



**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145335

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DATE: 6/3/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF TARRANT COUNTY DEPOSITORY CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS AND COURT REGISTRY FUNDS HELD BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND THE DISTRICT CLERK WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the Tarrant County Depository Contracts for Certain Trust Funds and Court Registry Funds Held by the County Clerk and the District Clerk with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

**BACKGROUND**

On April 2, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #144926, approved JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the Depository for County Public Funds, Certain Trust Funds, and Court Registry Funds.

These Depository Contracts are for four (4) years and will end sixty (60) days after the second Tuesday in April 2029, as allowed by Local Government Code Chapters 116 and 117; with an additional two (2) year renewal option.

The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office has approved the contracts as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

SUBMITTED BY	District Clerk	PREPARED BY:	Tracy Johnson
		APPROVED BY:	Doug Gowin

**DEPOSITORY CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS AND  
COURT REGISTRY FUNDS HELD BY THE DISTRICT CLERK**

THIS AGREEMENT, hereinafter called the "Contract" is made and entered by and between JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., a national banking corporation, hereinafter called "Bank," and TARRANT COUNTY, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, hereinafter called "Depositor",

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Bank has submitted its application for operating bank depository for funds of the Depositor; and

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Overdraft interest will be charged any time the collected balance in any individual account of the Depositor is negative at the end of a banking day at a rate equal to the Bank's standard overdraft interest charge as it changes from time to time. The Bank's current overdraft interest charge is the Prime Rate. Additionally, if the Depositor's accounts are in an aggregate overdraft position during the banking day, the Bank reserves the right to pass on to the Depositor any amount the Federal Reserve Bank charges the Bank for daylight overdraft positions in the Bank's reserve accounts.

- E. The Bank will provide the supplies and services required by the District Clerk of the Depositor in connection with the depository service as described and at the charges specified in the Bank Response for Tarrant County dated February 24, 2025, inclusive of, inter alia, the Bank's Statement of Work, Account Terms and Service Terms and the Comprehensive Fee Sheet in response to RFA No. F2025049, herein incorporated by reference.

The Bank may be willing to provide additional bank services and products to the District Clerk of the Depositor that are not requested in the Depositor's request for proposal but which the District Clerk of the Depositor later

determines would be beneficial. Additional services and products will be subject to the terms of the Account Terms and Service Terms or other standard agreements, as applicable, and pricing will be as specified in the Bank's applicable published price schedules, unless the Bank and the Depositor otherwise agree in writing. No charge shall be made by the Bank for any service, unless specified above or provided by written amendment signed by both parties.

The Bank will provide account balances and transaction information to the District Clerk of the Depositor each banking day via computer terminal. The District Clerk of the Depositor will make deposits to the accounts at various times during the banking day and the Bank will give same-day ledger credit on deposits the Bank receives before 3:00 p.m. The level of available funds in all accounts will be determined on the following schedule:

	<b>DEPOSITORY ITEMS</b>	<b>AVAILABILITY</b>
1	Cash, items drawn on the depository, wire transfers, ACH deposits, letters of credit	SAME DAY
2	Encoded items drawn on Direct Clearing institutions that meet at the local clearinghouse check exchange and received by bank by noon	SAME DAY
3	Items on local institutions (other than those listed in #2 above)	NEXT DAY
4	Other items	FEDERAL RESERVE AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

- F. The Bank will provide to the District Clerk of the Depositor an interest statement at least annually for each certificate of deposit, including a statement as of the last business day of each year. The statement or statements collectively will include the interest earned, early withdrawal penalty (if any), and the ending balance as of the closing date for the statement. For investments in the minor's name, 1099s will be delivered electronically to the District Clerk of the Depositor in account number order. These statements will be provided to the District Clerk of the Depositor within 20 days (best efforts basis) after the end of the calendar year.

### III.

In the event that this Contract is terminated, whether voluntarily or involuntarily or by selection of the successor depository, Bank agrees to pay interest on all time deposits from the date of purchase to the date the time deposits are paid to the District Clerk of the Depositor, at the rate as described in Bank's Response, without penalty for early withdrawal, except as required by law.

#### **IV.**

Any suit arising out of or in any way connected with this Contract shall be tried in TARRANT COUNTY in a court of proper jurisdiction. Texas law and applicable federal law shall govern this Contract and its terms. In the event that other venue provisions may apply to this Contract, this venue provision shall control over all others.

#### **V.**

The volume of funds deposited under this Contract will vary from time to time. In order that the deposits may be at all times amply secured by pledged securities pursuant to this Contract and the depository laws of the State of Texas, the District Clerk of the Depositor shall have the right, upon twenty-four hours written notice, to require an increase in the value of the pledged securities hereunder. Likewise, upon notice, the Bank shall have the right to decrease the value of the pledged securities that are in excess of 102% of the deposits. Deposit of additional securities, and withdrawals of excess securities, shall be, for convenience, in units of \$25,000 or more.

#### **VI.**

The Bank shall have the right to substitute or withdraw any part of the collateral with any type of pledged securities collateral backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government.

When an exchange is desired by the Bank, it shall make application to the District Clerk of the Depositor and submit a list of the securities proposed to be exchanged and the securities that it desires to withdraw. If the securities so proposed and tendered for substitution are of the kind and character described above and of the required amount and value, the District Clerk of the Depositor will grant the application and permit a substitution or withdrawal, as allowed by law. If permission is granted and securities are substituted, the substituted securities shall thereafter be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Contract as fully as if originally pledged hereunder. The District Clerk of the Depositor agrees its consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

#### **VII.**

The Bank shall discharge all of the duties required by law in the care, safekeeping and custody of the securities pledged to the District Clerk of the Depositor.

#### **VIII.**

Not later than 8:00 a.m. of each banking day, the Bank shall make available to District Clerk of the Depositor via computer terminal the daily ending ledger and collected balances of each account for the banking day immediately preceding. Not

later than 10:00 a.m. of each banking day, the Bank shall make available to the District Clerk of the Depositor the dollar amount of checks deposited by the District Clerk of the Depositor with the Bank that were charged back to the District Clerk of the Depositor's account during the banking day immediately preceding. Not later than 10 banking days after the end of each calendar month, the Bank will furnish the District Clerk of the Depositor a separate monthly statement for each account showing overall activity to the account in the calendar month. The Bank will provide the District Clerk of the Depositor with a full reconciliation for each account as requested by the District Clerk of the Depositor. The Bank will furnish the statement in electronic file format. The bank will provide cancelled checks in electronic form. An account analysis of the Bank's charges for operating the District Clerk of the Depositor's accounts shall also be provided by the Bank to the District Clerk of the Depositor each month not later than 15 banking days after the end of each calendar month.

#### **IX.**

The Bank will accept wire transfer deposits made by or on behalf of the District Clerk of the Depositor. Such deposits will be made to such accounts as the District Clerk of the Depositor may direct by computer or in writing. Any deposit instructions given by the District Clerk of the Depositor will be confirmed by letter electronically mailed or deposited in First Class U.S. mail within 48 hours to the addresses provided in paragraph XI. below.

#### **X.**

It is expressly understood that the District Clerk of the Depositor shall have the right pursuant to court order to withdraw funds, without penalty except as required by law, from time to time, any amount of funds of the District Clerk of the Depositor that are deposited in the Bank and to invest those funds in direct debt securities of the United States, Certificate of Deposit or deposits in other depositories and other investments that the District Clerk of the Depositor may now or hereafter be authorized to make under the laws of Texas. Bank expressly agrees to pay interest on all time deposits and SDAs from the date of purchase to the date the deposits are paid to the District Clerk of the Depositor, at the rate as described in Section II. A. and B. of this Contract and without penalty for early withdrawal for certificates of deposit, except as required by law.

#### **XI.**

Any written notice permitted or required to be given by the District Clerk of the Depositor to the Bank shall be provided electronically, hand-delivered or mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested to any officer of the Bank, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal Bank holiday, to the following address:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
Commercial Banking

420 Throckmorton  
Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Fort  
Worth, TX 76102

Such written notice shall be deemed received when handed to any officer of the Bank. District Clerk of the Depositor recognizes that the Bank's lobby closes at 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. While Bank Officers are generally present until 5:00 p.m., notification should be received by the Bank during normal business hours.

The local customer service representative for Bank who is assigned to respond to daily operational inquiries and difficulties experienced by the District Clerk of the Depositor has been communicated to District Clerk of the Depositor and contact information will be updated as applicable.

Any notice permitted or required to be given by the Bank to the Depositor shall be hand- delivered, mailed electronically or mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested to the District Clerk of the Depositor at:

100 N. Calhoun Street, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Floor  
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

AND to the County Auditor at:

100 East Weatherford Street, Room  
506  
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, legal Bank holiday, County holiday or when the Courthouse is closed.

## **XII.**

All of the provisions and requirements of the laws governing county depositories shall be a part of this Contract.

## **XIII.**

### **Chapter 2270 Texas Government Code Verification**

In compliance with Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code Vendor warrants, represents, and by its execution of this Contract hereby verifies that (1) Vendor does not boycott Israel; and (2) Vendor will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract. For the purposes of this Contract, and in compliance with the Texas Government Code, "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict harm on, or limit commercial relationships specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing

business in Israel or in an Israel-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

Vendor warrants, represents, and by its execution of this Contract hereby verifies that Vendor nor its parent company, nor any wholly or majority owned subsidiaries, nor any other affiliates are companies identified on a list prepared and maintained under Section 806.051, 807.051 or Chapter 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.

In compliance with Chapter 2276 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (relating to prohibition on Contracts with companies boycotting energy companies), Vendor warrants, represents, and by its execution of this Contract hereby verifies that it does not, and will not for the duration of the Contract, boycott energy companies. If the circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Vendor shall promptly notify County.

In compliance with Chapter 2274.002 et seq of the Texas Government Code (relating to prohibition on Contracts with companies that discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries), Vendor warrants, represents, and by its execution of this Contract hereby verifies that it does not, and will not during the duration of the Contract, have a practice, policy guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. If the circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Vendor shall promptly notify County.

#### **XIV.**

##### **A. Pricing**

Pricing for all services is valid through the stated end of the bid term. The Bank reserves the right to adjust pricing for any services provided after the end of the stated bid term.

##### **B. Positive Pay**

Every depositor has an obligation to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud on its accounts. For that reason, the Bank offers customers a "Positive Pay" service, which allows customers to notify the Bank of certain information regarding issued checks for comparison with checks presented to the Bank for payment. Under applicable provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, courts will assess liability for losses between the bank and bank customers based on the degree to which each party's failure to exercise ordinary care contributed to the loss. The Bank believes that ordinary care requires all public fund customers to use positive pay to help prevent third-party fraud on their accounts.

##### **C. Courier Services**

Courier services used by the District Clerk of the Depositor to deliver currency,

checks, or other items to the Bank must meet the requirements for courier services specified in the Bank's applicable Service Agreement.

**D. Third-Party Service Providers**

In the normal course of its business, the Bank may engage certain third-party vendors to provide or assist in providing all or part of certain services. The Bank has no obligation to specifically disclose the existence of these arrangements to the District Clerk of the Depositor or to obtain the District Clerk of the Depositor's consent to these arrangements unless the third party is engaged solely for the purpose of serving the District Clerk of the Depositor's business.

**E. Other Agreements**

All services are subject to the terms of the Bank's standard agreements applicable to the products and services provided. To the extent of any conflict between this Contract and the Bank's standard agreements, this Contract will control.

**F. No Oral Agreements**

THIS CONTRACT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY THE BANK AND THE DEPOSITOR REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

**G. Additional Documents Required**

In connection with establishing the Accounts and providing services to Depositor, the Bank may require additional documentation.

**H. Termination of Services**

Notwithstanding the stated term of this bid, either party may terminate all or particular services at any time during the bid term for the reasons stated in the Account Terms or Service Terms or any other agreement that governs those services, so long as Bank's termination of services is in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 116 & 117, Texas Local Government Code. Any termination of services by Bank must be provided at a minimum of 90 days' notice to ensure continued operational capability for the Clerks.

**I. Secretary's Certificate**

Prior to execution of this Contract by either party, a proper secretary's certificate certifying that the individual signing this Contract on behalf of the Bank has been duly

appointed by the Bank through its Board of Directors to act on behalf of the Bank for purposes of this Contract. Said Certificate shall be marked as "Exhibit A" and attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

**XV.**

Analysis Statement Credits: The analysis statement will consist of the District Clerk of the Depositor's checking accounts. In the event that the District Clerk's activity in said accounts would entitle the District Clerk to more credit than the applicable service charges, then the bank shall apply the excess credit to the costs generated by the Depositor's accounts.


EXECUTED in triplicate originals this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT STATE OF TEXAS      JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.**

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page  
Tim O'Hare  
Tarrant County Judge

By:   
J. Michael Wilson  
Authorized Officer

**APPROVED:**  
  
District Clerk

  
County Auditor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:\***

Kimberly Colliet Wesley  
Assistant Criminal District Attorney

\* By law, the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office may only advise or approve contracts and other legal forms on behalf of its clients. It may not advise or approve contracts or other legal forms on behalf of other parties and/or entities. Our review of the attached legal forms was conducted solely from the legal perspective of our client, Tarrant County and the Tarrant County Clerk. Other parties and/or entities should not rely on the attached forms without seeking review and approval by their own respective attorney(s).

Exhibit A

**JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association**

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Chike N. Egbuniwe, do hereby certify that I am a duly appointed Assistant Corporate Secretary of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States (the "**Bank**"), and that set forth below is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Bank on March 20, 2018. I further certify that the said resolution is still in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

"RESOLVED that loan agreements, contracts, indentures, mortgages, deeds, releases, conveyances, assignments, transfers, certificates, certifications, declarations, leases, discharges, satisfactions, settlements, petitions, schedules, accounts, affidavits, bonds, undertakings, guarantees, proxies, requisitions, demands, proofs of debt, claims, records, notes signifying indebtedness of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (the "Bank") and any other contracts, instruments or documents in connection with the conduct of the business of the Bank ("Documents"), whether or not specified in the resolutions of the Bank's Board of Directors (the "Board"), may be signed, executed, acknowledged, verified, delivered or accepted on behalf of the Bank by the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer of the Bank ("CEO"), a President, the Chief Operating Officer, a Vice Chairman of the Board, a Vice Chairman, any member of the Firm's Operating Committee (an "Operating Committee Member"), any Executive Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer, the General Counsel, the Treasurer, the Controller, the Chief Risk Officer, the Secretary, any Senior Vice President, any Managing Director, any Executive Director, any Vice President, or any other officer having a functional title or official status which is at least equivalent to any of the foregoing corporate titles, and the seal of the Bank may be affixed to any thereof and attested by the Secretary, any Assistant Corporate Secretary, or any of the foregoing officers; provided, however, that any guarantees, comfort letters or other letters of support issued by the Bank in respect of obligations of any of the Bank's affiliates or subsidiaries ("Support Documents") may be executed only where consistent with such resolutions of the Board dated December 8, 2015, as amended, relating to the provision of Bank guarantees and other support issued by the Bank in respect of obligations of its subsidiaries and affiliates."

I further certify that the individual listed on the attached schedule holds the corresponding title indicated on the schedule for the Bank and is empowered to act in conformity with the referenced resolution.

This certificate may be executed and delivered by electronic means. Such electronic signature shall be valid and binding as of the date indicated by the timestamp accompanying the electronic signature.

**Chike N. Egbuniwe**

April 14, 2025 | 10:27:16 AM EDT

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**Schedule**

J.M. Wilson	Managing Director

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- C. The County Clerk of the Depositor may at any time during the term of this Contract make recurring and/or periodic additional deposits to any existing invested deposits without cost or penalty. Likewise, the County Clerk of the Depositor may at any time during the term of this Contract request and receive recurring and/or periodic disbursements from existing invested deposits without cost or penalty for early withdrawal.
- D. The Bank is never obligated to pay any item or permit any transaction that would cause an overdraft in the applicable account. The Bank reserves all rights and remedies it has under its Account Terms and Service Terms or otherwise with respect to overdrafts. The Bank expects that the Depositor will conduct its affairs so as to avoid overdrafts in its accounts, and that the Depositor will fund any account that has a negative collected balance on the same day that the Depositor is notified of the situation.

Overdraft interest will be charged any time the collected balance in any individual account of the Depositor is negative at the end of a banking day at a rate equal to the Bank's standard overdraft interest charge as it changes from time to time. The Bank's current overdraft interest charge is the Prime Rate. Additionally, if the Depositor's accounts are in an aggregate overdraft position during the banking day, the Bank reserves the right to pass on to the Depositor any amount the Federal Reserve Bank charges the Bank for daylight overdraft positions in the Banks reserve accounts.

- E. The Bank will provide the supplies and services required by the County Clerk of the Depositor in connection with the depository service as described and at the charges specified in the Bank Response for Tarrant County dated February 24, 2025, inclusive of, inter alia, the Bank's Statement of Work, Account Terms and Service Terms and the Comprehensive Fee Sheet in response to RFA No. F2025049, herein incorporated by reference.

The Bank may be willing to provide additional bank services and products to the County Clerk of the Depositor that are not requested in the Depositor's request for proposal but which the County Clerk of the Depositor later determines would be beneficial. Additional services and products will be subject to the terms of the

Account Terms and Service Terms or other standard agreements, as applicable, and pricing will be as specified in the Bank's applicable published price schedules, unless the Bank and the Depositor otherwise agree in writing. No charge shall be made by the Bank for any service, unless specified above or provided by written amendment signed by both parties.

The Bank will provide account balances and transaction information to the County Clerk of the Depositor each banking day via computer terminal. The County Clerk of the Depositor will make deposits to the accounts at various times during the banking day and the Bank will give same-day ledger credit on deposits the Bank receives before 3:00 p.m. The level of available funds in all accounts will be determined on the following schedule:

	<b>DEPOSITORY ITEMS</b>	<b>AVAILABILITY</b>
1	Cash, items drawn on the depository, wire transfers, ACH deposits, letters of credit	SAME DAY
2	Encoded items drawn on Direct Clearing institutions that meet at the local clearinghouse check exchange and received by bank by noon	SAME DAY
3	Items on local institutions (other than those listed in #2 above)	NEXT DAY
4	Other items	FEDERAL RESERVE AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

- F. The Bank will provide to the County Clerk of the Depositor an interest statement at least annually for each certificate of deposit, including a statement as of the last business day of each year. The statement or statements collectively will include the interest earned, early withdrawal penalty (if any), and the ending balance as of the closing date for the statement. For investments in the minor's name, 1099s will be delivered electronically to the County Clerk of the Depositor in account number order. These statements will be provided to the County Clerk of the Depositor within 20 days (best efforts basis) after the end of the calendar year.

### III.

In the event that this Contract is terminated, whether voluntarily or involuntarily or by selection of the successor depository, Bank agrees to pay interest on all time deposits from the date of purchase to the date the time deposits are paid to the County Clerk of the Depositor, at the rate as described in Bank's Response, without penalty for early withdrawal, except as required by law.

#### IV.

Any suit arising out of or in any way connected with this Contract shall be tried in TARRANT COUNTY in a court of proper jurisdiction. Texas law and applicable federal law shall govern this Contract and its terms. In the event that other venue provisions may apply to this Contract, this venue provision shall control over all others.

#### V.

The volume of funds deposited under this Contract will vary from time to time. In order that the deposits may be at all times amply secured by pledged securities pursuant to this Contract and the depository laws of the State of Texas, the County Clerk of the Depositor shall have the right, upon twenty-four hours written notice, to require an increase in the value of the pledged securities hereunder. Likewise, upon notice, the Bank shall have the right to decrease the value of the pledged securities that are in excess of 102% of the deposits. Deposit of additional securities, and withdrawals of excess securities, shall be, for convenience, in units of \$25,000 or more.

#### VI.

The Bank shall have the right to substitute or withdraw any part of the collateral with any type of pledged securities collateral backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government.

When an exchange is desired by the Bank, it shall make application to the County Clerk of the Depositor and submit a list of the securities proposed to be exchanged and the securities that it desires to withdraw. If the securities so proposed and tendered for substitution are of the kind and character described above and of the required amount and value, the County Clerk of the Depositor will grant the application and permit a substitution or withdrawal, as allowed by law. If permission is granted and securities are substituted, the substituted securities shall thereafter be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Contract as fully as if originally pledged hereunder. The County Clerk of the Depositor agrees its consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

#### VII.

The Bank shall discharge all of the duties required by law in the care, safekeeping and custody of the securities pledged to the County Clerk of the Depositor.

#### VIII.

Not later than 8:00 a.m. of each banking day, the Bank shall make available to County Clerk of the Depositor via computer terminal the daily ending ledger and collected balances of each account for the banking day immediately preceding. Not later than 10:00 a.m. of each banking day, the Bank shall make available to the County Clerk of the Depositor the dollar amount of checks deposited by the County Clerk of the Depositor with the Bank that were charged back to the County Clerk of the Depositor's account during the banking day

immediately preceding. Not later than 10 banking days after the end of each calendar month, the Bank will furnish the County Clerk of the Depositor a separate monthly statement for each account showing overall activity to the account in the calendar month. The Bank will provide the County Clerk of the Depositor with a full reconciliation for each account as requested by the County Clerk of the Depositor. The Bank will furnish the statement in electronic file format County Clerk. The bank will provide cancelled checks in electronic form. An account analysis of the Bank's charges for operating the County Clerk of the Depositor's accounts shall also be provided by the Bank to the County Clerk of the Depositor each month not later than 15 banking days after the end of each calendar month.

**IX.**

The Bank will accept wire transfer deposits made by or on behalf of the County Clerk of the Depositor. Such deposits will be made to such accounts as the County Clerk of the Depositor may direct by computer or in writing. Any deposit instructions given by the County Clerk of the Depositor will be confirmed by letter electronically mailed or deposited in First Class U.S. mail within 48 hours to the addresses provided in paragraph XI. below.

**X.**

It is expressly understood that the County Clerk of the Depositor shall have the right pursuant to court order to withdraw funds, without penalty except as required by law, from time to time, any amount of funds of the County Clerk of the Depositor that are deposited in the Bank and to invest those funds in direct debt securities of the United States, Certificate of Deposit or deposits in other depositories and other investments that the County Clerk of the Depositor may now or hereafter be authorized to make under the laws of Texas. Bank expressly agrees to pay interest on all time deposits and SDAs from the date of purchase to the date the deposits are paid to the County Clerk of the Depositor, at the rate as described in Section II. A. and B. of this Contract and without penalty for early withdrawal for certificates of deposit, except as required by law.

**XI.**

Any written notice permitted or required to be given by the County Clerk of the Depositor to the Bank shall be provided electronically, hand-delivered or mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested to any officer of the Bank, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal Bank holiday, to the following address:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
Commercial Banking  
420 Throckmorton Street, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Floor Fort Worth, TX 76102

Such written notice shall be deemed received when handed to any officer of the Bank. County Clerk of the Depositor recognizes that the Bank's lobby closes at 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. While Bank Officers are generally present until 5:00 p.m., notification should be

received by the Bank during normal business hours.

The local customer service representative for Bank who is assigned to respond to daily operational inquiries and difficulties experienced by the County Clerk of the Depositor has been communicated to County Clerk of the Depositor and contact information will be updated as applicable.

Any notice permitted or required to be given by the Bank to the Depositor shall be hand-delivered, mailed electronically or mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested to the County Clerk of the Depositor at:

100 West Weatherford Fort Worth,  
Texas 76196

AND to the County Auditor at:

100 East Weatherford Street, Room 506  
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, legal Bank holiday, County holiday or when the Courthouse is closed.

## **XII.**

All of the provisions and requirements of the laws governing county depositories shall be a part of this Contract.

## **XIII.**

### **Chapter 2270 Texas Government Code Verification**

In compliance with Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code Vendor warrants, represents, and by its execution of this Contract hereby verifies that (1) Vendor does not boycott Israel; and (2) Vendor will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract. For the purposes of this Contract, and in compliance with the Texas Government Code, "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict harm on, or limit commercial relationships specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israel-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

Vendor warrants, represents, and by its execution of this Contract hereby verifies that Vendor nor its parent company, nor any wholly or majority owned subsidiaries, nor any other affiliates are companies identified on a list prepared and maintained under Section 806.051, 807.051 or Chapter 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.

In compliance with Chapter 2276 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (relating to prohibition on Contracts with companies boycotting energy companies), Vendor warrants, represents, and by its execution of this Contract hereby verifies that it does not, and will not for the duration of the Contract, boycott energy companies. If the circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Vendor shall promptly notify County.

In compliance with Chapter 2274.002 et seq of the Texas Government Code (relating to prohibition on Contracts with companies that discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries), Vendor warrants, represents, and by its execution of this Contract hereby verifies that it does not, and will not during the duration of the Contract, have a practice, policy guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. If the circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Vendor shall promptly notify County.

#### **XIV.**

##### **A. Pricing**

Pricing for all services is valid through the stated end of the bid term. The Bank reserves the right to adjust pricing for any services provided after the end of the stated bid term.

##### **B. Positive Pay**

Every depositor has an obligation to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud on its accounts. For that reason, the Bank offers customers a "Positive Pay" service, which allows customers to notify the Bank of certain information regarding issued checks for comparison with checks presented to the Bank for payment. Under applicable provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, courts will assess liability for losses between the bank and bank customers based on the degree to which each party's failure to exercise ordinary care contributed to the loss. The Bank believes that ordinary care requires all public fund customers to use positive pay to help prevent third-party fraud on their accounts.

##### **C. Courier Services**

Courier services used by the County Clerk of the Depositor to deliver currency, checks, or other items to the Bank must meet the requirements for courier services specified in the Bank's applicable Service Agreement.

##### **D. Third-Party Service Providers**

In the normal course of its business, the Bank may engage certain third-party vendors to provide or assist in providing all or part of certain services. The Bank has no obligation to specifically disclose the existence of these arrangements to the County Clerk of the Depositor or to obtain the County Clerk of the Depositor's consent to these arrangements unless the third party is

engaged solely for the purpose of serving the County Clerk of the Depositor's business.

**E. Other Agreements**

All services are subject to the terms of the Bank's standard agreements applicable to the products and services provided. To the extent of any conflict between this contract and the Bank's standard agreements, this Contract will control.

**F. No Oral Agreements**

THIS CONTRACT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY THE BANK AND THE DEPOSITOR REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

**G. Additional Documents Required**

In connection with establishing the Accounts and providing services to Depositor, the Bank may require additional documentation.

**H. Termination of Services**

Notwithstanding the stated term of this bid, either party may terminate all or particular services at any time during the bid term for the reasons stated in the Account Terms or Service Terms or any other agreement that governs those services, so long as Bank's termination of services is in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 116 & 117, Texas Local Government Code. Any termination of services by Bank must be provided at a minimum of 90 days' notice to ensure continued operational capability for the Clerks.

**I. Secretary's Certificate**

Prior to execution of this Contract by either party, a proper secretary's certificate certifying that the individual signing this Contract on behalf of the Bank has been duly appointed by the Bank through its Board of Directors to act on behalf of the Bank for purposes of this Contract. Said Certificate shall be marked as "Exhibit A" and attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.


**XV.**

Analysis Statement Credits: The analysis statement will consist of the County Clerk of the Depositor's checking accounts. In the event that the County Clerk's activity in said accounts would entitle the County Clerk to more credit than the applicable service charges, then the bank shall apply the excess credit to the costs generated by the Depositor's accounts.

EXECUTED in triplicate originals this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025.

COUNTY OF TARRANT STATE OF TEXAS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page  
Tim O'Hare  
Tarrant County Judge

By:   
J. Michael Wilson  
Authorized Officer

APPROVED:

  
County Clerk

  
County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:\*

Kimberly Colliet Wesley  
Assistant Criminal District Attorney

\* By law, the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office may only advise or approve contracts and other legal forms on behalf of its clients. It may not advise or approve contracts or other legal forms on behalf of other parties and/or entities. Our review of the attached legal forms was conducted solely from the legal perspective of our client, Tarrant County and the Tarrant County Clerk. Other parties and/or entities should not rely on the attached forms without seeking review and approval by their own respective attorney(s).

Exhibit A

**JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association**

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Chike N. Egbuniwe, do hereby certify that I am a duly appointed Assistant Corporate Secretary of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States (the "**Bank**"), and that set forth below is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Bank on March 20, 2018. I further certify that the said resolution is still in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

"RESOLVED that loan agreements, contracts, indentures, mortgages, deeds, releases, conveyances, assignments, transfers, certificates, certifications, declarations, leases, discharges, satisfactions, settlements, petitions, schedules, accounts, affidavits, bonds, undertakings, guarantees, proxies, requisitions, demands, proofs of debt, claims, records, notes signifying indebtedness of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (the "**Bank**") and any other contracts, instruments or documents in connection with the conduct of the business of the Bank ("**Documents**"), whether or not specified in the resolutions of the Bank's Board of Directors (the "**Board**"), may be signed, executed, acknowledged, verified, delivered or accepted on behalf of the Bank by the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer of the Bank ("**CEO**"), a President, the Chief Operating Officer, a Vice Chairman of the Board, a Vice Chairman, any member of the Firm's Operating Committee (an "**Operating Committee Member**"), any Executive Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer, the General Counsel, the Treasurer, the Controller, the Chief Risk Officer, the Secretary, any Senior Vice President, any Managing Director, any Executive Director, any Vice President, or any other officer having a functional title or official status which is at least equivalent to any of the foregoing corporate titles, and the seal of the Bank may be affixed to any thereof and attested by the Secretary, any Assistant Corporate Secretary, or any of the foregoing officers; provided, however, that any guarantees, comfort letters or other letters of support issued by the Bank in respect of obligations of any of the Bank's affiliates or subsidiaries ("**Support Documents**") may be executed only where consistent with such resolutions of the Board dated December 8, 2015, as amended, relating to the provision of Bank guarantees and other support issued by the Bank in respect of obligations of its subsidiaries and affiliates."

I further certify that the individual listed on the attached schedule holds the corresponding title indicated on the schedule for the Bank and is empowered to act in conformity with the referenced resolution.

This certificate may be executed and delivered by electronic means. Such electronic signature shall be valid and binding as of the date indicated by the timestamp accompanying the electronic signature.

**Chike N. Egbuniwe**

April 14, 2025 | 10:27:16 AM EDT

Chike N. Egbuniwe

**Schedule**

J.M. Wilson	Managing Director