

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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 COUNTY OF FORT BEND         §

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY JAIL SERVICES  
BETWEEN MATAGORDA COUNTY AND FORT BEND COUNTY**

This agreement is entered into by and between Fort Bend County, Texas, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, acting by and through its Commissioners Court, hereinafter referred to as "Fort Bend," and Matagorda County, Texas, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, acting by and through its Commissioners Court, hereinafter referred to as "Matagorda."

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Chapter 791, authorize a local government of the state to enter into contracts for governmental functions and services to increase their efficiency and effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend and Matagorda are local governments as defined in the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 791.003(4), have the authority to enter into this agreement, and have each entered into this agreement by the action of its governing body in the appropriate manner prescribed by law;

**WHEREAS**, Matagorda County seeks to secure emergency housing during periods of public emergency in which evacuation of Matagorda County is recommended or mandated by the State, County or Municipal Offices of Emergency Management;

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend can provide services and the facilities for detention of Matagorda inmates that meet the requirement of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and other applicable Texas State and federal law as applicable to prison facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend and Matagorda specify that each party paying for the performance of said functions of government shall make those payments from current revenues available to the paying party.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises, and of the terms, provisions, and mutual promises herein contained which fairly compensate the performing party, it is mutually agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE ONE**

**TERM AND TERMINATION**

- 1.01 This Agreement shall commence upon execution by Fort Bend and shall be effective through August 30, 2015.
- 1.02 This Agreement may be renewed for annual, one year terms beginning September 1, 2015 upon mutual written agreement of the parties. In the event the parties seek to renew this

Agreement at the end of any term, the per diem rate for detention services shall be negotiated by the parties. The terms, conditions and rates with regard to any renewal period shall be as mutually agreed in writing between the parties and subject to the approval of the governing body of each party.

- 1.03 Except as provided in Article 1.05, this Agreement may be terminated without cause prior to the expiration of the term herein at the option of either Fort Bend or Matagorda upon the giving of thirty (30) days written notice to the other party in the manner and form provided for herein. The termination of the Agreement shall be effective upon the last day of the month in which the expiration of the thirty (30) day period occurs.
- 1.04 Fort Bend County agrees to not exercise termination under Article 1.03 during the period beginning August 1 through November 1, unless Matagorda has executed a contract for the emergency housing of its inmates with another county or entity. However, Fort Bend County may immediately terminate the Agreement if it is determined that Matagorda has breached any requirement of this Agreement.
- 1.05 This Agreement is also subject to termination upon the occurrence of an event that renders performance hereunder by Fort Bend impracticable or impossible, such as severe damage or destruction of Fort Bend's facility or actions by governmental or judicial entities which create a legal barrier to the acceptance of any Matagorda's inmates.

## **ARTICLE TWO**

### **SERVICES PROVIDED BY FORT BEND**

- 2.01 Fort Bend has no obligation to provide services until notified by Matagorda County that emergency detention services are needed in accordance with Article 3.02.
- 2.02 Fort Bend shall provide housing and food to Matagorda inmates and Matagorda Jail staff to the maximum capacity allowed by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards at the Fort Bend County Jail located at 1410 Ransom Rd. Richmond, TX. 77469.
- 2.03 Fort Bend shall make reasonable efforts to allow Matagorda County inmates to be housed in accordance with classification criteria utilized by Matagorda County.
- 2.04 Fort Bend County shall record the time of arrival and departure of each Matagorda inmate and staff housed in Fort Bend pursuant to this agreement.

## **ARTICLE THREE**

### **SERVICES PROVIDED BY MATAGORDA**

- 3.01 The decision to evacuate inmates from the Matagorda County Jail shall be made at the sole discretion of the Sheriff of Matagorda County. The Commissioners Court of Matagorda County delegates and authorizes the Sheriff of Matagorda County to expend funds for the purpose of utilizing the services to be provided by Fort Bend under this agreement.

- 3.02 The Matagorda County Sheriff shall provide notification that emergency detention services are needed to the Fort Bend County Sheriff at least twelve hours before transporting inmates to the Fort Bend County jail.
- 3.03 The Matagorda County Sheriff shall also notify the Director of Texas Commission on Jail Standards that inmates are being evacuated to the Fort Bend County Jail.
- 3.04 Matagorda jail staff shall accompany Matagorda's inmates to the Fort Bend County Jail—including correctional officers, and deputies.
- 3.05 All supplies, personnel and inmates to be housed in Fort Bend during such evacuation period shall be transported by Matagorda County Sheriff's Office; Fort Bend shall have no obligation whatsoever for the provision of such transportation.
- 3.06 Matagorda is responsible for all supplies used by Matagorda during the pendency of the evacuation, including: bedding, clothing, medical supplies, and any other goods necessary for the maintenance of the good health and well being of the inmates.
- 3.07 Matagorda staff shall be solely responsible for the custody and guarding of its own inmates within the facilities of the Fort Bend jail; Fort Bend will maintain its own personnel to operate controls and communication within the jail at all times and shall assist Matagorda staff as needed to familiarize them with the methods of operation and protocol of the Fort Bend jail.
- 3.08 Matagorda County shall cooperate with Fort Bend County to create a meal schedule to ensure all inmates are fed on a regular schedule.
- 3.09 Matagorda medical staff shall provide routine medical services required by Matagorda County inmates within the Fort Bend jail utilizing supplies and equipment provided by Matagorda County. Matagorda may utilize the Fort Bend medical services vendor provided that Matagorda gives Fort Bend County advance, written documentation that the vendor agrees to bill Matagorda directly for the cost of services.
- 3.10 In the event that a Matagorda inmate must be segregated and placed on suicide watch, the inmate will be placed in the medical unit utilized by Fort Bend for such watches, and a Matagorda staff member shall maintain the watch over such inmate.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

- 4.01 Both Fort Bend and Matagorda acknowledge and agree that Fort Bend shall recover any and all costs imposed on Fort Bend as a result of this Agreement and that cost recovery is a material inducement for Fort Bend agreeing to provide services pursuant to this Agreement.
- 4.02 Matagorda County shall pay Fort Bend County as indicated:
  - A. The per diem rate for detention services under this agreement is \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars and 00/100). This rate covers one inmate per day. A portion of any day shall count as a day under this agreement.
  - B. The per diem rate to house and feed Matagorda county staff under this agreement is \$5.00 (Five Dollars and 00/100). This rate covers one staff member per day. A portion of any day shall count as a day under this agreement.
  - C. In the event that Fort Bend incurs any additional cost as a result of services provided to Matagorda but not addressed herein, Fort Bend County shall invoice Matagorda for the

cost which shall include sufficient detail to distinguish the additional cost from the specified per diem rates.

- 4.03 Upon departure of the last Matagorda inmate from the Fort Bend County jail and without reasonable delay, Fort Bend shall invoice Matagorda for services provided and cost incurred. Such invoice shall include a list of each of the inmates and staff housed, as well as the number of calendar days per inmate and staff.
- 4.04 Invoices shall be submitted to the officer designated to receive the same on behalf of Matagorda. Matagorda shall make payment to Fort Bend within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be in the name of Fort Bend County, Texas and shall be remitted to:

Fort Bend County Treasurer  
301 Jackson, Suite 514  
Richmond, Texas 77469

- 4.05 Amounts not timely paid in accordance with the above procedure may bear interest at the lesser of the annual percentage rate of ten percent (10%) per annum, or the maximum legal rate applicable thereto, which shall be a contractual obligation of Matagorda under this Agreement. Matagorda further agrees that Fort Bend shall be entitled to recover its reasonable and necessary attorneys fees and costs incurred in collection of amounts due under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE V** **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 5.01 **TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, MATAGORDA AGREES TO AND SHALL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND FORT BEND, ITS OFFICIALS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS AND LIABILITY OF EVERY KIND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEY'S FEES (WHETHER 1<sup>ST</sup> PARTY OR 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY) AND RELATED COSTS, FOR PERSONAL INJURY DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION OR LOSS ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF MATAGORDA'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, WHERE SUCH PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION OR LOSS IS CAUSED BY MATAGORDA'S SOLE NEGLIGENCE OR ITS SOLE INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION OR WHERE SUCH PERSONAL INJURY , DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION, OR LOSS IS CAUSED BY THE JOINT NEGLIGENCE OF MATAGORDA AND ANY OTHER PERSON, OR ENTITY OR THE JOINT INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION OF MATAGORDA AND OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY.**

- 5.02 **BINDING NATURE OF AGREEMENT:** This agreement is contractual and is binding upon the parties hereto and their successors, assigns, and representatives.

5.03 DESIGNATION OF AGENT: Each county designates their respective sheriff as their agent for the receipt of all notices and communications required under this agreement.

5.04 NOTICE: All notices, demands, or other writings may be delivered by either party hereto to the other by United States Mail or other reliable courier at the following addresses:

To Fort Bend: Fort Bend County  
Robert Hebert, County Judge  
301 Jackson, Suite 719  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Copy to: Troy Nehls, Fort Bend County Sheriff  
1410 Williams Way Blvd  
Richmond, Texas 77469

To Matagorda: Matagorda County  
Nate McDonald, County Judge  
1700 7th Street Room 301  
Bay City, Texas 77414-5094

Copy to: Frank D. Osborne, Matagorda County Sheriff  
2308 Ave F  
Bay City 77414

5.05 This agreement is executed by each County acting through its Commissioners Court, with the Sheriff of each County joining as a signatory to show his assent to the agreement. Multiple signature pages are utilized in this agreement.

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*[execution page follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties put their hands to this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

**MATAGORDA COUNTY**

*Dan Pustka*  
Dan Pustka, County Judge Pro-Tem

Date: 9-15-2014

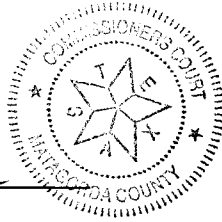
Approved: *[Signature]*

Frank D. Osborne, Sheriff

Date: 9-15-14

ATTEST:

*Janet Hickl*  
Janet Hickl, County Clerk



**FORT BEND COUNTY**

*Robert E. Hebert*  
Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Date: 10-7-14

Approved: *[Signature]*

Troy Nehls, Sheriff

Date: 9-4-2014

ATTEST:

*Dianne Wilson*  
Dianne Wilson, County Clerk



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