

**JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT
WITH THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICER STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF _____ Mills _____**

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the _____ Mills _____ County _____ Republican _____ Party, acting by and through the Chair of its County Executive Committee, _____ Buddy Williams _____ (*name*), hereinafter referred to as "Party," and _____ Sonya Scott _____ (*name*), County Election Officer of _____ Mills _____ County, Texas, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Officer," under the authority of Section 31.092(b), Texas Election Code and relating to the conduct and supervision of the _____ Mills _____ County Joint Primary Election on _____ March 3 _____, 20____ 26 (hereinafter referred to as the "election"), and the _____ Mills _____ County Joint Runoff Primary Election, if necessary, on _____ May _____, 20____ 26 (hereinafter referred to as the "runoff election"), such Joint Primary Election and Joint Runoff Election having been approved in accordance with Section 172.126(a), Texas Election Code, by _____ Mills _____ County Commissioners Court on _____, 20____, _____ Mills _____ County Clerk/Elections Administrator/Tax Assessor-Collector, and the County Chairs of the _____ Mills _____ County Republican Party and _____ Mills _____ County Democratic Party, respectively.

THIS CONTRACT is entered into for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises hereinafter set out, and for the purpose of ensuring that the Contracting Officer and the Party understand the tasks each is to perform in connection with the election and the runoff election:

1. Duties and Services of the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer shall be responsible for performing the following duties and furnishing the following services and equipment (~~strike out any not being performed by the C.O., except those required by Section 172.126, Texas Election Code~~) in connection with the election and the runoff election. Pursuant to Chapter 173 of the Texas Election Code, election services, equipment, and materials ordered from a Texas-certified voting system vendor shall be reported to the Office of the Secretary of State ("SOS") by the vendor and the SOS shall pay the vendor directly. Election services, equipment, and materials described in this contract provided by the contracting officer shall be reported to the SOS via the SOS-prescribed primary finance system by the contracting officer and the SOS shall pay the contracting officer directly. Any statutory duties required of the contracting officer shall be a cost borne by the county. Costs not payable with state-appropriated primary funds, including candidate filing fees, shall be paid from non-state funded sources.

1.1 In accordance with Section 172.126(b), Texas Election Code, determine whether to consolidate election precincts under Section 42.009, Texas Election Code, and designate the location of the polling place in a consolidated precinct. In the event that the county is approved to use countywide polling places in

ballot) and offices, and (ii) any referenda under Section 172.087, Texas Election Code (in English, Spanish, and any other required languages) that are to appear on the ballot, to allow sufficient time to prepare the ballot and to conduct any necessary logic and accuracy testing.

3. Compensation, Billing, and Payment.

- 3.1 For the performance of duties and services and the providing of equipment and supplies under Paragraph 1 above, the Contracting Officer shall report to the SOS via the SOS-prescribed primary finance system the actual expenses he/she incurs in accordance with Section 31.100, Texas Election Code and the leasing fees allowed under Section 123.033 (e) and (f), Texas Election Code, including without limitation, the costs and expenses of election supplies; newspaper publication of the testing notice only; use of voting machines and equipment; wages and salaries of the precinct election judges, alternate judges, and election clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, and central counting station personnel; programming the ballot; logic and accuracy testing, and voting machines and equipment transportation. Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed as permitting the Contracting Officer to be paid for costs or expenses for which reimbursement is not allowed under Section 31.100 or other sections of the Texas Election Code or under the SOS administrative rules or advisories relating to primary funds.
- 3.2 For the performance of duties and services and the providing of equipment and supplies under Paragraph 1 above, SOS shall pay the Contracting Office a fee of 10% of the total amount of the contract (but not less than \$75) in accordance with Section 31.100(d), Texas Election Code.
- 3.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract, the Contracting Officer may require that money be paid in advance to conduct the election and the runoff election from SOS, which must be paid into a separate county fund in accordance with Section 31.100(a), Texas Election Code, from which the Contracting Officer may make expenditures for the election and runoff election.
- 3.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract, the Contracting Officer will receive direct payment of actual expenses incurred by the Contracting Officer in connection with the election or runoff election and in accordance with this Contract from the SOS in accordance with rules and procedures established by the SOS and Section 173.0832, Texas Election Code.
- 3.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract, the Contracting Officer may request the Party to pay directly to the precinct election and alternate judges and election clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, and the presiding and alternate judges and clerks of the central counting station the wages and salaries earned by them in connection with the election and runoff election. In this instance, the costs will not be considered election services contracted with the Contracting Authority for purposes of calculating the 10% fee described in Paragraph 3.2 above.
- 3.6 A cost estimate for the services, equipment, and supplies provided by the Contracting Officer for the election and the runoff election is attached to and made a part of this Contract as Exhibit A. The cost estimate should express costs in the categories set forth in the Party's Primary Cost Estimate and the

Party's Primary Runoff Cost Estimate and shall be reported to the SOS via the SOS-prescribed primary finance system. The Party and the Contracting Officer acknowledge that the cost of the election and the runoff election is paid for from the state-appropriated primary funds, including candidate filing fees, with the county paying for the cost of early voting in accordance with Section 173.003, Texas Election Code. The Contracting Officer and the Party also acknowledge their responsibility to comply with the administrative rules issued by the SOS relative to primary financing, 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.101-81.157.


- 3.7 As soon as reasonably possible after the election or the runoff election, the Contracting Officer will submit an itemized invoice to the Party (i) for the actual expenses he/she incurred as described in Paragraph 3.1 above and (ii) for the Contracting Officer's fee as described in Paragraph 3.2 above and shall be reported to the SOS via the SOS-prescribed primary finance system. The invoice shall reflect any advance monies paid under Paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4.
4. **Early Voting.** In accordance with Section 83.002(2), Texas Election Code, the Contracting Officer is the early voting clerk for the election and the runoff election, both with respect to early voting in person and voting by mail. The county shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the Party for the cost of early voting, except for the cost of the ballots and the ballot programming for use of the voting system, as set forth in the administrative rules promulgated by the SOS.
5. **Voting System.** The voting system to be used in the election and runoff election is
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6. **Acknowledgement of Shared Election.** The Party acknowledges that the election is a Joint Primary under Section 172.126, Texas Election Code and that the Contracting Officer, in accordance with Section 31.092(e), Texas Election Code, may enter into a similar Joint Primary Election Services Contract with any other political party in the same county that nominates its candidates for office by primary election. In such event, the Party agrees to share common polling places, the cost of ballot programming, voting equipment, and the common set of election workers with the other political party.

7. **General Provisions.**

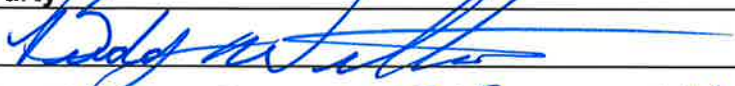
- 7.1 Nothing contained in this Contract shall authorize or permit a change in the officer with whom or the place at which any document or record relating to the election or to the runoff election is to be filed, the place at which any function is to be carried out, the officers who conduct the official canvass of the election returns, the officer to serve as custodian of the voted ballots or other election records, or any other nontransferable functions specified by Section 31.096, Texas Election Code or other provisions of Texas law.
- 7.2 The Contracting Officer is the agent of the Party for purposes of contracting with third parties with respect to the election expenses within the scope of the Contracting Officer's duties, and the Contracting Officer is not liable for the Party's failure to pay a claim.
- 7.3 The Contracting Officer shall file copies of this Contract with the County Treasurer (County Judge, if there is not a County Treasurer) and the County Auditor.

7.7 By their signatures below, the Contracting Officer and the Chair of the Party's County Executive Committee warrant and represent that they are authorized to enter into this Contract.

The Contracting Officer

By:	
Title:	County / District Clerk
Date:	12-8-25

The Party

By:	
Title:	MILLS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CHAIR
Date:	11-21-2025