

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

**SERVICES CONTRACT
FOR LIVESTOCK WRANGLER
FOR IMPOUNDMENT & DISPOSITION
OF ESTRAYS PURSUANT TO
Texas Agriculture Code § 142.001 *et seq.*
(George Stefek)**

THIS SERVICES CONTRACT (hereinafter "Contract") is made and entered into by and between **Williamson County, Texas** (hereinafter "The County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its governing body, and **George Stefek** (hereinafter "Service Provider"), 2951 CR 360, Bartlett, TX 76511. The County agrees to engage Service Provider as an independent contractor, to assist in providing certain operational services pursuant to the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

I.

Services: Service Provider shall provide goods and services *as an independent contractor* pursuant to terms and policies of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Service Provider expressly acknowledges that he, she or it is not an employee of The County. The services include, but are not limited to Livestock Wrangler for impoundment & disposition of estrays pursuant to Texas Agriculture Code § 142.001 *et seq.*

II.

Effective Date and Term: This contract shall be in full force and effect when signed by all parties and shall continue for the county's fiscal year 2022 through September 30, 2022. Thereafter, the contract shall automatically renew each October 1st for the next county fiscal year unless the contract is terminated earlier pursuant to paragraph X below.

III.

Consideration and Compensation: Service Provider will be compensated based on the attached Exhibit "A" Fee Schedule *subject to available county funding for the then current fiscal year*. Exhibit "A" may only be amended in writing by a fully executed addendum signed

by both parties and approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court. **The County shall only be billed for goods or services actually rendered and received.** Payment for goods and services shall be governed by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the 31st day after the later of (1) the date The County receives the goods under the contract; (2) the date the performance of the service under the contract is completed; or (3) the date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services. Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by The County in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of The County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one percent (1%); and (2) the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

IV.

Entire Contract: This Contract constitutes the entire Contract between the parties and may not be modified or amended other than by a written instrument executed by both parties.

V.

No Agency Relationship: It is understood and agreed that Service Provider shall not in any sense be considered a partner or joint venturer with The County, nor shall Service Provider hold himself out as an agent or official representative of The County unless expressly authorized to do so by a majority of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Service Provider shall be considered an independent contractor for the purpose of this Contract and shall in no manner incur any expense or liability on behalf of The County other than what may be expressly allowed under this Contract.

VI.

Texas Law Applicable to Indemnification: All indemnifications or limitations of liability or statutes of limitations shall be to the extent authorized under Texas law and shall follow Texas law without modifying the County's rights.

VII.

INDEMNIFICATION - EMPLOYEE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS: TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND (WITH COUNSEL OF THE COUNTY'S CHOOSING), AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, PARTNERS, OFFICERS, AND DIRECTORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "INDEMNITEES") AND SHALL ASSUME ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY (OTHER THAN AS A RESULT OF INDEMNITEES' GROSS NEGLIGENCE) FOR ANY CLAIM

OR ACTION BASED ON OR ARISING OUT OF THE PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH, OF ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER, OR OF ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, OR OF ANY OTHER ENTITY FOR WHOSE ACTS THEY MAY BE LIABLE, WHICH OCCURRED OR WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED ON THE WORK SITE OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK. SERVICE PROVIDER HEREBY INDEMNIFIES THE INDEMNITEES EVEN TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PERSONAL INJURY WAS CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE SOLE, COMPARATIVE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF THE STRICT LIABILITY OF ANY INDEMNIFIED PARTY. THIS INDEMNIFICATION SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO DAMAGES, COMPENSATION, OR BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER INSURANCE POLICIES, WORKERS COMPENSATION ACTS, DISABILITY BENEFITS ACTS, OR OTHER EMPLOYEES BENEFIT ACTS.

INDEMNIFICATION - OTHER THAN EMPLOYEE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS: TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND (WITH COUNSEL OF THE COUNTY'S CHOOSING), AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, PARTNERS, OFFICERS, AND DIRECTORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING OUT OF OR ALLEGED TO BE RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE WORK DESCRIBED HEREIN, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDER OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS, ANYONE EMPLOYED BY THEM OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS THEY MAY BE LIABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CLAIM, DAMAGE, LOSS OR EXPENSE IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY A PARTY INDEMNIFIED HEREUNDER.

VIII.

No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity or Powers: Nothing in this Contract will be deemed to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or powers of The County, the Williamson County Commissioners Court, or the Williamson County Judge.

IX.

Compliance with All Laws: Service Provider agrees and will comply with any and all local, state or federal requirements with respect to the services rendered.

X.

Termination: This Contract may be terminated at any time at the option of either party, without future or prospective liability for performance upon giving thirty (30) days written notice thereof. The County will only be liable for its pro rata share of services rendered and goods actually received.

XI.

Venue and Applicable Law: Venue of this Contract shall be Williamson County, Texas, and the laws of the State of Texas shall govern all terms and conditions.

XII.

Severability: In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision in this Contract and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.

XIII.

Right to Audit: Service Provider agrees that The County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Contract, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Service Provider which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. Service Provider agrees that The County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary Service Provider facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate workspace in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The County shall give Service Provider reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

XIV.

Confidentiality: Service Provider expressly agrees that he or she will not use any incidental confidential information that may be obtained while working in a governmental setting for his or her own benefit, and agrees that he or she will not enter any unauthorized areas or access confidential information and he or she will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties, and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times.

XV.

Good Faith: Service Provider agrees to act in good faith in the performance of this Contract.

XVI.

No Assignment: Service Provider may not assign this Contract.

XVII.

County Judge or Presiding Officer Authorized to Sign Contract: The presiding officer of The County's governing body who is authorized to execute this instrument by order duly recorded may execute this Contract on behalf of The County.

WITNESS that this Contract shall be effective as of the date of the last party's execution below.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

Bill Gravell
Bill Gravell (Aug 17, 2022 14:26 CDT)
Authorized Signature

Bill Gravell
Printed Name

Date: Aug 17, 2022, 2022

SERVICE PROVIDER:

George C. Stefer
Authorized Signature

George C. Stefer
Printed Name

Date: August 2, 2022

Exhibit "A"

STOCK CONTRACTOR CHARGE FEES

Minimum Charge call out fee: \$150.00 (Applied to catch/transport cost)

Dart, Catch, Loading Fee per animal: \$250.00

Cattle/Horses are penned: \$100.00 per animal (If only one animal \$200.00)

Animals that must be roped: \$200.00 per animal

Prices based on fuel cost of \$3.45 per gallon (diesel)

Prices subject to change per circumstance

Stock Contractor Feeding Charges:

Bovines: \$4.00/day per livestock animal.

Equines: \$8.00/day per livestock animal. (Includes Hinnies and Donkeys)

Goats/Sheep: \$2.00/day per livestock animal.

Baby Calves, horses, goats, sheep feeding charges will depend on how many times they need to be fed per day, and cost expenses associated. (Per livestock animal)

Any medications provided must be detailed with invoice and approved by Williamson County Livestock Deputy. Any serious illness, injury, death of livestock animal must be reported to Williamson County Livestock Deputy as soon as possible. Any DVM care must be reported as soon as possible to Williamson County Livestock Deputy.

Auction Fee's:

Coggins Test: \$50.00

No Transport fees to Auction House