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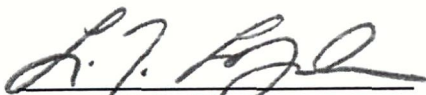
Hon. Leward J. LaFleur
Marion County Judge

Commissioner J.R. Ashley
Commissioner Ralph Meisenheimer

Commissioner Jacob Pattison
Commissioner Gered R. Lee

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Marion County Commissioners Court will be held on the 25th September, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Courtroom, 114 W. Austin 2nd Floor, Jefferson, TX and that the following subjects will be discussed:

1. Consent agenda:
 - a. Consider approval of minutes – September 11, 2023
 - b. Court to examine all accounts and reports relating to finances of County
 - c. Court to audit and settle all accounts against County and direct their payment
 - d. County Auditor to make financial report
 - e. Acknowledge 8 hours of continuing education for the following: Shanna Solomon, County Auditor
2. Consider for approval county Auditor to send out Notifications of Application for Indigent Attorney Contract and Conflict Attorney contract.
3. Consider for Approval Resolution for Adoption of the Marion County Flexible Benefit Plan from December 1, 2023 – November 30, 2024.


Leward J. LaFleur
County Judge
Marion County, Texas

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MINUTES OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

The Commissioners' Court of Marion County met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. on September 25, 2023. All members present with County Judge Leward LaFleur presiding.

J.R. (JOHN ROSS) ASHLEY, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 1
JACOB PATTISON, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #2
RALPH MEISENHEIMER, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 3
GERED R. LEE, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT#4

ITEM NO. 1

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023.**
- b. **ORDER TO EXAMINE ALL ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS RELATING TO FINANCES OF THE COUNTY**
- c. **ORDER TO AUDIT AND SETTLE ALL ACCOUNTS AGAINST COUNTY AND DIRECT THEIR PAYMENT**
- d. **ORDER TO APPROVE AUDITOR FINANCIAL REPORT**
- e. **ORDER APPROVING 8 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR SHANNA SOLOMON, COUNTY AUDITOR**

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Pattison to approve consent the agenda. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Exhibit "A"

ITEM NO. 2

ORDER APPROVING COUNTY AUDITOR TO SEND OUT NOTIFICATIONS OF APPLICATION FOR INDIGENT ATTORNEY CONTRACT AND CONFLICT ATTORNEY CONTRACT.

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Meisenheimer. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0

Exhibit "B"

ITEM NO. 3

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE MARION COUNTY FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN FROM DECEMBER 1, 2023 – NOVEMBER 30, 2024.

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Lee. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Presentation by Ron Fischer
Exhibit "C"

ORDER TO ADJOURN

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Meisenheimer. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

There being no further business brought to the attention of the Commissioners' Court, it is ordered that the Commissioners' Court of Marion County, Texas, adjourn and stand adjourned until the next Regular Session, unless and until called together in Special Session before that time

I attest to the accuracy of
the foregoing minutes.



COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY JUDGE

**NOTE: ALL REPORTS, LETTERS OR OTHER ATTACHMENTS MENTIONED IN
THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**

Exhibit "A"

Please submit this copy to a TAC Representative.

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TEXAS ASSOCIATION of COUNTIES

Certification for Continuing Education

2023 Legislative Conference

Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2023 | Virtual

Sponsor:

Texas Association of Counties

Educational Co-Sponsor:

V.G. Young Institute of County Government,

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

I, Shanna Solomon, do hereby certify that I attended the above listed program and was present at the courses of instruction. I am claiming continuing education credit hours for courses I have listed below:

SESSION TITLE	TIME	HOURS OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS CLAIMED	CODE WORD #1 (Auditors Only)	CODE WORD #2 (Auditors Only)	CODE WORD #3 (Auditors Only)
Wednesday, Aug. 30						
Opening General Session	2-4:30 pm	2.5 hrs	2.5	Orange	Putal	cow
Thursday, Aug. 31						
Sessions must be watched LIVE & code words included for credit. A MAXIMUM OF 1 HOUR IS ALLOWED						
From the Legislature to the Gavel: A Discussion about the State of our Judiciary after the 88th Legislative Session	8-9:05 am	1 hr	1	Purple	Bush	Horse
Mental Health: Confinement, Restoration and Recidivism	8-9:05 am	1 hr	—	—	—	—
Broadband Funding: Helping Counties Bridge the Digital Divide	8-9:05 am	1 hr	—	—	—	—
Sessions must be watched LIVE & code words included for credit. A MAXIMUM OF 1 HOUR IS ALLOWED						
Grant Funding for Counties: New and Increased Funding Opportunities	9:30-10:35 am	1 hr	1	Yellow	Bluebonnet	Eagle
ARPA, Year 3: Impact Assessment and Ongoing Obligations	9:30-10:35am	1 hr	—	—	—	—
Sessions must be watched LIVE & code words included for credit. A MAXIMUM OF 1 HOUR IS ALLOWED						
Elections: Standardization and Centralization of Elections	10:55 a.m.-noon	1 hr	—	—	—	—
Property Taxes: Boost or Burden?	10:55 a.m.-noon	1 hr	—	—	—	—
Law Enforcement: Perspectives on the Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Grants	10:55 a.m.-noon	1 hr	1	orange	grass	bird
Sessions must be watched LIVE & code words included for credit. A MAXIMUM OF 1 HOUR IS ALLOWED						
Emergency Management: Texas Water	1:30-2:35 pm	1 hr	1	blue	flower	cat
NACo: Counties' Seat at the Table in Washington, D.C.	1:30-2:35 pm	1 hr	—	—	—	—
Friday, Sept. 1						
Closing General Session	9-10:30 am	1.5 hrs	1.5	bronze	dirt	ant
TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS						

Please check and fill out the office and continuing education hours that apply to you:

☒ County Auditor/CPA (max of 8 hours): 8

I represent and declare all of the above statements are true and correct.

Name (print): Shanna Solomon

County: Marion

Title: County Auditor

Date: 9-1-2023

Signature: Shanna Solomon

Exhibit "B"

**Marion County
State of Texas**

Re: Notification of Application
For: Contract Indigent Defense Attorney & Conflict Indigent Defense Attorney
Period: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Sealed applications shall be submitted no later than:

Date/Time: **12:00 noon Friday, October 27, 2023**
Mark Envelopes: **Indigent Attorney Application.**

All applications are to be sent to County Auditor at 102 W Austin, Room 102, Jefferson, Texas 75657.

Marion County appreciates your time and effort in preparing an application (which consists of your resume and job qualifications). Please note that all applications must be received at the designated location by the deadline shown. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for award of the contract. Applications will be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Marion County Courthouse Annex, Jefferson, Texas. You are invited to attend.

Applications may be withdrawn by the attorney at any time prior to the official opening, but must be withdrawn in person. Alterations may not be made to an application once submitted, but a new application may be submitted if the substitution occurs before the opening time. After the official opening, applications may not be amended or altered and may not be withdrawn without the approval of the District Judges.

Applications will be opened and reviewed by Judge Kopech, Judge Fowler, and Judge LaFleur. They will be evaluated on:

- (a) experience and qualifications of applicant;
- (b) applicant's past performance in representing defendants in criminal cases;
- (c) applicant's disciplinary history with the state bar;
- (d) applicant's ability to comply with the terms of the contract; and
- (e) cost of the services under the contract

Attorney shall be responsible for three different categories of cases in the County and District Courts System, which include appeals. Conflict attorney does not cover appeals.

- (a) Felonies
- (b) Misdemeanor
- (c) Juveniles

Capital Murder cases in which the death penalty is sought will not be handled under the current contract. Those cases will be special cases that will be appointed by the District Judges as they arise.

Applications shall address experience and costs of services along with any other relevant information. Please submit your monthly fees for sole appointed attorney as well as a monthly fee for sharing the appointment with another attorney.

The Conflict Attorney will be paid according to the Attorney Fee Schedule as presented in the Marion County Indigent Defense Plan.

Attorney must meet the minimum attorney qualification requirements of the local indigent defense plan for criminal and juvenile cases. Therefore, the attorney shall:

1. Be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Texas;
2. Professionally perform duties and responsibilities of a licensed attorney for the State of Texas;
3. Complete annually such Continuing Legal Education programs as required by the Texas Judicial Counsel and local rules of Marion County for attorneys representing indigent accused persons, which shall include at least 6 hours of Continuing Legal Education in handling criminal cases and 6 hours in juvenile law.

A draft of the contract is enclosed for your review. Please contact the district judges for any question.

Exhibit "C"

RESOLUTION OF THE MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MARION COUNTY CAFETERIA PLAN

On this date, the Marion County Commissioners Court did meet to discuss the implementation of Marion County Flexible Benefits Plan to be effective, 12/1/2023. Let it be known that the following resolutions were duly adopted by the Marion County Commissioners Court and that such resolutions have not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof;

RESOLVED, that the form of Cafeteria Plan, as authorized under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, presented to this meeting is hereby adopted and approved and that the proper officers of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Plan Administrator one or more copies of the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the Plan Year shall be for a period beginning on 12/1/2023 and ending 11/30/2024.

RESOLVED, that the Employer shall contribute to the Plan amounts sufficient to meet its obligation under the Cafeteria Plan, in accordance with the terms of the Plan Document and shall notify the Plan Administrator to which periods said contributions shall be applied.

RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the Employer shall act as soon as possible to notify employees of the adoption of the Cafeteria Plan by delivering to each Employee a copy of the Summary Plan Description presented to this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

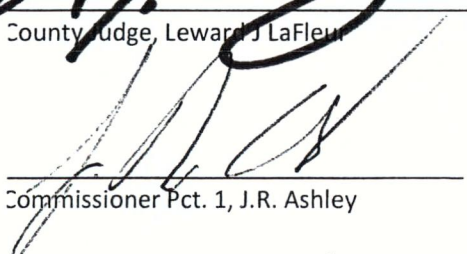
The undersigned certifies that attached hereto as Exhibits A and B respectively are true copies of the Plan Document, and Summary Plan Description for Marion County's Flexible Benefits Plan approved and adopted in the foregoing resolutions.

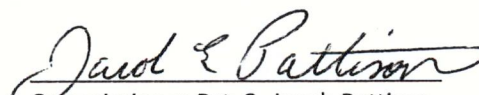
The undersigned further certifies and attests that the above resolutions were made with the consent of the Commissioners Court, each of whom were in attendance on this date.

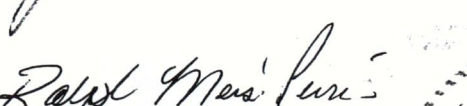
Passed and Approved this 25th of September, 2023

Signed by:


County Judge, Leward J. LaFleur


Commissioner Pct. 1, J.R. Ashley


Commissioner Pct. 2, Jacob Pattison


Commissioner Pct. 3, Ralph Meisenheimer


Commissioner Pct. 4, Gered Lee


Attest: County Clerk, Kim Wise

