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COUNTY OF DENTON §

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR
SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATIONS & DISPATCH SERVICES SYSTEM**

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Shared Governance Communications and Dispatch Services System, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement", is made by and between Denton County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and

Name of Agency: Ponder Police Department

hereinafter referred to as "Agency".

WHEREAS, the County is a duly organized political subdivision of the State of Texas engaged in the administration of county government and related services for the benefit of the citizens of Denton County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is duly organized and operating under the laws of the State of Texas engaged in the provision of municipal government and/or related services for the benefit of the citizens of Agency; and

WHEREAS, parties agree that the utilization of combined communications and dispatch services system will be in the best interests of both the County and the Agency,

WHEREAS, the County and the Agency mutually desire to be subject to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act of the V.T.C.A. Government Code, Chapter 791; and

NOW THEREFORE, the County and the Agency, for the mutual consideration hereinafter stated, agree and understand as follows:

1. **PURPOSE.** The Denton County Sheriff ("Sheriff") has the facilities to provide emergency telecommunications and dispatch services throughout Denton County. The Agency wishes to utilize the Sheriff's available telecommunications and dispatch services ("Services") during the term of this agreement.

2. **ADVISORY BOARD.** The Denton County Sheriff's Office will establish an Advisory Board for the Shared Governance Communication and Dispatch System "Advisory Board". The membership of the board shall be the Chief of each Agency, or designee. The Advisory Board may advise and make recommendations to the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Office on matters relating to the Communications Center, as well as the recommendations for the Annual Agency Workload and Cost Statistics, within the limitations set forth in paragraph 6.1, herein.

3. **TERM OF AGREEMENT.** The initial term of this Agreement shall be for a one-year period beginning **October 1, 2023** and ending on **September 30, 2024**.

4. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.** Either party may terminate this agreement, with or without cause, after providing ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

5. **ANNUAL SERVICE FEE.** Each Agency shall pay to the County a fee for services based on the workload generated by the Agency.

- 5.1. Agency shall pay to County the Total Amount on ***Exhibit "A"***.
- 5.2. The Agency shall complete ***Exhibit "A"***, Agency Payment Worksheet, to identify the payment terms preferred by Agency. Agency is responsible for sending payments to County
- 5.3. The fee for service will be based on the pro rata share of the workload generated by the Agency.
- 5.4. County agrees to provide Agency a proposed service fees for the next budget/fiscal year as agreed by the parties.
- 5.5. If this Agreement is terminated prior to the expiration of the term of the Agreement, payment shall be pro-rated by written agreement between the parties.
- 5.6. Dispatch costs for the upcoming fiscal year are calculated utilizing 50% of the approved Communications Budget for the current fiscal year and agency workload statistics from the previous fiscal year.

Agency workload percentages are calculated by:

- 5.6.1. Determining the agency's percentage of total Calls For Service (CFS)
- 5.6.2. Determining the agency's percentage of total Officer Initiated Activity (OIA)
- 5.6.3. Averaging the values from # 5.6.1 & # 5.6.2
- 5.6.4. Determining the percentage of OIA that is Mobile Data Computer (MDC) activity
- 5.6.5. Determining agency OIA that is not MDC Activity
- 5.6.6. Determining adjusted percentage of OIA that is MDC activity by dividing value of # 5.6.5 by total OIA
- 5.6.7. Determining agency CFS that are public requests by subtracting agency assists or mutual aid calls from the agency's CFS
- 5.6.8. Determining adjusted percentage of total CFS that are public requests by dividing value of # 5.6.7 by total CFS
- 5.6.9. Determining agency workload percentage by calculating average of # 5.6.6 and # 5.6.8
- 5.6.10. Determining agency final cost by workload by multiplying value of # 5.6.9 against 50% of the approved Communications budget

6. **COUNTY SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The County agrees to provide the following services and responsibilities:

6.1 The Sheriff shall have the sole discretion as to the method of providing the Services including, but not limited to the order of response to calls, and shall be the sole judge as to the most expeditious and effective manner of handling and responding to calls for service or the rendering thereof. The Sheriff shall have the sole discretion as to the method and final decision regarding the annual workload and cost statistics. The Sheriff will devote sufficient time to insure the performance of all duties and obligations set forth herein.

6.2 County shall furnish full-time communications services including a twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week public safety answering point, radio services, dispatching services, or law enforcement transmission originating from AGENCY requesting law enforcement and fire

protection services and access to local, regional, state, and national data bases and telecommunications systems.

- 6.3 The services provided by County include the following:
 - 6.3.1 twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week public safety answering point;
 - 6.3.2 receiving emergency and routine calls for law enforcement, fire, and medical services;
 - 6.3.3 directing a response to said calls by dispatching the appropriate law enforcement, fire, and medical services;
 - 6.3.4 providing on-going communication support to the emergency personnel in the field; and
 - 6.3.5 updating, maintaining, and managing the County owned radio communications system, computer systems, support files, and resource materials necessary to accomplish the above.

6.4 County may add new Agencies not currently served by Denton County at the discretion of Denton County and the Denton County Sheriff's Office.

7. **AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Agency agrees to the following responsibilities:

- 7.1 Providing accurate current GIS data of the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Agency.
- 7.2 Furnish County with a current list of all Officers and Reserves authorized by Agency to use the communications system.
- 7.3 Agency is responsible for the costs and upgrades associated with maintaining Agency's communication equipment.
- 7.4 Agency agrees to abide by all laws of the United States and the State of Texas and all present or hereafter approved rules, policies and procedures of TLETS, NLETS, TCIC, NCIC and any other system now or in the future associated with TLETS concerning the collection, storage, processing, retrieval, dissemination and exchange of information for criminal justice purposes
- 7.5 Adherence to all Sheriff's Office communications rules and regulations.
- 7.6 Agency agrees to provide all necessary and required TLETS paperwork. See ***Exhibit "B"***.
- 7.7 Appoint representative and agree to participate in the Advisory Board.
- 7.8 Agency is responsible for sending payments to County as more fully described in ***Exhibit "A"*** to this Agreement.

8. **AGREEMENT.** The parties acknowledge they have read and understand and intend to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof. No prior understandings, whether verbal or written, between the parties or their agents are enforceable unless included in writing in this agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both parties.

9. **AGREEMENT LIASONS.** Each party to this agreement shall designate a Liaison to insure the performance of all duties and obligations of the parties. The Liaison for each party shall devote sufficient time and attention to the execution of said duties on behalf of the Party to ensure full compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party shall assign, transfer, or sub-contract any of its rights, burdens, duties, or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written permission of the other party to this Agreement.

11. AGENCY LIABILITY. The Agency understands and agrees that the Agency, its employees, servants, agents, and representatives shall at no time represent themselves to be employees, servants, agents, and/or representatives of the County. The Agency shall not be required to indemnify nor defend County for any liability arising out of the wrongful acts of employees or agents of County to the extent allowed by Texas law.

12. COUNTY LIABILITY. The County understands and agrees that the County, its employees, servants, agents, and representatives shall at no time represent themselves to be employees, servants, agents, and/or representatives of the Agency. The County shall not be required to indemnify nor defend Agency for any liability arising out of the wrongful acts of employees or agents of Agency to the extent allowed by Texas law.

13. DISPUTES/RECOURSE. County and Agency agree that any disputes or disagreements that may arise which are not resolved at the staff level by the parties should be referred to the Appointed Liaisons for each entity. Any further disputes arising from the failure of either Agency or County to perform and/or agree on proportionate reduction in fees shall be submitted to mediation, with the parties splitting the mediation fees equally. It is further agreed and understood that the scope of matters to be submitted to dispute mediation as referenced above is limited to disputes concerning sufficiency of performance and duty to pay or entitlement, if any, to any reduced fee or compensation. Any other disputes or conflicts involving damages or claimed remedies outside the scope of sufficiency of performance and compensation adjustment shall be referred to a court of competent jurisdiction in Denton County, Texas.

14. EXHIBITS. Attached hereto, and referred to elsewhere in this Agreement are the following Exhibits, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Exhibit A	Agency Payment Worksheet
Exhibit B	TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM (TLETS) NON - TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TERMINAL AGENCY AGREEMENT

15. MULTIPLE ORIGINALS. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement may be executed in a number of identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes.

16. NOTICES. All notices, demands or other writings may be delivered by either party by U.S. First Class Mail or by other reliable courier to the parties at the following addresses:

County:	1	Denton County Judge Denton County Commissioners Court 1 Courthouse Drive, Ste 3100 Denton, Texas 76208
	2	Denton County Sheriff Denton County Sheriff's Office 127 N. Woodrow Lane Denton, Texas 76205
	3	Assistant District Attorney Counsel to the Sheriff 127 N. Woodrow Lane Denton, Texas 76205

Name of Agency:	Ponder Police Department
Contact Person	Chief Scott Caster
Address	102 W. Bailey St.
City, State, Zip	Ponder, TX 76259
Telephone	940-479-7016
Email	scaster@pondertx.com

17. SEVERABILITY. The validity of this Agreement and/or any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties hereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Further, this Agreement shall be performed and all compensation payable in Denton County, Texas. In the event that any portion of this Agreement shall be found to be contrary to law, it is the intent of the parties hereto that the remaining portions shall remain valid and in full force and effect to the extent possible.

18. THIRD PARTY. This Agreement is made for the express purpose of providing communications and dispatch services, which both parties recognize to be a governmental function. Except as provided in this Agreement, neither party assumes any liability beyond that provided by law. This Agreement is not intended to create any liability for the benefit of third parties.

19. VENUE. This agreement will be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. This agreement shall be performed in Denton County, Texas.

20. WAIVER. The failure of County or Agency to insist upon the performance of any term or provision of this Agreement or to exercise or enforce any right herein conferred, or the waiver of a breach of any provision of this Agreement by either party, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of either party's right to assert or rely upon any such term or right, or future breach of such provision, on any future occasion.

21. AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS. Each party has the full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement. The persons executing this Agreement represent they have been properly authorized to sign on behalf of their governmental entity.

22. CURRENT FUNDS. All payments made by Agency to County pursuant to this Agreement shall be from current revenues available to Agency.

23. DISPATCH & COMMUNICATION RECORDS. The parties acknowledge that the Denton County Sheriff's Office may release dispatch and communication records of Agency pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act until such a time that the parties agree to transfer such responsibility to Agency.

DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENCY

Andy Eads, County Judge
Denton County Commissioners Court
1 Courthouse Drive, Ste 3100
Denton, Texas 76208
(940)349-2820

Matthew Poole, Mayor

Town of Ponder

102 W. Bailey St.

Ponder, TX 76259

940-479-2396

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Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to content:

Approved as to content:

Denton County Sheriff's Office

Scott Caster, Police Chief

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

Assistant District Attorney
Counsel to the Sheriff

Attorney for Agency

Exhibit A

2023-24 Budget Year
Denton County Sheriff's Office
Communications Agreement
Agency Payment Worksheet/Invoice

Agency:	Ponder Police Department
Payment Contact Person:	Chief Scott Caster
Phone Number:	940-479-7016
Email:	scaster@pondertx.com
Address:	102 W. Bailey St
City, State, Zip	Ponder, TX 76259
AGENCY TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ 6,154.00

Agency Should Include this Worksheet with Each Payment Sent to Denton County.

Make checks payable to:	Denton County
Mail payments to:	911 Dispatch Agreement Payments Denton County Sheriff's Office Attn: Sherry Cochran 127 N. Woodrow Lane Denton, Texas 76205

Payment Plan Options	1	One Annual Payment (100%)
	2	Two Payments (50%)
	3	Four Payments (25%)
	4	Twelve Monthly Payments
	5	Other Payment Option

Agency MUST
Select One
Payment Option

Exhibit B

TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM (TLETS)
NON - TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TERMINAL AGENCY AGREEMENT 2023-2024

Twenty-Four Hour Terminal Agency	DENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
Non Twenty-Four Hour Terminal Agency	Ponder Police Department

This document constitutes an agreement between the following parties:

The Twenty-Four Hour Terminal Agency agrees to make entries into the Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computers for the Non Twenty-Four Hour Terminal Agency.

All records must be entered with the Twenty-Four Hour Agency’s ORI, and all case reports and original warrants must be held at the Twenty-Four Hour Agency for hit confirmation purposes.

The Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency agrees to abide by all laws of the United States and the State of Texas and all present or hereafter approved rules, policies and procedures of TLETS, NLETS, TCIC, NCIC and any other system now or in the future associated with TLETS concerning the collection, storage, processing, retrieval, dissemination and exchange of information for criminal justice purposes.

The Twenty-Four Hour Agency reserves the right to suspend service to the Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency which may include canceling of records entered for the Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency when applicable policies are violated. The Twenty-Four Hour Agency may reinstate service following such instances upon receipt of satisfactory assurances that such violations have been corrected.

In order to comply with NCIC policies established by the NCIC Advisory Policy Board, the Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency agrees to maintain accurate records of all TCIC/NCIC entries made through the Twenty-Four Hour Agency and to immediately notify the Twenty-Four Hour Agency of any changes in the status of those reports to include the need for cancellation, addition, deletion or modification of information. The Twenty-Four Hour Agency agrees to enter, update and remove all records for the Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency on a timely basis, as defined by NCIC.

In order to comply with NCIC Validation requirements, the Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency agrees to perform all validation procedures as required by NCIC on all records entered through the Twenty-Four Hour Agency.

Either the Twenty-Four Hour Agency or the Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency may, upon thirty days written notice, discontinue this agreement.

To the extent allowed by the laws of the State of Texas, the Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Twenty-Four Hour Agency as well as the DPS, its Director and employees from and against all claims, demands, actions and suits, including but not limited to any liability for damages by reason of or arising out of any false arrests or imprisonment or any cause of the Non Twenty-Four Hour Agency or its employees in the exercise of the enjoyment of this Agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto caused this agreement to be executed by the proper officers and officials.

DENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

AGENCY

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

By: **Tracy Murphree**

By: **Scott Caster**

Title: **Denton County Sheriff**

Title: **Chief of Police**

Date: _____

Date: _____