceeding or hearing regarding any matter Sending County considers necessary for the investigation of abuse, neglect or exploitation allegations, complaints, financial and programmatic audits, or any other matter under its authority. Compliance with this provision is not intended as, nor does it constitute, a contractual waiver of the privilege against self-incrimination or any other right or privilege guaranteed under law.

12.018 That it will maintain strict confidentiality of all information and records relating to children from Sending County and will not re-disclose the information except as required to perform the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement, or as may be required by law.

12.019 That it will respect and protect the civil and legal rights of all children and their parents. It will not unlawfully discriminate against any employee, prospective employee, child, parent/legal guardian/custodian on the basis of age, race, color, sex/gender, religion, disability, military status, sexual orientation, national origin or other legally protected categories, classes, or characteristics.

12.02 Receiving County has adopted and will comply with PREA, which establishes a zero-tolerance standard against sexual assault and sexual harassment of incarcerated persons, including juveniles, and addresses the prevention, detection, elimination, and reporting of sexual assault in juvenile facilities. Pursuant to the PREA standards, Receiving County will:

12.02.1 Permit Sending County to monitor its facilities and records as necessary to ensure that Receiving County is in compliance with said standards. Receiving County will make available to Sending County a copy of its most recent PREA audit. Receiving County will be responsible for the financial cost associated with any PREA audit.

12.02.2 Collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at its facilities, using the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence issued by the Department of Justice and provide all incident-based sexual abuse data and aggregated sexual abuse data for the previous calendar year to Sending County no later than May 31st of each year.

12.02.3 Ensure that all its employees, interns, volunteers, and other individuals working under the auspices of Receiving County who provide goods or services directly to children in a Facility undergo the requisite background checks, child abuse registry checks, and training certification explaining their responsibilities under Receiving County's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection and response policies and procedures.

ARTICLE XIII DEFAULT

13.01 An event of default will occur under the following circumstances:

13.01.1 Receiving County defaults by failing to perform the services or any of the other responsibilities and obligations called for by this Agreement and, after receiving notice of default by Sending County, does not cure such default within a period of twenty (20) days.

13.01.2 Sending County defaults by failing to perform any of its responsibilities and obligations called for by this agreement and, after receiving notice of default by Receiving County, does not cure such default within a period of twenty (20) days.

ARTICLE XIV TERMINATION

14.01 This Agreement may be terminated:

14.01.1 In an event of default as defined in Article XIII hereinabove;

14.01.2 By either party upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party of the intention to terminate; or

14.01.3 Upon exhaustion of available funds, by either party.

ARTICLE XV
MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.01** Receiving County may not assign or subcontract any of its rights, duties and/or obligations arising out of this Agreement without the prior written consent of Sending County.
- 15.02** Each party to this Agreement is responsible for its own actions and conduct in providing services under this Agreement and shall not be liable for the actions or conduct of the other. The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that no provision of this Agreement is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by either party of any immunities from suit or from liability to which either party otherwise may be entitled, nor will it be so construed.
- 15.03** Within five (5) business days of receiving notice of any claim, demand, suit, or any action made or brought against either party, arising out of the activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement, the party will give written notice to the other party of such claim, demand suit or other action. The notice must include: (a) the name and address of the claimant; (b) the basis of the claim, action or proceeding; (c) the court, if any, where such claim, action, or proceeding was instituted; and (d) the name or names of any person(s) against whom such claim is being made.
- 15.04** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Randall County, Texas.
- 15.05** Exclusive venue for any litigation arising from this Agreement shall be in Randall County, Texas.
- 15.06** By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied, other than those set out herein; further, the parties do not intend to create any rights in any third party by virtue of this Agreement.
- 15.07** In the event any one, or more, of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained therein.
- 15.08** This Agreement constitutes the sole and only Agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral Agreement between the parties respecting the subject matter hereof.
- 15.09** No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms hereof shall be binding unless the same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof, and duly executed by the parties.
- 15.10** Services shall be provided by Receiving County in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Receiving County will not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment or child because of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicapped condition.
- 15.11** Receiving County will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that the employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicapped condition.

- 15.12** Receiving County agrees that it shall adopt and implement workplace guidelines concerning persons with AIDS and confidentiality guidelines concerning HIV related medical information in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code Sections 85.112 and 85.115.
- 15.13** No official or employee of Randall County shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects the person's personal or pecuniary interests.
- 15.14** Per Government Code, Chapter 2271, Receiving County acknowledges that it does not currently, and shall not during the term of this Agreement, boycott Israel.
- 15.15** The County does not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of veteran status, uniformed service member status, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age (40 and over), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, physical or mental disability, genetic information (including testing and characteristics), or any other characteristic protected by law (except) where such is a bona fide occupational qualification).

ARTICLE XVI
EXECUTION

- 16.01** Each person signing this Agreement warrants that he or she has power and authority to bind the party for which he or she signs to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

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ON October 14, 2025 FULLY EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE, EACH OF WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF AN ORIGINAL.

RANDALL COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

[Signature]

Judge James W. Anderson, Chairman
Randall County Juvenile Probation

9-11-2025

Date

[Signature]

C. Joe Barton III, Ph.D., LPC-S
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
Randall County Juvenile Probation Department

9-10-25

Date

Johnson County

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Judge Steve McClure
Juvenile Board Chairman
Johnson County

JUVENILE BOARD

September 8, 2025
DATE

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Steve Gant
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
Johnson County

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

9-8-25
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Christopher Boedeker
Johnson County Judge

10-14-25
DATE

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April Lan
Johnson County Clerk

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