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BOARD OF MANAGERS ORDER
May 19, 2020

Order Ratifying Selection and Hiring of Steve Aragon, The Law Offices of Steve Aragon for Services related to Health Care Legislation during the 86th Texas Legislature and Approval of Payment

WHEREAS, Nueces County and the Nueces County Hospital District are each political subdivisions of the State of Texas and are authorized to enter into contracts with each other to perform governmental functions and services, and;

WHEREAS, such governmental functions and services include all or part of a function related to among other activities, public health and welfare and comprehensive health care and hospital services, and;

WHEREAS, the Nueces County Hospital District and Nueces County each are delegated specific statutory duties with respect to public health and welfare and comprehensive health care and hospital services and beyond this share common responsibilities to improve the health of the communities they serve in common, and;

WHEREAS, the Nueces County Hospital District and Nueces County acknowledge that the improvement of community health requires the coordination of the entire community's resources and that Nueces County has undertaken initiatives intended to maximize those resources and improve the health of all residents of the county. In furtherance of this goal the Nueces County Hospital District and Nueces County desire to cooperate and collaborate to achieve overarching community health goals; and

WHEREAS, Nueces County representatives, consulted with, Steve Aragon, The Law Offices of Steve Aragon and requested his assistance in drafting legislation to be presented during the 86th Texas Legislative Session, such legislation was contemplated to be beneficial to the community of Nueces County, and other legal services, and;

WHEREAS, Nueces County representatives and Nueces County Hospital District representatives prior to completion of professional services performed by Steve Aragon, The Law Offices of Steve Aragon discussed Nueces County Hospital District, because of mutual interests as set out above, providing payment for such services, and;

WHEREAS, Section 262.024(a)(4) of the Texas Local Government Code exempts the purchase of professional services, from competitive bidding; and,

WHEREAS, Steve Aragon, The Law Offices of Steve Aragon did provide, at the request of representatives from Nueces County, valuable services for Nueces County and its community during the 86th Texas Legislative Session necessary, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS, that the selection and hiring of Steve Aragon, The Law Offices of Steve Aragon for the work contemplated above is herein ratified. The Board specifically ratifies the selection and hiring of Steve Aragon, The Law Offices of Steve Aragon's for services in drafting legislation during the 86th Texas Legislative Session. Steve Aragon's services are from January 01, 2019 through May 17, 2019. Fees for these services in total are \$ 14,407.50 and are herein approved.

DULY ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF MANGERS OF NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT ON THE 19th DAY OF MAY 2020.

John B. Martinez
Chairman

Sylvia Tryon Oliver
Vice Chairman

Belinda Flores
Member

Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.
Member

Pamela L. Brower
Member

Daniel W. Dain
Member

John E. Valls
Member

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF NUECES

NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES that:

1. The members of the Board of Managers (the "Board") of the Nueces County Hospital District (the "Hospital District") have been duly appointed pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code (the "Health Code"), §281.021.

Pursuant to Health Code, §281.021(a), the Hospital District's Board of Managers (the "Board") have been duly appointed; pursuant to Health Code, §281.048, the Board is the governing body of the Hospital District; and pursuant to the collective authorities of Health Code, §281.047 and §281.048, the Board has, and the time of adoption of this Order had, full power and authority to manage, control, administer, and to adopt rules governing operation of the Hospital District.

On the **19th day of May 2020** the Board convened in a regular meeting at the Hospital District's regular meeting place (the "Meeting"), the duly constituted members and officers of the Board being as follows:

- John B. Martinez, Chairman
- Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice Chairman
- Belinda Flores
- Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.
- Pamela L. Brower
- Daniel W. Dain
- John E. Valls

and all said persons were present, except the following absentees:

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and _____ , _____ , thus constituting a quorum.

Among other business considered at the Meeting, the attached order entitled:

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is a true copy of an order introduced and submitted to the Board for consideration toward passage and adoption (the "Order"). After presentation and discussion, it was then duly moved and seconded that the Order be passed and adopted. The motion to pass and adopt the Order prevailed and carried by the following viva voce vote:

YEAS: _____
 NAYS: _____
 PRESENT NOT VOTING: _____
 ABSENT: _____

all as shown in the official Minutes of the Board for the Meeting.

The attached Order is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the official records of the Hospital District; the duly qualified and acting members of the Board on the date of the Meeting are those persons shown above, and, according to the records of my office, each member of the Board was given actual notice of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting and had actual notice that the Order would be considered; and the Meeting and deliberation of the aforesaid public business, was open to the public and written notice of said meeting, including the subject of the Order, was posted and given in advance thereof in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

I am the Secretary of the Board having been duly appointed pursuant to Health Code, §281.023(b).

The foregoing Order is in full force and effect; that the same has not been rescinded, nor has it been amended or modified in any way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of the Hospital District on this the **19th day of May 2020**.

Jonny F. Hipp
Secretary, Board of Managers
Nueces County Hospital District

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