

Exhibit "E"



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December 30, 2025

To Honorable Judge LaFleur, Members of the Commissioners' Court, and Management of Marion County, Texas  
102 W. Austin  
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I am pleased to confirm my understanding of the services I am to provide Marion County, Texas ("County") for the year ended December 31, 2025.

### **Audit Scope and Objectives**

I will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Marion County, Texas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement County's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of my engagement, I will apply certain limited procedures to the County's RSI in accordance with GAAS. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis,
- 2) Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - General Fund
- 3) Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - Road and Bridge Fund
- 4) Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios - T.C.D.R.S. - Last Ten Measurement Years
- 5) Schedule of Employer Pension Contributions - T.C.D.R.S. - Last Ten Fiscal Years
- 6) Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios - T.C.D.R.S. - Last Ten Measurement Years
- 7) Schedule of Employer OPEB Contributions - T.C.D.R.S. - Last Ten Fiscal Years

I have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the County's financial statements. I will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in my audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and I will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with my auditor's report on the financial statements:

- 1) Combining Statements for Non-Major Governmental Funds
- 2) Combining Statements for Trust Funds
- 3) Combining Statement for Agency Funds

The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

I will conduct my audit in accordance with GAAS and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures I consider necessary to enable me to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

I will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. I will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. I will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because I will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by me, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, I will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to my attention. I will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to my attention, unless clearly inconsequential. My responsibility as your auditor is limited to the period covered by my audit and does not extend to any later periods for which I am not engaged as your auditor.

I will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

My procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. I will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

#### **Audit Procedures—Internal Control**

I will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, I will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, I will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

Since my audit planning has not yet commenced, I have not yet identified any significant risk(s) of material misstatement as part of my audit planning.

#### **Audit Procedures—Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I will perform tests of the County's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of my audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and I will not express such an opinion.

#### **Other Services**

I will also prepare the financial statements of the County in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you.

I will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. I, in my sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

My audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for making all financial records, and related information available to me and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing me with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that I may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom I determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of my audit, I will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to me in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by me during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing me about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing me of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. You agree to include my report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that I have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes my report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to me in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to me any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services and any other nonattest services I provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

#### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

I understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations I request and will locate any documents selected by me for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Rod L. Abbott, CPA PLLC and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to applicable federal or state grantors or their designees. I will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Rod L. Abbott, CPA. Furthermore, upon request, I may provide copies of selected audit documentation to applicable federal or state grantors or their designees. Applicable federal or state grantors or their designees may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

Rod Abbott is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report. I expect to begin my audit in June of 2026 and to issue my reports no later than September of 2026.

I estimate my fee for the audit and other services will be \$20,600 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. You will also be billed for report reproduction, postage, lodging, and mileage at the applicable IRS rate. These costs will be billed at actual costs and are estimated at \$1,000. My invoices for these fees will be in the form of a \$4,500 retainer (billed later), and a final invoice at audit issuance that is payable on presentation. If a Single Audit performed under Uniform Guidance is required, then an additional fee in the range of \$6,500 to \$8,500 will apply. In accordance with my firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If I elect to terminate my services for nonpayment, my engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if I have not completed my report. You will be obligated to compensate me for all time expended and to reimburse me for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, I will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before I incur the additional costs.

### **Reporting**

I will issue a written report upon completion of my audit of the County's financial statements. My report will be addressed to the County Judge, Commissioners' Court Members, and Management of Marion County, Texas. Circumstances may arise in which my report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of my audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for me to modify my opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to my auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If my opinions are other than unmodified, I will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, I am unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, I may decline to express opinions or withdraw from this engagement.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the County and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of my engagement. If you have any questions, please let me know. If you agree with the terms of my engagement as described in this letter, please sign the attached copy and return it to me.

Very truly yours,

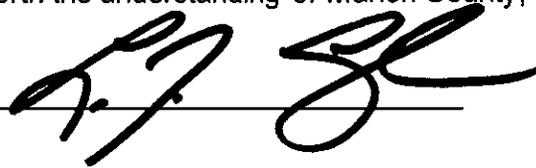


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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Marion County, Texas.

Governance signature: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. J. Z', written over a horizontal line.

Title: County Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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