

PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**August 25, 2026****Item #23(b)**

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Burnet County
220 S. Pierce Street
Burnet, TX 78611
Attention: Bryan Wilson, County Judge

April 28, 2026

Client: 003199
Matter: 000002
Invoice #: 129537
Bill Atty: PBA

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RE: General Services Agreement

For Professional Services Rendered Through April 15, 2026

SERVICES

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
3/17/2026	PBA	Review draft Agenda and send redlines to County.	0.4
3/17/2026	PBA	Telephone call with Judge Wilson regarding EMS application.	0.1
3/17/2026	PBA	Analyze relevant statutes and research case law regarding EMS application. Email analysis to Judge Wilson.	0.8
3/18/2026	CRK	Contract Matters – Telephone call from P. Arnold re county jail inmate telephone service contract issues.	0.3
3/18/2026	GPS	Analyze election ballot issues and confer with P. Arnold.	0.2
3/18/2026	PBA	Telephone call with Judge Wilson regarding jail inmate phone contract.	0.2
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze proposed jail inmate phone contract.	0.9
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze federal rule regarding fees for inmate jail phone calls.	0.3
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze current contract with Viapath for inmate jail phone calls.	0.8
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze case law and AG Opinions regarding authority for inmate jail phone contracts and commissary funds.	1.2
3/18/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson and K. Glaeser regarding inmate jail phone contracts.	0.3
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze May 24 agenda.	0.3

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Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
3/19/2026	CRH	Ballot custody issue, check on voting system used and procedures, suggest response.	1.0
3/19/2026	PBA	Emails with C. Davis regarding elections law question.	0.6
3/19/2026	PBA	Emails with M. Parker regarding Via Path meeting.	0.2
3/19/2026	RAM	Phone call with B. Heath regarding ballot custody issue, check on voting system used and procedures.	0.2
3/20/2026	CRH	Phone conference with county attorney regarding election issue.	0.2
3/23/2026	PBA	Telephone calls with Judge Wilson regarding attending Commissioners Court Meetings and other matters.	0.3
3/23/2026	PBA	Attend meeting with County officials regarding Via Path contract.	0.2
3/24/2026	CRH	Respond to election questions.	1.8
3/24/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson with response regarding elections law questions.	0.2
3/24/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding DA Investigators as exempt employees. Analyze federal statutes and rules regarding exempt employees.	0.2
3/24/2026	PBA	Email from Comm. Beierle regarding Oncor streetlight contract. Analyze contract and reply to Comm. Beierle.	0.6
3/24/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding resignation to Elections Administrator. Analyze Elections Code and send analysis to Judge Wilson.	0.5
3/24/2026	PBA	Telephone call with E. Arredondo regarding elections law questions.	0.1
3/24/2026	VG	Review email and documents from County Judge and D.A. re: whether D.A. investigators may be classified as exempt.	0.4
3/25/2026	PBA	Emails with Judge Wilson regarding Memo analyzing DA Investigator employment status.	0.3
3/25/2026	PBA	Email to client regarding agenda language.	0.3
3/25/2026	VG	Review and analyze whether D.A. investigator may be classified as exempt.	1.3
3/25/2026	VG	Review and analyze exemptions and alternative payment methods that may apply to D.A. investigator.	1.5
3/25/2026	VG	Draft memo to County Judge, D.A. and HR re: whether D.A. investigator may be classified as exempt and other payment options.	2.7
3/26/2026	CRH	Election question regarding posting result.	0.3
3/26/2026	PBA	Email from E. Arredondo regarding elections law matter.	0.2
3/26/2026	PBA	Analyze April 1 meeting agenda.	0.2

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Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
3/26/2026	PBA	Emails with County Judge and staff regarding various agenda item postings for April 1 meeting.	0.5
3/27/2026	PBA	Confer with Judge Henson and E. Arredondo regarding ADA compliance question.	0.4
3/27/2026	PBA	Analyze request for accommodation sent by Judge Henson.	0.3
3/27/2026	PBA	Analyze Americans with Disabilities Act regarding accommodation requirements for courts.	0.8
3/30/2026	CRK	County Procurement Policy – Conference with P. Arnold regarding pending issues related to procurement procedure.	0.4
3/30/2026	PBA	Emails and telephone calls with Judge Wilson regarding purchasing policy.	0.5
3/30/2026	PBA	Analyze county purchasing policy.	0.7
3/30/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Dockery regarding road project for Marble Falls ISD.	0.2
4/1/2026	PBA	Travel from Austin to Burnet County Courthouse. Return to Austin.	2.0
4/1/2026	PBA	Attend Commissioners Court and meet with county officials regarding various matters.	3.0
4/1/2026	PBA	Draft response to ADA accommodation request for Judge Henson.	1.5
4/1/2026	PBA	Email to J. Dockery regarding options for County to construct bus stop.	0.3
4/2/2026	PBA	Analyze Interlocal Agreement and bylaws for 391 Commission.	1.3
4/2/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding PUC intervention.	0.1
4/2/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson regarding 391 Commission questions.	0.2
4/2/2026	PBA	Emails with Judge Henson regarding meeting to discuss ADA policy.	0.2
4/2/2026	PBA	Analyze ADA accommodation policies from various counties.	1.2
4/6/2026	PBA	Telephone call with Judge Wilson and Judge Henson regarding ADA policy for courts.	0.5
4/6/2026	PBA	Analyze case law regarding confidentiality of ADA request forms and related issues.	1.9
4/6/2026	PBA	Draft ADA Policy for courts and send to Judge Wilson and Judge Henson for review.	0.8
4/6/2026	CPH	Assess ADA and other authorities regarding potential confidentiality requirements.	1.8

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4/7/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding agenda language for IT budget.	0.1
4/7/2026	PBA	Draft changes to Agenda.	0.6
4/7/2026	PBA	Analyze IT budget data from Auditor.	0.3
4/7/2026	PBA	Analyze Interlocal Agreement and City/County resolutions for 391 Commission.	0.9
4/7/2026	CPH	Research confidentiality of ADA Accommodation Request.	1.7
4/7/2026	CPH	Research ADA Confidentiality case law and draft response.	1.2
4/8/2026	PBA	Draft response to Judge Henson regarding ADA accommodation request and confidentiality.	0.8
4/8/2026	PBA	Draft document regarding public purposes for County to intervene in PUC suit.	0.9
4/9/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Beierle regarding contract for street light.	0.3
4/13/2026	CRK	Commissioners Court Mtg. Attendance (4-14-2026 Mtg.) -- E-mails from county judge regarding meeting issues/documents; review of agenda and related documents for meeting; telephone calls to/from county judge regarding the same.	2.1
4/13/2026	PBA	Analyze legal memo from Craig Carter.	0.4
4/13/2026	PBA	Analyze interlocal agreement with Marble Falls ISD. Send changes to Comm. Dockery.	0.9
4/13/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson regarding attending Commissioners Court.	0.1
4/13/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson regarding Statewide Communications Plan and proposed power lines.	0.2
4/14/2026	CRK	Commissioners Court Mtg. Attendance (4-14-2026 Mtg.) -- Travel from Austin, Texas to Burnet, Texas; conferences with county judge regarding meeting issues/documents; review of agenda and documents for meeting; meeting attendance with county attorney and first assistant county attorney; return travel to Austin, Texas.	7.6
4/14/2026	PBA	Analyze ADA Accommodation brief from requestor and confer with Judge Henson.	0.7
Total Professional Services			56.5
			\$21,426.00

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BILLING RECAP

		Level	Hours	Rate	Amount
CRK	Charles Kimbrough	Partner	10.4	\$380.00	\$3,952.00
GPS	Gunnar Seaquist	Partner	0.2	\$380.00	\$76.00
PBA	Philip Arnold	Partner	31.8	\$380.00	\$12,084.00
CRH	Robert Heath	Partner	3.3	\$380.00	\$1,254.00
VG	Vanessa Gonzalez	Partner	5.9	\$380.00	\$2,242.00
CPH	Canon Hill	Associate	4.7	\$380.00	\$1,786.00
RAM	RaeAnn Morris	Legal Assistant	0.2	\$160.00	\$32.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Description of Disbursements	Amount
Philip Arnold- Travel- Tolls while traveling to attend Burnet County Commissioners Court meeting	\$13.68
Copying charges	\$0.60
Philip Arnold- Travel- Tolls and mileage while traveling to Burnet - 57 miles @ \$0.725/mile (\$13.68 in tolls)	\$54.72
Philip Arnold- Meal Expense- Meal during travel to Burnet	\$12.21
Charles Kimbrough- Travel- Commissioners Court Mtg. Attendance; Travel from Austin, Texas to Burnet, Texas (and return) for Commissioners Court Mtg.	\$83.96
Total Disbursements	\$165.17

Total Services	\$21,426.00
Total Disbursements	\$165.17
Total Current Charges	\$21,591.17

PAY THIS AMOUNT

\$21,591.17

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May 27, 2026

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Invoice #: 129773
Bill Atty: PBA

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RE: General Services Agreement

For Professional Services Rendered Through May 15, 2026

SERVICES

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
4/16/2026	CCR	Research and review ADA policies from TX counties and draft policy for Burnett County and meet with P. Arnold.	1.5
4/20/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Dockery regarding Wirtz Dam Project and condemnation issues.	0.3
4/20/2026	PBA	Analyze Mass Gatherings Permit Application Process and send comments to Judge Wilson.	0.3
4/21/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Dockery regarding right of way acquisition project for Wirtz Dam.	0.2
4/22/2026	PBA	Emails from Judge Wilson regarding transportation funding.	0.2
4/23/2026	CRH	Advise on request for election investigation.	0.5
4/23/2026	CRH	Brief legal issues regarding elections law.	1.3
4/24/2026	PBA	Emails with client regarding election law questions.	0.2
5/5/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Dockery regarding Wirtz Dam Road project.	0.2
5/8/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Dockery regarding posting of agenda item for EMS.	0.2
5/8/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Dockery regarding deed language for Wirtz Dam Road project.	0.2
5/11/2026	PBA	Email from and reply to C. Davis regarding Lonestar Faith EMS incorporation.	0.2

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Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	
		Total Professional Services	5.3	\$2,014.00

BILLING RECAP

		Level	Hours	Rate	Amount
CCR	Claudia Russell	Partner	1.5	\$380.00	\$570.00
PBA	Philip Arnold	Partner	2.0	\$380.00	\$760.00
CRH	Robert Heath	Partner	1.8	\$380.00	\$684.00
		Total Services		\$2,014.00	
		Total Current Charges			\$2,014.00

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\$2,014.00

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Bill Atty: PBA

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P.O. # 26-2734
Acct. # 100-4090-4010
Audit: 82
Inpm:

For Professional Services Rendered Through July 15, 2026

SERVICES

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
6/18/2026	GPS	Analysis and input regarding ADA issues.	0.2
6/18/2026	PBA	Emails with Judge Henson regarding ADA accommodation request.	0.8
6/23/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding request for payment of attorney's fees. Analyze letter and exhibits.	0.5
6/25/2026	PBA	Emails with Judge Henson regarding ADA compliance issue.	0.2
6/29/2026	PBA	Research AG Opinions and case law and draft legal memorandum regarding payment of legal fees.	5.2
6/29/2026	PBA	Emails with County Attorney regarding facts related to former county judge.	0.3
6/30/2026	CRK	J. Oakley Claim Matter --E-mails from and telephone calls to P. Arnold/BHDA regarding alleged claim issues and documents received from county; review of said documents and issues.	1.5
6/30/2026	PBA	Draft and revise legal memorandum regarding payment of legal fees.	1.2
6/30/2026	PBA	Telephone call with Judge Wilson regarding update on memo and outline of legal issues.	0.5
6/30/2026	PBA	Telephone call with County Attorney regarding copies of court filings.	0.2

BURNET COUNTY JUDGE

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July 24, 2026

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7/2/2026	CRK	J. Oakley Matter -- Review of documents from county regarding claim for attorney's fees.	0.2	
7/6/2026	CRK	J. Oakley Matter -- Review of documents from county staff; review of proposed memo issues as requested from county.	2.5	
7/7/2026	PBA	Email memorandum with analysis of payment of legal fees to Judge Wilson.	0.1	
Total Professional Services			13.4	\$5,092.00

BILLING RECAP

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CRK	Charles Kimbrough	Partner	4.2	\$380.00	\$1,596.00
GPS	Gunnar Seaquist	Partner	0.2	\$380.00	\$76.00
PBA	Philip Arnold	Partner	9.0	\$380.00	\$3,420.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Description of Disbursements	Amount
Copying charges	\$1.20
Total Disbursements	\$1.20

Total Services	\$5,092.00
Total Disbursements	\$1.20
Total Current Charges	\$5,093.20

PAY THIS AMOUNT \$5,093.20

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**BURNET COUNTY AUDITOR**220 S Pierce St
Burnet, TX 78611**PURCHASE ORDER**

PO Number: 26 2734

Date: 03/05/2026

Requisition #: 26-2734

Vendor #: 17552

ISSUED TO: BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO ACOSTA, LLP
TWO BARTON SKYWAY
1601 S MOPAC EXPY, STE C400
AUSTIN, TX 78746**SHIP TO:**220 SOUTH PIERCE STREET
Burnet, TX 78611

ITEM	UNITS DESCRIPTION	GL ACCT #	PROJ ACCT #	PRICE	AMOUNT
1	0 NDEP- COMMISSIONER COURT LEGAL ADVICE	100-4090-4010		0.00	28,000.00

*less invoice(s)**# 129239**<8404.30>**# 129537**<21591.17>**# 129773**<2014.00>**# 130679**<3838.00>***Requested By:** BRAIN WILSON**Department:** NON-DEPARTMENTAL**Authorized by:** *[Signature]*

SUBTOTAL:	28,000.00
TOTAL TAX	0.00
SHIPPING	0.00
TOTAL	46862.50 28,000.00

Original invoice with remittance slip must be sent to Burnet County Auditor, 220 S Pierce St, Burnet TX 78611

Payment may be expected within 30 days of receipt of goods and invoice

C O D shipment will not be accepted

Purchase Order numbers must appear on all shipping containers, packing slips and invoices Failure to comply with the above request may delay payment

All goods are to be shipped FOB Destination unless otherwise stated

All materials and services are subject to approval based on the description on the face of the purchase order or appendages thereof Substitutions are not permitted without approval of the Requesting Department Material not approved will be returned at no cost to the County

All goods and equipment must meet or exceed all necessary city, state and federal standards and regulations

Vendor or manufacturer bears risk of loss or damage until property received and/or installed

Seller acknowledges that the buyer is an equal opportunity employer Seller will comply with all equal opportunity laws and regulations that are applicable to it as a supplier of the buyer

The County is exempt from all federal excise and state tax ID# 99-9999999

5093.20



Burnet County, TX

Expense Approval Register

it: AP 25911 - PAID CLAIMS CC 08/25/2026 PKT 2

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Fund: 100 - GENERAL					
MIKAYLA CLOUD	3/23/26	08/25/2026	SO-TRAVEL ADVANCE FOR F...	100-5600-4270	154.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE P...	54190608	08/25/2026	MAINT- REPAIR FIRE ALARMS...	100-5100-4000	2,928.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	1411265832A	08/25/2026	SO-VIDEOMANAGER IN-CAR ...	100-1170-0000	812.50
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE P...	54128964A	08/25/2026	MAINT- REPAIR FIRE ALARMS...	100-5100-4000	3,056.16
LOWE'S	981569	08/25/2026	MAINT- CEILING TILES FOR N...	100-5100-3300	452.84
THE LAW OFFICE OF MARGA...	7/2026	08/25/2026	NDEP-ATTORNEY FEES EP CC...	100-4090-4010	895.00
THE LAW OFFICE OF MARGA...	7/2026	08/25/2026	NDEP-ATTORNEY FEES EP CC...	100-4090-4010	21,312.50
THE LAW OFFICE OF MARGA...	7/2026	08/25/2026	NDEP-ATTORNEY FEES REP C...	100-4090-4010	11,055.00
THIRD COAST DISTRIBUTING ...	738697	08/25/2026	SO-RAIN X LAT WATER REPEL...	100-5600-4510	33.47
D & W PRINTING	37072	08/25/2026	JP1- NOTARY STAMP CORA ...	100-4510-3300	34.00
BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGA...	130266	08/25/2026	NDEP- COMMISSIONER COU...	100-4090-4010	5,093.20
LOWE'S	986429	08/25/2026	MAINT- NEW SAW BLADES	100-5100-3300	113.05
ROBERT E. CANTU MD PA	53648/53748/53930	08/25/2026	JSVC-VANCE, JAMES 53648/5...	100-4360-4150	1,500.00
DARYL R. COFFEY	7/27/26	08/25/2026	CCL-SVC 7/27/26	100-4250-4250	955.76
LOWE'S	991516	08/25/2026	MAINT- STAINLESS FITTING ...	100-5100-4510	14.58
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIO...	7/28/26 GEN	08/25/2026	GEN-SVC 7/28-8/27/26	100-4090-4200	943.40
BLANCO COUNTY NEWS	3446	08/25/2026	PUBLIC NOTICE AD	100-4090-4300	288.00
JOHNSON CITY RECORD COU...	49574	08/25/2026	LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	100-4090-4300	288.00
CHEVROLET BUICK MARBLE ...	6106587/1	08/25/2026	MAINT- RECALBRATE LIGHTS...	100-5100-4510	350.00
JENKINS FUNERAL HOME	7/29/26	08/25/2026	JP3-DERIC WILLIAMS	100-4090-4050	650.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	1411265832	08/25/2026	SO-VIDEOMANAGER IN-CAR ...	100-5600-4000	162.50
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MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	1411265841A	08/25/2026	SO-VIDEOMANAGER BODYC...	100-1170-0000	1,137.50
D & W PRINTING	37096	08/25/2026	SO- BUSINESS CARDS	100-5600-3300	361.00
DUBOSE PIPE & GATE INC	18396	08/25/2026	SO- 6 USED DRILL STEMS	100-5600-3300	402.00
TEXAS LOCAL MEDIA	1DYOGA9R-0001	08/25/2026	PUBLIC NOTICE 7/31/26	100-4090-4300	167.50
THIRD COAST DISTRIBUTING ...	737665	08/25/2026	SO-SYNOW20 OIL	100-5600-4510	7.17
FRONTIER	8/1/26	08/25/2026	LOCAL SVC 8/1-8/31/26	100-4090-4200	1,838.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, ...	17Q4-TY4C-PHWQ	08/25/2026	EM- ROLLUP BED COVER FOR...	100-4060-3300	173.73
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, ...	19MN-3NF1-PPQ4	08/25/2026	TAX- MIXED DENOMINATION...	100-4990-3300	349.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, ...	19MN-3NF1-T13W	08/25/2026	TAX- DESK ORGANIZER AND 2..	100-4990-3300	76.56
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AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, ...	1DYF-6JTX-R7GQ	08/25/2026	TAX- 10 WIRELESS KEYBOARD..	100-4990-3300	349.90
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, ...	1FMN-CYNQ-P97J	08/25/2026	CCAL- SUPPLIES	100-4250-3300	257.30
VYVE	8/10/26 AGRI	08/25/2026	AGRI-INT SVC 8/7-9/6/26	100-6650-4200	88.95
JENKINS FUNERAL HOME	8/10/26 JP2	08/25/2026	JP2-GREGORY AARON	100-4090-4050	650.00
JENKINS FUNERAL HOME	8/10/26 JP4	08/25/2026	JP4-NOVIETA HALL	100-4090-4050	650.00
JENKINS FUNERAL HOME	8/10/26	08/25/2026	JP4-JOSHUA DELANCEY	100-4090-4050	650.00
HILL COUNTRY TIRE & AUTO ...	89760	08/25/2026	SO-BATTERY, TAIL LT, CHG SY...	100-5600-4510	311.85
HILL COUNTRY TIRE & AUTO ...	89779	08/25/2026	SO-OIL CHG, REAR BRK PADS,...	100-5600-4510	816.36
RICHARD D. DAVIS	M41112	08/25/2026	CCRT-KEEL, AARON DAVID M...	100-4260-4160	125.00
FUELMAN	NP70966008	08/25/2026	APROB-FUEL SVC 7/27-8/9/26	100-1320-4000	401.15
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Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

Two Barton Skyway 1601 S MoPac Expy Ste C400 Austin, Texas 78746 (512) 472-8021 Fax (512) 320-5638 Tax ID No 74-2153894

EXHIBIT 3

Burnet County
220 S. Pierce Street
Burnet, TX 78611
Attention: Bryan Wilson, County Judge

TX
April 28, 2026
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Matter 000002
Invoice # 129537
Bill Atty. PBA

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RE General Services Agreement

26-2734
100-4090-4010
MB 84

For Professional Services Rendered Through April 15, 2026

SERVICES

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
3/17/2026	PBA	Review draft Agenda and send redlines to County	0.4
3/17/2026	PBA	Telephone call with Judge Wilson regarding EMS application.	0.1
3/17/2026	PBA	Analyze relevant statutes and research case law regarding EMS application. Email analysis to Judge Wilson.	0.8
3/18/2026	CRK	Contract Matters -- Telephone call from P. Arnold re county jail inmate telephone service contract issues	0.3
3/18/2026	GPS	Analyze election ballot issues and confer with P. Arnold	0.2
3/18/2026	PBA	Telephone call with Judge Wilson regarding jail inmate phone contract	0.2
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze proposed jail inmate phone contract	0.9
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze federal rule regarding fees for inmate jail phone calls.	0.3
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze current contract with Viapath for inmate jail phone calls.	0.8
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze case law and AG Opinions regarding authority for inmate jail phone contracts and commissary funds	1.2
3/18/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson and K. Glaeser regarding inmate jail phone contracts.	0.3
3/18/2026	PBA	Analyze May 24 agenda	0.3

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Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
3/19/2026	CRH	[REDACTED] check on [REDACTED] and procedures. suggest response	1.0
3/19/2026	PBA	Emails with C. Davis regarding elections law question.	0.6
3/19/2026	PBA	Emails with M. Parker regarding Via Path meeting.	0.2
3/19/2026	RAM	Phone call with B. Heath regarding [REDACTED] check on [REDACTED] and procedures.	0.2
3/20/2026	CRH	Phone conference with county attorney regarding election issue	0.2
3/23/2026	PBA	Telephone calls with Judge Wilson regarding attending Commissioners Court Meetings and other matters	0.3
3/23/2026	PBA	Attend meeting with County officials regarding Via Path contract.	0.2
3/24/2026	CRH	Respond to election questions	1.8
3/24/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson with response regarding elections law questions	0.2
3/24/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding DA Investigators as exempt employees. Analyze federal statutes and rules regarding exempt employees	0.2
3/24/2026	PBA	Email from Comm. Beierle regarding Oncor streetlight contract. Analyze contract and reply to Comm. Beierle	0.6
3/24/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding resignation to Elections Administrator. Analyze Elections Code and send analysis to Judge Wilson	0.5
3/24/2026	PBA	Telephone call with E. Arredondo regarding elections law questions.	0.1
3/24/2026	VG	Review email and documents from County Judge and D.A. re whether D.A. investigators may be classified as exempt	0.4
3/25/2026	PBA	Emails with Judge Wilson regarding Memo analyzing DA Investigator employment status	0.3
3/25/2026	PBA	Email to client regarding agenda language	0.3
3/25/2026	VG	Review and analyze whether D.A. investigator may be classified as exempt.	1.3
3/25/2026	VG	Review and analyze [REDACTED] that may apply to D.A. investigator	1.5
3/25/2026	VG	Draft memo to County Judge, D.A. and HR re whether D.A. investigator may be classified as exempt and [REDACTED]	2.7
3/26/2026	CRH	Election question regarding [REDACTED]	0.3
3/26/2026	PBA	Email from E. Arredondo regarding elections law matter.	0.2
3/26/2026	PBA	Analyze April 1 meeting agenda.	0.2

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Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
3/26/2026	PBA	Emails with County Judge and staff regarding various agenda item postings for April 1 meeting.	0.5
3/27/2026	PBA	Confer with Judge Henson and E. Arredondo regarding ADA compliance question.	0.4
3/27/2026	PBA	Analyze request for accommodation sent by Judge Henson.	0.3
3/27/2026	PBA	Analyze Americans with Disabilities Act regarding accommodation requirements for courts.	0.8
3/30/2026	CRK	County Procurement Policy -- Conference with P. Arnold regarding pending issues related to procurement procedure.	0.4
3/30/2026	PBA	Emails and telephone calls with Judge Wilson regarding purchasing policy.	0.5
3/30/2026	PBA	Analyze county purchasing policy.	0.7
3/30/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Dockery regarding road project for Marble Falls ISD.	0.2
4/1/2026	PBA	Travel from Austin to Burnet County Courthouse. Return to Austin.	2.0
4/1/2026	PBA	Attend Commissioners Court and meet with county officials regarding various matters.	3.0
4/1/2026	PBA	Draft response to ADA accommodation request for Judge Henson.	1.5
4/1/2026	PBA	Email to J. Dockery regarding options for County to construct bus stop.	0.3
4/2/2026	PBA	Analyze Interlocal Agreement and bylaws for 391 Commission.	1.3
4/2/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding PUC intervention.	0.1
4/2/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson regarding 391 Commission questions.	0.2
4/2/2026	PBA	Emails with Judge Henson regarding meeting to discuss ADA policy.	0.2
4/2/2026	PBA	Analyze ADA accommodation policies from various counties.	1.2
4/6/2026	PBA	Telephone call with Judge Wilson and Judge Henson regarding ADA policy for courts.	0.5
4/6/2026	PBA	Analyze case law regarding confidentiality of ADA request forms and related issues.	1.9
4/6/2026	PBA	Draft ADA Policy for courts and send to Judge Wilson and Judge Henson for review.	0.8
4/6/2026	CPH	Assess ADA and other authorities regarding potential confidentiality requirements.	1.8

SERVICES

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours
4/7/2026	PBA	Email from Judge Wilson regarding agenda language for [REDACTED]	0.1
4/7/2026	PBA	Draft changes to Agenda.	0.6
4/7/2026	PBA	Analyze [REDACTED] data from Auditor	0.3
4/7/2026	PBA	Analyze Interlocal Agreement and City/County resolutions for 391 Commission	0.9
4/7/2026	CPH	Research confidentiality of ADA Accommodation Request	1.7
4/7/2026	CPH	Research ADA Confidentiality case law and draft response	1.2
4/8/2026	PBA	Draft response to Judge Henson regarding ADA accommodation request and confidentiality	0.8
4/8/2026	PBA	Draft document regarding [REDACTED] for County to intervene in PUC suit.	0.9
4/9/2026	PBA	Emails with Comm. Beierle regarding contract for street light.	0.3
4/13/2026	CRK	Commissioners Court Mtg. Attendance (4-14-2026 Mtg.) -- E-mails from county judge regarding meeting issues/documents, review of agenda and related documents for meeting, telephone calls to/from county judge regarding the same.	2.1
4/13/2026	PBA	Analyze legal memo from [REDACTED]	0.4
4/13/2026	PBA	Analyze interlocal agreement with Marble Falls ISD. Send changes to Comm. Dockery.	0.9
4/13/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson regarding attending Commissioners Court	0.1
4/13/2026	PBA	Email to Judge Wilson regarding Statewide Communications Plan and proposed power lines	0.2
4/14/2026	CRK	Commissioners Court Mtg. Attendance (4-14-2026 Mtg.) -- Travel from Austin, Texas to Burnet, Texas, conferences with county judge regarding meeting issues/documents, review of agenda and documents for meeting, meeting attendance with county attorney and first assistant county attorney, return travel to Austin, Texas	7.6
4/14/2026	PBA	Analyze ADA Accommodation brief [REDACTED] and confer with Judge Henson.	0.7
Total Professional Services			56.5
			\$21,426.00

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BILLING RECAP

		Level	Hours	Rate	Amount
CRK	Charles Kimbrough	Partner	10.4	\$380.00	\$3,952.00
GPS	Gunnar Seaquist	Partner	0.2	\$380.00	\$76.00
PBA	Philip Arnold	Partner	31.8	\$380.00	\$12,084.00
CRH	Robert Heath	Partner	3.3	\$380.00	\$1,254.00
VG	Vanessa Gonzalez	Partner	5.9	\$380.00	\$2,242.00
CPH	Canon Hill	Associate	4.7	\$380.00	\$1,786.00
RAM	RaeAnn Morris	Legal Assistant	0.2	\$160.00	\$32.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Description of Disbursements	Amount
Philip Arnold- Travel- Tolls while traveling to attend Burnet County Commissioners Court meeting	\$13.68
Copying charges	\$0.60
Philip Arnold- Travel- Tolls and mileage while traveling to Burnet - 57 miles @ \$0.725/mile (\$13.68 in tolls)	\$54.72
Philip Arnold- Meal Expense- Meal during travel to Burnet	\$12.21
Charles Kimbrough- Travel- Commissioners Court Mtg. Attendance; Travel from Austin, Texas to Burnet, Texas (and return) for Commissioners Court Mtg.	\$83.96
Total Disbursements	\$165.17

Total Services	\$21,426.00
Total Disbursements	\$165.17
Total Current Charges	\$21,591.17

PAY THIS AMOUNT	\$21,591.17
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Please Remit Payment to:

Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

Two Barton Skyway

1601 S MoPac Expy, Ste C400

Austin, Texas 78746

**BURNET COUNTY AUDITOR**220 S Pierce St
Burnet, TX 78611**PURCHASE ORDER**

PO Number: 26-2734

Date: 03/05/2026

Requisition #: 26 2734

Vendor #: 17552

ISSUED TO: BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO ACOSTA LLP
TWO BARTON SKYWAY
1601 S MOPAC EXPY, STE C400
AUSTIN, TX 78746-**SHIP TO:**
220 SOUTH PIERCE STREET
Burnet, TX 78611

ITEM	UNITS DESCRIPTION	GL ACCT #	PROJ ACCT #	PRICE	AMOUNT
1	0 NDEP COMMISSIONER COURT LEGAL ADVICE	100-4090-4010		0.00	35,000.00 - 56
<i>less invoice(s)</i> <i># 129239</i>					<i><8404.30></i>
Requested By: BRAIN WILSON					
Department: NON DEPARTMENTAL					35,000.00

Authorized by:

SUBTOTAL:	20,000.00
TOTAL TAX	0.00
SHIPPING:	0.00
TOTAL	35,000.00 20,000.00

- 1 Original invoice with remittance slip must be sent to Burnet County Auditor 220 S Pierce St Burnet, TX 78611
- 2 Payment may be expected within 30 days of receipt of goods and invoice
- 3 C O D shipment will not be accepted
- 4 Purchase Order numbers must appear on all shipping containers, packing slips and invoices Failure to comply with the above request may delay payment
- 5 All goods are to be shipped F O B Destination unless otherwise stated
- 6 All materials and services are subject to approval based on the description on the face of the purchase order or appendages thereof Substitutions are not permitted without approval of the Requesting Department Material not approved will be returned at no cost to the County
- 7 All goods and equipment must meet or exceed all necessary city, state and federal standards and regulations
- 8 Vendor or manufacturer bears risk of loss or damage until property received and/or installed
- 9 Seller acknowledges that the buyer is an equal opportunity employer Seller will comply with all equal opportunity laws and regulations that are applicable to it as a supplier of the buyer
- 10 The County is exempt from all federal excise and state tax - ID# 99 9999999

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**EDDIE ARREDONDO
Burnet County Attorney**

August 10, 2026

EXHIBIT 4

The Honorable Ken Paxton, Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548

Austin, Texas 78711-2548

RE: Request for Open Records Decision as Per Tex. Gov't Code §552.301

Requestor: Anonymous

Entity: Burnet County- Office of the County Judge and Burnet County Attorney's Office

Date Received: August 3, 2026; Clarification requested and received August 4, 2026

Dear Open Records Division:

Pursuant to Section 552.301 of the Texas Government Code, Burnet County, Office of the County Judge and the Burnet County Attorney's Office, hereby requests a ruling from the Office of the Attorney General regarding whether certain information responsive to the above-referenced Public Information Act request is excepted from required public disclosure.

I. BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2026, the Burnet County Judge's Office and the Burnet County Attorney's Office received a Public Information Act request from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous, requesting the following records:

1. All records related to election issues from the March 2026 primary, including:
 - a. ballot custody
 - b. ballot handling and chain of custody
 - c. result posting
 - d. any internal or external communications about these issues
2. All records related to the resignation of Elections Administrator Michael Evans, including the complete resignation communication and any related internal discussions or routing notes.

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3. All communications, memoranda, notes, or legal advice concerning the April 22, 2026, request for investigation into the March 2026 primary election and the resignation of Michael Evans.
4. All communications between Burnet County officials and Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP (including Philip Arnold, Robert Heath, or any other attorney at the firm) regarding:
 - a. March 2026 election issues (including ballot custody, ballot handling, chain of custody, or result posting)
 - b. the resignation of Michael Evans
 - c. the April 22, 2026, request for investigation
 - d. the legal advice billed on April 23 and April 24, 2026, related to the investigation request or elections law questions
5. Any determination, recommendation, decision, or conclusion about whether an investigation would be opened or declined in response to the April 22, 2026, request.

The Burnet County Attorney's Office sought clarification from the Requestor. The Burnet County Attorney's Office explained that many of the records it possessed would be considered Attorney-Client Privileged information. Amongst such records are those in which attorney advice is being sought and/or provided to Burnet County departments. The Burnet County Attorney's Office asked the requestor if they would like to modify their request to exempt Attorney-Client Privileged information; or, whether they would like a request to the Attorney General's Office for a ruling. The requestor replied stated they wanted all records, including those that are Attorney-Client Privileged information. The Office of the Burnet County Judge and the Burnet County Attorney's Office have reviewed all responsive records, and each believes several records should be excepted from disclosure as they are Attorney-Client Privileged information.

The Burnet County Attorney's Office and the Burnet County Judge's Office have made a good-faith effort to provide the responsive records that do not apply to Attorney-Client Privileged information. Of such records, over one thousand will be released.

II. EXCEPTION CLAIMED

The County asserts that the identified documents are excepted from disclosure under the following provision:

- **Section 552.107, Texas Government Code — *Exception for Certain Legal Matters:***
This exception protects information that is privileged from civil discovery under the attorney-client privilege. The withheld documents constitute confidential communication

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between the County's legal counsel, the County's private counsel, and various county Officials and employees, made for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of legal services to the County in connection with the 2026 Primary Election.

The documents were prepared and transmitted in confidence, and the County has not waived the privilege with respect to this communication.

III. SUBMITTED MATERIALS

In accordance with Section 552.301(e) of the Texas Government Code, the County is submitting the following materials with this request:

1. A copy of the original Public Information Act request dated August 3, 2026;
2. A copy of the Burnet County Attorney's communication with the Requestor seeking clarification and the response from the Requestor;
3. The documents that are being withheld from disclosure, submitted to your office for an in-camera review; and
4. This letter brief in support of the claimed exception.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Burnet County, Office of the County Judge and Burnet County Attorney's Office, respectfully request that the Office of the Attorney General issue a ruling confirming that the identified documents are excepted from required public disclosure under Section 552.107 of the Texas Government Code as a confidential attorney-client communication.

Should the Office require any additional information or materials in connection with this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eddie Arredondo", is written over a horizontal line.

Eddie Arredondo
Burnet County Attorney

cc w/out Records : Requestor

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Burnet County Attorney**

August 17, 2026

The Honorable Ken Paxton, Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General

Open Records Division

P.O. Box 12548

Austin, Texas 78711-2548

RE: Request for Open Records Decision as Per Tex. Gov't Code §552.301

Requestor: Anonymous

Entity: Burnet County- Burnet County Attorney's Office

Date Received: August 13, 2026 Supplemental Request to August 3, 2026 Request;

Clarification requested and received August 13, 2026

Dear Open Records Division:

Pursuant to Section 552.301 of the Texas Government Code, Burnet County, Office of the County Judge and the Burnet County Attorney's Office, hereby requests a ruling from the Office of the Attorney General regarding whether certain information responsive to the above-referenced Public Information Act request is excepted from required public disclosure.

I. BACKGROUND

On August 13, 2026, the Burnet County Attorney's Office received a Supplemental Public Information Act request from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous, requesting the following records:

1. Central scanner (device D2400349101) audit log for all sessions, including the four absentee batches and any sessions occurring after March 5, 2026.
2. Incident report(s) and all related correspondence for the "Briggs v-drive retrieval" / Briggs scanner retrieval.
3. Any additional records or correspondence related to the "Texas Tech chain-of-custody incident" beyond the March 18, 2026 incident report already in my possession.
4. All EMS Import / V-Drive audit logs.

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5. All scanner tapes for the March 2026 primary, including zero tapes and results tapes.
6. All voters-versus-ballots reconciliation forms required under Texas Election Code §127.131(f), including both the election-night and post-late-ballot versions, and the record of their posting.
7. Chain-of-custody documentation for ballot boxes, vDrives, ABBM, and the central tabulator.
8. Verity Build and Verity Count workstation audit logs, and the per-device Scan audit logs.
9. The external ballot-definition files imported into the election definition (Contests.txt, Choices.txt, BallotTranslation_Spanish.xml, and related ballot-style PDFs).
10. Early Voting Ballot Board mail-ballot log, including applications, carrier-envelope counts, received by dates, and rejections.
11. Ballot Board dispositions for all provisional ballots reviewed on March 9, 2026.
12. The e-pollbook export containing check-in timestamps in its original electronic form; or, if timestamps are withheld, the specific exception asserted for their removal and confirmation that the underlying timestamped records have been preserved.
13. The Election Night Reporting (ENR) file submitted to the Secretary of State on March 3, 2026, together with any corrected or resubmitted version. This includes the copy the Elections Administrator stated on May 7, 2026 that she had requested from the county's Secretary of State representative.
14. All communications between Burnet County and the Secretary of State regarding results submission, the canvass, the reported mismatch between state-published and county-published results, or any instruction to submit results.
15. The Secretary of State partial manual count directive and the county's record of which locations or precincts were actually hand-counted.
16. Central Counting Station tabulation reports with Republican totals.
17. Any final or amended canvass of the March 3, 2026 Republican Primary superseding the provisional canvass submitted by the county chair, together with the records on which any such canvass was based. If no canvass superseded the provisional canvass, please so state.
18. The e-pollbook vendor, contract, and system in effect for the March 3, 2026 primary, including any agreement replacing the county's prior Votec (Votesafe) system.
19. Verity user and role assignments for the VerityData, Build, Count, and Central applications, and records showing the dates on which system and email credentials were issued to or terminated for each administrator during the December 2025 through April 2026 period.

The Burnet County Attorney's Office emailed the Requestor explaining that the only responsive records were text messages between attorneys and would be considered Attorney-Client Privileged information and asking if they would like to modify their request or if they would like

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us to request a ruling from your office. They stated they wanted the records and were requesting a ruling. The Burnet County Attorney's Office has reviewed our records and the only responsive records are text messages between attorneys that should be excepted from disclosure as they are Attorney-Client Privileged information.

II. EXCEPTION CLAIMED

The record in question regarded a discussion between two attorneys from the Burnet County Attorney's Office regarding a legal matter. The County asserts that the identified documents are excepted from disclosure under the following provision:

- **Section 552.107, Texas Government Code — *Exception for Certain Legal Matters:***
This exception protects information that is privileged from civil discovery under the attorney-client privilege. The withheld documents constitute confidential communication between the County's legal counsel, the County's private counsel, and various county Officials and employees, made for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of legal services to the County in connection with the 2026 Primary Election.

The text message were prepared and transmitted in confidence, and the County has not waived the privilege with respect to this communication.

III. SUBMITTED MATERIALS

In accordance with Section 552.301(e) of the Texas Government Code, the County is submitting the following materials with this request:

1. A copy of the original Supplemental Public Information Act request dated August 13, 2026;
2. A copy of the Burnet County Attorney's communication with the Requestor and their response;
3. The documents withheld from disclosure, submitted for in camera review; and
4. This letter brief in support of the claimed exception.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Burnet County Attorney's Office, respectfully requests that the Office of the Attorney General issue a ruling confirming that the identified records are excepted from required public disclosure under Section 552.107 of the Texas Government Code as a confidential attorney-client communication.

BURNET COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

**Victim Services
Hot Checks Division**



**Criminal Division
Civil Division**

**EDDIE ARREDONDO
Burnet County Attorney**

Should the Office require any additional information or materials in connection with this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Arredondo
Burnet County Attorney

CC: Requestor w/o attachment



July 29, 2026

Via Online Submission

Ken Paxton, Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General of Texas
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

ATTENTION: Open Records Division

Re: Request for Information from an anonymous requestor to Burnet County

Dear Attorney General Paxton:

This law firm represents Burnet County ("County"). In prior requests to the County, the requestor ("Requestor") has requested to remain anonymous and the County submits the brief based on an anonymous request. The Requestor submitted a request for records to the County on July 16, 2026 (**Exhibit A**). The Requestor requests the following information:

- "1. A copy of the demand letter from James Oakley dated June 17, 2026 (and any attachments) sent to the Burnet County Commissioners Court or related officials.*
- 2. Any and all contracts, engagement agreements, retainer agreements, or professional services agreements between Burnet County and Philip Arnold (or his law firm) from May 1, 2026, to the present, including the full signed documents showing execution dates.*
- 3. All invoices, payment records, warrants, budget amendments, or expenditure authorizations related to Philip Arnold or his firm, including dates and amounts paid.*
- 4. Any correspondence, emails, memos, or documents concerning James Oakley's June 17, 2026, demand letter, including the county's response and any involvement of outside counsel."*

The County has determined that a portion of the requested responsive information may be excepted from disclosure by: (a) Texas Public Information Act Sections 552.101 and 552.107 (Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code) (the "Government Code"), and (b) Texas Rule of Evidence 503(b) ("Evidence Rule").

The County is submitting this request for an opinion and brief within ten (10) business days from the date the County received the request on July 16, 2026. We are providing the Requestor with a copy of this correspondence in compliance with Government Code Section 552.301(d).

**I. Certain Legal Matters Exception (Government Code § 552.107) &
Confidential Information Exception (Government Code § 552.101)**

Government Code Section 552.107 exempts from public disclosure information "...that the attorney general or an attorney of a political subdivision is prohibited from disclosing because of a duty to the client under the Texas Rules of Evidence or the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct..." Government Code Section 552.101 exempts from public disclosure "...information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision."¹

Evidence Rule 503(b) provides a client with "...a privilege to refuse to disclose and to prevent any other person from disclosing confidential communications made to facilitate the rendition of professional legal services to the client..." Communication is confidential when it is "not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those to whom disclosure is made in furtherance of the rendition of professional legal services to the client or those reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communication."² Evidence Rule 503(b)'s "...professional legal services..." includes a client: (a) seeking the advice, opinion or recommendation of an attorney, and (b) directing the attorney to pursue certain avenues of analysis on behalf of the client. The privilege extends to communications between or among clients, client representatives, lawyers, and lawyer representatives.³

Attached as **Exhibit B** is a memorandum and several emails that provides legal advice to the client. It contains information which meets the required attorney-client privilege elements:

- (a) The documents constitute written electronic communications among the following individuals:
 - (1) Attorney Philip Arnold (Outside Legal Counsel);
 - (2) County employees and officials Bryan Wilson (County Judge), Jim Luther (County Commissioner Precinct 1), Damon Beierle (Commissioner Precinct 2), Chad Collier (Commissioner Precinct 3), and Joe Don Dockery (Commissioner Precinct 4).
- (b) The documents show that communications were made to facilitate the rendition of professional legal services. The legal memorandum and each email contain requests from the client and/or client representatives (employees) seeking legal advice pursuant to Government Code Chapter 551. Specifically, both Mr. Arnold's legal memorandum and emails to the County provide legal advice and opinions in response to the County employees' questions related to the former County judge's legal fees reimbursement request.

¹ See *Paxton v. City of Dallas*, 509 S.W.3d 247, 264-268 (Tex. 2017); See *In re City of Georgetown*, 53 S.W.3d 328, 332-336 (Tex. 2001); See also *Abbott v. City of Dallas*, 453 S.W.3d 580, 586-588 (Tex. App. – Austin 2014) (holding that Section 552.101 exempts from public disclosure information protected by attorney-client privilege).

² Tex. R. Evid. 503(a)(5).

³ *Id.* at 503(b)(1)(A), (B), (C), (D), (E).

- (c) The communications were only made between the client, client representatives, lawyers, and lawyer representatives. The emails sent to Philip Arnold came from a County employee or official who has the authority to obtain advice from legal counsel.
- (d) The communications were confidential and the County has maintained the confidentiality of the legal memorandum and emails.

Accordingly, the County respectfully requests a determination from your office that the requested information should be withheld as confidential communications subject to the attorney-client privilege under Government Code Sections 552.107, 552.101, and Evidence Rule 503.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Phillip B. Arnold

Encl: Exhibit A: Request
Exhibit B: Responsive Documents

cc: Eddie Arredondo, Burnet County Attorney, via email
Requestor via email (without enclosures)



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EXHIBIT 5

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VIA UNITED STATES CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 17, 2026

Hon. Bryan Wilson,
Burnet County Judge
220 S. Pierce
Burnet, Texas 78611

Commissioners Court
220 S. Pierce,
Burnet, TX 78611

Re: Request for approval and payment of reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred by former County Judge James Oakley in successfully defending criminal charges arising from official duties

Dear Commissioners:

I represent former Burnet County Judge James Oakley. This letter requests that the Commissioners Court place on its next available agenda, consider, and approve payment of reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses he incurred defending against felony and misdemeanor charges in Cause Nos. CR 55029, CR 55154, CR 55344, and CR 55345 filed in the 33rd Judicial District Court of Burnet County, Texas. A jury entered a verdict of not guilty and exonerated Judge Oakley of all of the charges before it in CR 55345 relating to abuse of official capacity on August 31, 2023. More recently, the remaining charges that had yet to reach a jury were dismissed on May 20, 2026 "in the interest of justice."

Because Judge Oakley had to incur significant legal fees defending himself for good faith acts that were alleged to have occurred in his official capacity as County Judge, and because the public interest would be served to ensure that future officials similarly exonerated will not be deterred from public service, Judge Oakley respectfully requests that you grant this request and reimburse him for the attorney's fees and expenses attached hereto.

Factual background

Beginning in 2021 and continuing through 2023, Judge Oakley, acting within the scope of his statutory duties as County Judge and head of Emergency Management, took official actions related to an internal inquiry into alleged fraud and misuse of county resources. In particular, a whistleblower complaint alleged that the Burnet County Sheriff's Office had paid certain employees based on fabricated or inaccurate time records. In response, Judge Oakley directed appropriate county officials to preserve relevant records, coordinate with the county auditor and human resources, and place the matter on the path for formal review and remedial action to protect county funds. The official actions he took to investigate that whistleblower report—and to ensure accountability for any payroll irregularities—preceded the indictments and appear to be the same subject matter context from which the prosecution later arose.

After learning of Judge Oakley's activities, the Sheriff's Office opened retaliatory investigations and ultimately convinced Wiley "Sonny" McAfee, the then Burnet County District Attorney, to pursue charges against Judge Oakley on what were then, and are now, completely baseless claims. The accusations, including for alleged abuse of official capacity, official oppression, and tampering with physical evidence, stemmed directly from Judge Oakley's official position as the Burnet County Judge. See attached Ex. A.

Judge Oakley endured years of prosecution in which he was forced to defend allegations about his official conduct by employing outside counsel at his own expense. While the charges were originally pursued by McAfee, a jury ultimately rejected the baseless charges of abuse of official capacity in Cause Nos. CR 55345 and acquitted Judge Oakley of any wrongdoing. After McAfee left the office, his successor correctly recused himself from pursuing the remaining charges and a special prosecutor was appointed to review the charges contained in CR 55029, CR 55154, and CR 55344 and determine whether to move forward. That prosecutor ultimately reviewed all of the evidence and moved to dismiss every count in every remaining indictment on May 20, 2026. The Court agreed with the decision, approving the dismissals "in the interest of justice." See attached Ex. B.

Despite being investigated, prosecuted, and disparaged by prior officials of the very County to which Judge Oakley devoted years of service as its County Judge and prior to that, two terms as County Commissioner, Judge Oakley consistently sought to preserve the County's institutional interests. Indeed, it was because of his effort to do so including through ensuring transparent investigation of potential wrongdoing by the Sheriff's Office that he was targeted. Now that a jury and the Court have spoken, this Commissioner's Court has the ability to also advance the public trust in county governance by exercising its long-held inherent authority to reimburse an official for successfully defending against criminal prosecution for acts taken while in office.

The County Should Reimburse Judge Oakley's Legal Fees and Expenses

The filing and publicity of the charges and claim made against Judge Oakley caused significant reputational harm to him and, by extension, cast doubt on his leadership of the County, including his efforts to advance the County's interest. While Judge Oakley may never fully remedy his reputation or restore the years of stress he had to endure in defending himself, what can and should be remedied are the attorney's fees and expenses totaling \$218,003.49 that Judge Oakley had no choice but to incur. A declaration proving up the fees and expenses as incurred in relation to Judge Oakley's defense is attached hereto as Ex. C.

While there may have been some question while the charges were pending whether the Commissioner's Court should reimburse those fees and expenses, there should be no question now. Specifically, Texas law has long recognized that a local government entity, including this Commissioner's Court, may reimburse an official or employee for successfully defending against criminal accusations relating to conduct while in their official capacity. *See, e.g., Tex. Att'y Gen.Op. No. KP-0037 (2015)*. Texas law does not draw a distinction between whether alleged conduct is criminally or civilly culpable in that regard. *See id.* In fact, Section 157.091 of the Local Government Code mandates that in a civil suit "if it reasonably appears that the act complained of may form the basis for the filing of a criminal charge against the official or employee, the official or employee is entitled to have the commissioners court of the county employ and pay private counsel." *Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 157.901(b)*.

The only instances where courts have expressed hesitancy in paying for or reimbursing private counsel in such situations have occurred when criminal charges are still pending, as there could be a concern that expending funds on defending "a guilty official from prosecution" would not serve the public interest. But those concerns fall away here given the "disposition of the charges" have now resulted in exoneration. *See, e.g., Tex. Att'y Gen.Op. No. KP-0037 (2015)*. The reasoning is not only logical, it was made clear nearly 100 years ago when the Supreme Court of Texas adopted a judgment holding that a municipality could reimburse the attorney's fees for police officers who successfully defended criminal charges. *See, e.g., City of Corsicana v. Babb, 290 S.W. 736, 737 (Tex. Comm'n App. 1927, judgment adopted)*. The adopted opinion explained, "[a]side from any considerations purely personal to the officer, it is for the public good that these officers, as instruments through which the city performs its functions, shall be shielded from the personal hazards which attend the discharge of their official duties." *Id.* The court further explained that "expenditures made in indemnifying the officer against such a liability do not constitute a gratuity, but constitute a public expense of the municipality for which city funds may be used, is sustained by the weight of authority in this country." *Id.*

What was true then is true now. A jury has exonerated Judge Oakley and a court of law has now found that any prosecution of any remaining charges should not occur

“in the interest of justice.” Reimbursing Judge Oakley’s attorney’s fees thus serves the public interest because doing so is necessary to ensure that County officials and employees in a similar position will not be deterred from fully performing their duties or engaging in public service in the future. Indeed, choosing not to do so runs contrary to the public interest, as county officials and employees will be more reluctant in the future to serve or carry out their duties if they fear that they could be individually responsible for the costs of defending themselves even after being exonerated of wrongdoing.

This Commissioner’s Court thus not only has the right to make it clear that such officials and employees will not be left out in the cold—the public has an interest in avoiding any chilling effect that would otherwise hang over County officials and employees going forward if such a request were denied.

In light of the exoneration of Judge Oakley, we therefore respectfully request that the Commissioner’s Court adopt the following findings:

1. The criminal allegations against Judge Oakley related to his position and conduct as the County Judge of Burnet County, Texas;
2. The criminal allegations terminated in Judge Oakley’s favor with a jury exoneration on August 31, 2023 and a court dismissal in the interest of justice on May 20, 2026;
3. Judge Oakley’s conduct as it related to those allegations was in good faith and did not exceed the scope of his office;
4. The attorney’s fees and expenses requested in the amount of \$218,003.49 are reasonable and were necessarily incurred to defend those criminal proceedings, as substantiated by the tendered declaration and invoices;
5. Reimbursing the \$218,003.49 in fees and expenses Judge Oakley incurred in defending against those allegations serves a legitimate public interest of the County, including to prevent a chilling effect against future County officials or employees for carrying out good faith conduct as part of their duties.

Please confirm in writing by June 26, 2026 that the Commissioners Court will place this request on the next available agenda consistent with the Texas Open Meetings Act and will consider the enclosed resolution. If the Commissioners Court requires any additional non-privileged information to verify reasonableness or to refine findings, we will make it available promptly and would also be happy to coordinate with the County Attorney, copied here.

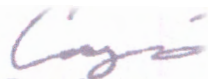
If the Commissioners Court declines to consider or approve payment, Judge Oakley will pursue all available remedies, including claims to recover damages from responsible actors, which will not only include these attorney’s fees and expenses, but for compensatory damages concerning the harm to his reputation and his ability to secure future employment, his pain and suffering, and additional attorney’s fees

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necessary to pursue such remedies. Nothing in this letter is intended to waive any rights, remedies, or privileges of Judge Oakley.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Casey Low", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Casey Low



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 20, 2026

Hon. Bryan Wilson,
Burnet County Judge
220 S. Pierce
Burnet, Texas 78611

Re: Follow Up Regarding Request of Judge James Oakley

Dear Judge Wilson:

This letter is in follow up to the June 17, 2026 request on behalf of my client, former Burnet County Judge James Oakley, for approval of payment of his reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with his duties as Burnet County Judge. Specifically, we requested that the Commissioners' Court place his request on the next available agenda consistent with the Texas Open Meetings Act and we also offered to provide any additional information to facilitate the request.

Although we have your confirmation of receipt of the request, we are still awaiting its consideration by the Commissioners' Court. We reiterate the purpose of Judge Oakley's request is solely to further the public interest and to avoid litigation. Specifically, if the request is granted and all of the requested attorney's fees and expenses are reimbursed, Judge Oakley would not seek any additional remedies that otherwise would be available to him. If the request is not granted, however, he would have no choice but to seek those and additional remedies in Court.

Approval of the request would further the public interest in two respects. First, it would ensure that County officials and employees in a similar position will not be deterred from fully performing their duties or engaging in public service in the future. Second, it would resolve an ongoing dispute that otherwise would result in additional litigation while preserving the immunities belonging to the County. To the extent the Commissioners' Court's approval of the request would be contingent upon such an acknowledgment by Judge Oakley, he would accept such a condition.

July 20, 2026

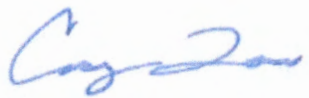
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Prompt approval of the request is necessary given the ongoing damage to Judge Oakley and the large amount of attorney's fees and expenses he has already paid out of pocket. Thus, if the request is not approved at the next available meeting, we will need to move forward with litigation instead. Thus, we ask that you confirm placement of this item on the July 28, 2026 agenda and again ask for consideration of the request.

To the extent we can provide any additional information to facilitate the Commissioners Court's consideration of this request, we would be happy to provide such information including any presentation, proposed agreements, or other requested clarifications concerning the request to ensure its full and prompt consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we appreciate your efforts in furtherance of the public interest.

Very truly yours,



Casey Low

EXHIBIT 6

The State of Texas {}

County of Burnet {} On this the 10th day of February 2026, the Burnet County Commissioners Court met in regular session. The following members of the court were present:

Present: County Judge Bryan Wilson
Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr.
Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle
Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier
Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery

Attendees: Eddie Arredondo , County Attorney
Colleen Davis , Asst. County Attorney
Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk
Madeline Parker , Comm. Court Coordinator

Item #1 Call to Order

Judge Bryan Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m

Item #2 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags

Bryan Wilson, County Judge, led the invocation.
Pledges said

Item #12 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the following for the Burnet County Historical Courthouse: (Wilson)

- a. The planning grant application to the Texas Historical Commission for the Burnet County Courthouse, based on an estimated construction cost of \$8,971,544, the court must select one of the following options:
 - i. Option 1: Rehabilitation — Keeping 1974 addition (work on 1974 portions will more than likely be ineligible costs through THC or detract from competitive scoring). County share for planning grant: **\$496,236**
 - ii. Option 2: Restoration with Basement — Remove 1974 addition but keep and extend basement (basement costs would be ineligible through THC). County share for planning grant: **\$913,366**, or
 - iii. Option 3: Full Restoration — Remove all additions (1974 above and below grade) and return to 1937 CH. County share for planning grant: **\$446,236**

Blair Manning, Burnet County Tourism Director, spoke.
Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk, spoke.
Earlene Zimmerman spoke.
Lela Gore spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle to approve option 1 Rehabilitation — Keeping 1974 addition (work on 1974 portions will more than likely be ineligible costs through THC or detract from competitive scoring). County share for planning grant: **\$496,236**

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

approved Option 1_Rehabilitation
Option 1_Rehabilitation
Option 2_Restoration + Basement
Option 3_Full Restoration

Item #17 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding approval of the Burnet County Treasurer's Monthly Report - December 2025. (Wilson)

Karrie Crownover, County Treasurer, gave report.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 3 Chad Collier to approve the Burnet County Treasurer's Monthly Report - December 2025

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Dec 2025

Item #18 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding acceptance of Burnet County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report - Q1 FY26. (Wilson)

Karrie Crownover, County Treasurer, gave update.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery to accept the Burnet County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report - Q1 FY26.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Item #3 Public Comments - Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 and the Burnet County commissioners court rules of decorum, any person may make comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Any comments made will not be deliberated on by the Commissioners Court during this Public Comments agenda item. Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.

Charlie Parker spoke.

Attachments:

Charlie Parker

Item #4 **Executive Session.** Discussion with Burnet County Commissioner's Court and the County Civil Attorney(s) and/or the County Attorney in accordance with Texas Government Codes 551.071. (Consultation with Attorney). (Wilson)

a. Discuss confidential attorney-client legal matters, anticipated litigation and other legal matters pertaining to Burnet County's response to Bell County East to Big Hill 765kV Transmission Project including legal analysis and applicability of Chapter 391, Local Government Code.

i. Formation of a 391 Commission.

Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

Attachments:

391 Commission Purposes

Item #5 Reconvene in Open Session.

Reconvene at 10:05 a.m

Item #6 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding Burnet County's response to the Bell County East to Big Hill 765kV Transmission Project, LCRA/ONCOR electric line: (Wilson)

a. Directing the Burnet County Judge to identify governmental entities with which to form a 391 Commission.

Nancy Farnsworth spoke.

Mia Sarot spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 2 Damon Beierle, Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr. to direct the Burnet County Judge to identify governmental entities with which to form a 391 Commission with the inclusion of Commissioner Damon Beierle.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Nancy Farnsworth
391 Commission Purposes

Item #7 Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the selection of a law firm to contract with Burnet County Commissioners Court General Counsel budgeted from line 100-4090-4940 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. (Wilson)

Claire Nybro spoke.
Philip Arnold spoke.

Motion is made by Commissioner Precinct 1 Jim Luther, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Don Dockery to approve the selection of a law firm to contract with Burnet County Commissioners Court General Counsel budgeted from line 100-4090-4940 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, with the correction to read 100-4090-4990

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Attachments:

Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP Engagement Agreement