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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

THAT **Williamson County, Texas**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "County"); and the **Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department**, an incorporated volunteer fire department as described under Texas Local Government Code, §352.001(c) (hereinafter referred to as the "Department"), have entered into the following:

AGREEMENT

1. Pursuant to its power to provide financial assistance for fire protection in and for Williamson County, and its duty to protect the public health and welfare, the County agrees to pay to the Department the sum of **\$18,000.00** in two separate (2) payments. The first payment being made when the County has received a signed agreement accompanied by a detailed accounting of the prior year's expenditures of the County allotment. The second payment will be disbursed on or before September 30, 2009. All funds are to be used to defray the cost of equipment and labor required to provide the services described in Paragraph 2.
2. The Department agrees to provide fire protection services in any area in the County when requested by any other fire company or emergency service district, or when dispatched by the County, and shall expend all of the amount set forth in Paragraph 1 for only these purposes during the calendar year 2009.
3. It is understood by the Department that the County cannot commit funds for any future fiscal year, and that this Agreement does not, and cannot, commit the County to renew or repeat this Agreement unless approved by future action of the Williamson County Commissioners' Court.
4. It is understood and agreed that the County has no power to control or supervise the manner and means chosen by the Department to carry out the services specified in Paragraph 2, and that the County shall have no liability for any intentional acts of the Department which are not related to the provision of said services.

Executed on this the 13 day of APRIL, 2009.

Bartlett V.F.D.

By: Duane Kurtin

Printed Name: DUANE KURTIN

Title: FIRE CHIEF

Williamson County, Texas

By: Dan A. Gattis

Dan A. Gattis,
Williamson County Judge



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April 14, 2008

Dan A. Gattis
County Judge
Williamson County, Texas
710 Main Street, Suite 101
Georgetown, TX 78626

Dear Judge Gattis;

The Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of all of the fire departments in Williamson County, and also for your support of the Chiefs Association. Your forethought continues to keep our departments operating in times when others are not able to. The following is an accounting of the funds received by Williamson County for FY2008.

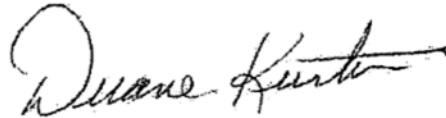
Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department purchased a 2006 American LaFrance Pumper-Tanker in 2006, with funds from FEMA. As part of this purchase, we financed approximately \$65,000 dollars to pay for the apparatus. Towards the balance owed on this equipment, we spent \$14,165.15 of our 2008 Williamson County funding, in monthly payments, on this very essential piece of equipment. This truck responds to almost every rural call we make, as it is basically our mobile rural water supply. In 2008 we received two grants from the Texas Forest Service for a total of \$9600. With these grant funds, we purchased a portable deck gun (water monitor) for our pumper/tanker apparatus, and several sets of structural turnout gear for our members. These grants came with a minimum 25% co-payment, depending on specific item types. The actual cost for the equipment we purchased with for these two grants totaled \$12,525.00, of which our co-payment totaled \$5892.00. The balance of this expense was made up by our annual fundraiser. If you look back over the years, you will find that we use all of the funds that we receive from Williamson County to upgrade our rural firefighting and rescue capabilities.

We hope that you and the County Commissioners Court all decide continue to provide this vital funding to the rural fire departments in Williamson County, like us, that do not have an Emergency Services Taxing District (ESD). As you know, Bartlett is on the northeastern edge of the county, and our fire district is primarily agricultural land with a low population density. With our city being so far from any large municipality, and having no other industry, an ESD will not generate a sustainable level of funds for us to operate on at this time, because of the low population and property values. The funding that we receive from Williamson County, although it seems like a small amount compared to what all of the other departments receive, is a large part of our annual

operating budget, and it would be devastating to our department if you were to cut off those funds. We humbly request that you to continue this funding for our department to support our operations in rural Williamson County.

We appreciate the support we receive from Williamson County and from your office. If you require any other information from me, please contact me at 512-658-9096.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Kurtin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Duane Kurtin
Fire Chief
Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department