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The Honorable County Judge and
Members of the Commissioners Court
Fort Bend County, Texas
301 Jackson
Richmond, Texas 77469

RE: Bond Counsel Services for Fort Bend County Unlimited Tax Road Bonds,
(multiple series) to be submitted for voter approval in November 2013.

Dear Judge Hebert and Members of the Commissioners Court:

We appreciate the opportunity to represent Fort Bend County, Texas (the "County") as bond counsel. Our experience has been that it is mutually beneficial to set forth, at the outset of our representation, the role and responsibilities of both our law firm and the client. That is the purpose of both this letter and the separate Standard Terms of Engagement for Legal Services that is enclosed with this letter. In the event of any conflict between this letter and the Standard Terms of Engagement for Legal Services, this letter shall control.

Client

The client for this engagement is the County. This engagement does not create an attorney-client relationship with any related persons or entities, such as affiliates, employees, officers, or directors.

We understand and agree that this is not an exclusive agreement, and you are free to retain any other counsel of your choosing to assist in matters involving the issuance of bonds by the County. We recognize that we shall be disqualified from representing any other client (i) in any matter which is substantially related to our representation of you and (ii) with respect to any matter where there is a reasonable probability that confidential information you furnished to us could be used to your disadvantage. We have discussed and you are aware that attorneys with our Firm represent various real estate developers and special districts (including but not limited to municipal utility districts, levee improvement district and municipal management districts) that do business with the County. The Firm understands and agrees that it shall not represent any other entity on matters substantially related to the County's issuance of bonds, without your prior written consent. Otherwise, you agree that our representation of you shall not disqualify us from such representations.

This engagement and our attorney-client relationship will be terminated when we have completed the services in the matters covered by this engagement letter and any written supplements to this engagement letter.

This letter, when accepted by you, will constitute our agreement to serve as bond counsel to the County in connection with the issuance and sale of bonds by the County. We agree that our services as bond counsel will include the following:

1. Attendance at all meetings of the Commissioners Court as required or requested in connection with the planning and authorization of such bond issue;
2. Preparation of and submission to the Commissioners Court of documents related to a County-wide bond election anticipated for November 5, 2013;
3. Review of the official statement prepared by the County's financial advisors in connection with the sale of the Bonds, but only for the limited purposes described therein;
4. Preparation of the order of the Commissioners Court authorizing bonds, together with all other legal documents comprising the transcript of proceedings for authorization and issuance of such bonds;
5. Preparation of and submission to the Attorney General of Texas of a transcript of proceedings for the bonds to obtain the approval of the Attorney General and registration of the bonds by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas;
6. Preparation and filing of legal documents required under federal income tax law for the bonds, and the preparation of and delivery to the County of a Letter of Instructions with respect to the federal income tax treatment of bond proceeds;
7. Supervision of the printing of the bonds and their delivery to the initial purchaser; and
8. The delivery at closing of our approving opinion as to the validity of the bonds under Texas law and, if appropriate, the exclusion of interest on the bonds from gross income of the holders under federal income tax law.

The services outlined above do not include such matters as services as disclosure counsel in connection with the bond issue, work on post-closing or special federal tax issues, obtaining IRS rulings or clarifications of federal tax law, presentations to rating agencies or bond insurers, or "blue sky" or securities registration services. We will be pleased to provide legal services in connection with any matters not included in paragraphs 1 through 8 above, but we believe that such additional or special services, if requested by the County, should be performed on mutually agreeable terms, to be set forth in a separate letter of engagement.

Cooperation

In order to enable us to render effectively the legal services contemplated, you have agreed to disclose fully and accurately all facts and keep us informed of all developments relating to this matter. We necessarily must rely on the accuracy and completeness of the facts and information you and your agents provide to us.

Fees

For the services outlined above, our fee would be one dollar for each \$1,000 in bonds issued for amounts up to \$25,000,000, \$0.75 per \$1,000 for amounts between \$25,000,000 and \$50,000,000 and \$0.50 for all amounts over \$50,000,000, with a minimum fee of \$10,000 and a maximum fee of \$65,000. Such fee shall be payable from bond proceeds and contingent on the actual issuance and delivery of the bonds.

Other Charges

In addition to our fees, there will be other charges for items incident to the performance of our legal services, such as photocopying, messengers, travel expenses, long-distance telephone calls, facsimile transmissions, postage, overtime for secretaries and other non-legal staff, specialized computer applications such as computerized legal research, and filing fees. The basis upon which we establish these other charges is set forth in the Standard Terms of Engagement For Legal Services.

Investment Disclosures

Many of the Firm's lawyers, directly or beneficially, own interests in corporations and other entities or in real property. Although our computerized system used for checking conflicts of interest tracks all investments made in the name of the Firm, it does not contain data as to investments made individually by each of the Firm's lawyers. If you are at all concerned about these individual investments, we will be pleased to canvass our lawyers about their individual investments in any entity or entities about which you may be concerned.

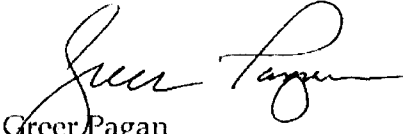
Withdrawal or Termination

Our relationship is based upon mutual consent and you may terminate our representation at any time, with or without cause, by providing thirty (30) days written notice to us. Your termination of our services will not affect your responsibility for payment of fees for legal services rendered and of other charges incurred before termination and in connection with an orderly transition of the matter.

We are subject to the rules of professional conduct for the jurisdictions in which we practice, which list several types of conduct or circumstances that require or allow us to withdraw from representing a client, including for example, nonpayment of fees or costs, misrepresentation or failure to disclose material facts, fundamental disagreements, and conflict of interest with another client. We try to identify in advance and discuss with our client any situation which may lead to our withdrawal, and if withdrawal ever becomes necessary, we give the client thirty (30) days written notice of our withdrawal. If we elect to withdraw for any reason, you will take all steps necessary to free us of any obligation to perform further, including the execution of any documents necessary to complete our withdrawal, and we will be entitled to be paid for all services rendered and other charges accrued on your behalf to the date of withdrawal.

If the arrangement set out above meets with your approval, please take appropriate action to approve this agreement and return one executed copy to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

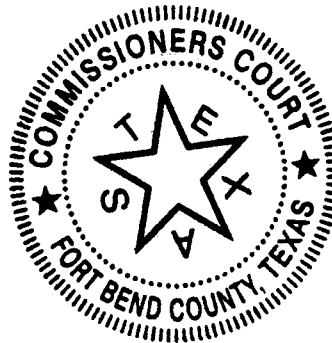

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AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

By: 
Robert Hebert, County Judge

ATTEST:


Dianne Wilson, County Clerk



ALLEN BOONE HUMPHRIES ROBINSON LLP

*Standard Terms of Engagement
for Legal Services*

This statement sets forth certain standard terms of our engagement as your lawyers and is intended as a supplement to the engagement letter that we have with you as our client. Unless modified in writing by mutual agreement, these terms will be an integral part of our agreement with you as reflected in the engagement letter. Therefore, we ask that you review this statement carefully and contact us promptly if you have any questions. We suggest that you retain this statement in your file with the engagement letter.

The Scope of Our Work

You should have a clear understanding of the legal services we will provide. Any questions that you have should be dealt with promptly.

We will at all times act on your behalf to the best of our ability. Any expressions on our part concerning the outcome of your legal matters are expressions of our best professional judgment, but are not guarantees. Such opinions are necessarily limited by our knowledge of the facts and are based on the state of the law at the time they are expressed.

It is our policy that the person or entity that we represent is the person or entity that is identified in our engagement letter, and absent an express agreement to the contrary does not include any affiliates of such person or entity (*i.e.*, if you are a corporation or partnership, any parents, subsidiaries, employees, officers, directors, shareholders or partners of the corporation or partnership, or commonly owned corporations or partnerships; or, if you are a trade association, any members of the trade association). If you believe this engagement includes additional entities or persons as our clients you should inform us immediately.

It is also our policy that the attorney-client relationship will be considered terminated upon our completion of any services that you have retained us to perform. If you later retain us to perform further or additional services, our attorney-client relationship will be revived subject to the terms of engagement that we agree on at that time.

This engagement shall be subject to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

Who Will Provide the Legal Services

Customarily, each client of the Firm is served by a principal attorney contact. The principal attorney should be someone in whom you have confidence and with whom you enjoy working. You are free to request a change of principal attorney at any time. Subject to the supervisory role of the principal attorney, your work or parts of it may be performed by other lawyers and legal assistants in the Firm. Such delegation may be for the purpose of involving lawyers or legal assistants with special expertise in a given area or for the purpose of providing services on the most efficient and timely basis. Whenever practicable, we will advise you of the names of those attorneys and legal assistants who work on your matters.

How Our Fees Will Be Set

Generally, our fees are based on the time spent by the lawyers and paralegal personnel who work on the matter. We will charge for all time spent in representing your interests, including, by way of illustration, telephone and office conferences with you and your representatives, consultants (if any), opposing counsel, and others; conferences among our legal and paralegal personnel; factual investigation; legal research; responding to your requests for us to provide information to your auditors in connection with reviews or audits of financial statements; drafting letters and other documents; and travel. We will keep accurate records of the time we devote to your work in units of quarters of an hour.

The hourly rates of our lawyers and legal assistants are reviewed and adjusted annually on a Firm-wide basis to reflect current levels of legal experience, changes in overhead costs, and other factors.

Although we may from time to time, at the client's request, furnish estimates of legal fees and other charges that we anticipate will be incurred, these estimates are by their nature inexact (due to unforeseeable circumstances) and, therefore, the actual fees and charges ultimately billed may vary from such estimates.

Additional Charges

In addition to our fees, there will be other charges for items incident to the performance of our legal services, such as photocopying, messengers, travel expenses, long-distance telephone calls, facsimile transmissions, postage, overtime for secretaries and other non-legal staff, specialized computer applications such as computerized legal research, and filing fees. The current basis for these charges is set forth below. The Firm will review this schedule of charges on an annual basis and adjust them to take into account changes in the Firm's costs and other factors.

Duplicating

The Firm charges \$.15 per page.

Courier Services

The Firm charges an amount which generally represents cost including the distribution service provided by the Firm. Depending on the volume of work performed by a service provider, the Firm may receive a volume discount during a particular accounting period for which no adjustment is made on an individual client's bill.

Computer Aided Legal Research (CALR)

Third party providers of CALR services charge the Firm amounts each month based on the type, extent, and duration of the services provided. The Firm charges clients for client research only based on the computed cost to the Firm for the use of the services. This cost is monitored and revised periodically to achieve an average "at cost" rate for clients.

Telefax

The Firm charges \$1.00 per page for outgoing telefaxes, which includes all telephone costs.

Telephone

The Firm does not charge for local calls. Due to the Firm-wide volume of long distance calls and multitude of rates for the various area codes and exchanges, the Firm does not bill each individual call based on the statements received from providers, but rather charges a flat rate of \$.41 per minute for each long distance call made within the United States. This rate (\$.41) is an approximation of third party provider charges and internal costs associated with this service. International calls are charged based on the rate in effect for the country being called.

Travel-Related Expenses

Airfare, meals, and related travel expenses charged to the client represent actual, out-of-pocket cost. Depending on the volume of both Firm and personal travel, the Firm may receive beneficial services, including airline tickets from its travel agent for which no adjustment is made on an individual client's account. In addition, credits earned under the Frequent Flyer Programs accrue to the individual traveler and not to the Firm.

All Other Costs

The Firm charges actual disbursements for third-party services like court reporters, expert witnesses, etc., and may recoup expenses reasonably incurred in connection with services performed in-house, such as mail services, secretarial overtime, file retrieval, etc.

Unless special arrangements are otherwise made, fees and expenses of others (such as experts, investigators, consultants and court reporters) will be the responsibility of, and billed directly to, the client. Further, all invoices in excess of \$500 will be forwarded to the client for direct payment.

Billing Arrangements and Terms

Our billing rates are based on the assumption of prompt payment. Consequently, unless other arrangements are made, fees for services and other charges will be billed monthly and are payable within thirty days of receipt.

Advances

Clients of the Firm are sometimes asked to deposit funds as an advance payment with the Firm. The advance payment will be applied first to payment of charges for such items as photocopying, messengers, travel, etc., as more fully described above, and then to fees for services. The advance will be deposited in our client advance account and we will charge such other charges and our fees against the advance and credit them on our billing statements. In the event such other charges and our fees for services exceed the advance deposited with us, we will bill you for the excess monthly or may request additional advances. Any unused portion of amounts advanced will be refundable at the conclusion of our representation.

Client and Firm Documents

We will maintain any documents that you furnish to us in our client file (or files) for this matter. At your request, we will return your documents to you at the conclusion of the matter (or earlier, if appropriate). It is your obligation to tell us which, if any, of the documents that you furnish us that you want returned. We will return those documents to you promptly after our receipt of payment for outstanding fees and charges. Our own files pertaining to this matter, including the work performed by our attorneys, will be retained by the Firm. Any documents retained by the Firm will be kept for a certain period of time, and ultimately we will destroy them in accordance with our record retention program schedule then in effect.