

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF POLK COUNTY TO EXECUTE RESTORATION OF THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

WHEREAS, the historic County Courthouse, having served the County since 1924, is in need of repairs and upgrades; and

WHERAS, the County submitted an application in Round VII of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP) seeking funding assistance for the rehabilitation/restoration work described in the Master Plan authored by Brooks/Coronado Associates, dated 18 October 2001; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project has been selected to receive a THCPP Emergency Grant in the amount of \$202,241 by the Texas Historical Commission, the state agency administering the THCPP, contingent upon compliance with the terms of the Funding Agreement, to which this document is attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas, affirms by this vote its willingness to accept this funding award, to contribute the funding necessary to complete the project, to enter into the aforementioned Funding Agreement, and to hereby declare its complete support for this important project to preserve the Polk County Courthouse for future generations.

Resolved this 26 th day of June, 2012.	
Jan V. Thomps	, County Judge
John P Thompson	, County Judge
Dalwuh	, Commissioner, Pct. 1
Robert C. Willis	
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Ronnie Vincent	
All flynn	, Commissioner, Pct. 3
Milton Purvis	
C.T. Vary Vier	, Commissioner, Pct. 4
CT Overstreet	

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF POLK

GRANT OF EASEMENT

The County of Polk ("Grantor"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, owner of property described as Polk County Courthouse and Grounds ("Property"), as more fully described in Attachment "A" to this document, which is incorporated herein for all purposes as if it were set forth fully herein, in consideration of \$10.00 and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey to the Texas Historical Commission ("Grantee"), an agency of the State of Texas, the following easement ("Easement").

Grantor has legal and equitable fee simple title to the Property, and has the right and power to grant this easement. Grantee has the legal authority to accept this easement. Grantee considers the Property and the improvements thereon to represent a significant example of a historic, architectural, or cultural site important to the State of Texas. Grantor desires to grant to Grantee, and Grantee desires to accept, the easement on the terms and conditions set forth below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GRANT

In consideration of the grant award to Grantor under the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program ("Program"), Grantor hereby grants and conveys to Grantee an interest and easement in the Property, for the preservation of historic, architectural, scenic and open space values, of the nature and character and to the extent set forth in this Easement, to constitute a servitude upon the Property running with the land, for the benefit of and enforceable by the Grantee, to have and to hold the said interest and easement subject to and limited by the provisions of this Easement, to and for Grantee's proper uses.

2. SCOPE OF GRANTEE'S INTEREST AND EASEMENT

The easement herein granted conveys to the Grantee an interest in the Property consisting of the benefits of the following covenants and undertakings by Grantor.

- a. Without the prior written consent of Grantee, which shall not unreasonably be withheld, Grantor shall not cause or permit any construction, alteration, remodeling, dismantling, destruction, or other activity that would adversely affect or alter in any material way the appearance or the historic architectural integrity of the Property, except for routine maintenance.
- b. Grantor shall maintain and repair the Property as required to ensure that the historic architectural integrity of the Property is not permitted to deteriorate in any material way.
- c. The Significant changes in use to the building that may effect how the public spaces are used and/or preserved must receive prior approval in writing from the Grantee.

3. INITIAL LEVEL OF PRESERVATION

The level of preservation addressed in this Easement will be considered the state of preservation as achieved for the Property as outlined in the Scope of Work statement attached as Attachment "B" and including any modifications to the Scope of Work as may be approved in writing by the Commission during the course of planning and/or construction.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF GRANTOR IF PROPERTY IS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED

In the event that the building located on the Property is damaged or destroyed, by reason of fire, flood, earthquake, or other disaster or casualty of any kind whatsoever, Grantor's responsibilities shall be as follows:

- a. Partially damaged. If the Property is partially damaged (i.e., damaged to such an extent or of such nature that the historic architectural integrity of the Property can reasonably be restored to its prior condition), then Grantor shall restore the historic architectural integrity of the Property to the condition that existed just prior to the damage, to the extent possible consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, 1995.
- b. Totally destroyed. If the property is totally destroyed (i.e., destroyed to such an extent that it is not possible to reasonably repair or restore the historic architectural integrity of the Property), Grantee and Grantor shall work together to determine whether it is economically and otherwise feasible to reconstruct the Property in a substantially similar manner. If the Property is reconstructed in a substantially similar design, this easement shall continue in force and apply to the reconstructed Property. If the Property is not reconstructed in a substantially similar design, this easement shall terminate upon agreement by the Grantee that reconstruction in a substantially similar design will not take place.

5. REMEDIES OF GRANTEE

Grantee shall have all remedies available to it at law or equity and Grantor agrees that money damages shall be insufficient compensation to Grantee for any breach by Grantor. It is further understood and agreed that in the event Grantor is found to have materially violated any of its obligations, Grantor shall reimburse Grantee for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with enforcing this Easement, including Court costs and reasonable architect's and attorney's fees. It is understood and agreed that one of Grantee's remedies is the right to require the Grantor to restore the Property to the condition required by this Easement. The exercise by Grantee of one remedy and the failure to exercise any remedy shall not have the effect of waiving or limiting the use of any other remedy or the use of such remedy at any other time.

6. ASSIGNMENT, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

- a. This Easement shall extend to and be binding upon Grantor and all persons hereafter claiming by, under or through Grantor, and the word "Grantor" when used herein shall include all such entities or persons whether or not such entities or persons have signed this instrument or had any interest in the Property at the time it was signed. Anything contained herein notwithstanding, a person shall have no obligation, pursuant to this Easement, if and when such person shall cease to have any (present, partial, contingent, collateral or future) interest in the Property or any portion thereof by reason of a bona fide transfer for value.
- b. Grantor acknowledges that in the event of the contemplation of a transfer of all or a portion of the Property, Grantor shall notify Grantee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the contemplated transfer, in writing, by certified mail with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, addressed to the Grantee as follows:

Texas Historical Commission Post Office Box 12276 Austin, Texas 78711

Or to such other address as Grantee may from time to time designate in writing to the Grantor. A copy shall also be sent to the chairman of the Polk County Historical Commission. Upon receipt of notice of the contemplated transfer, the Grantee shall consider the purpose and effect of the proposed transfer and may approve or disapprove the transfer, if it is determined that the transfer would be inconsistent with the purposes of this Easement. This provision shall expire when this Easement expires or fifty years from the date this easement takes effect (whichever occurs first).

c. Grantee agrees that it will hold this Easement exclusively for conservation purposes: that is, it will not transfer this Easement for money, other property or services.

7. RESERVATION

- a. Grantor reserves the free right and privilege to the use of the Property for all purposes not inconsistent with the grant made herein.
- b. Nothing contained in this Easement shall be interpreted to authorize, require or permit Grantor to violate any ordinance relating to building materials, construction methods or use. In the event of any conflict between any such ordinance and the terms hereof, Grantor shall promptly notify Grantee of such conflict and Grantor and Grantee shall agree upon such modifications consistent with sound preservation practices, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, 1995 and consistent with the requirements of such ordinance

8. ACCEPTANCE

Grantee hereby accepts the right and interest granted to it in this Easement.

9. GRANTOR'S INSURANCE

- a. Grantor shall maintain, at its own cost, insurance against loss from the perils commonly insured under standard fire and extended coverage policies and comprehensive general liability insurance against claims for personal injury, death and property damage in such amounts as would normally be carried on a property such as that subject to this Easement, it being agreed that as of the date of this Easement, Grantor's present coverage in the amount of the estimated replacement cost of the building located on the Property (fire and extended coverage insurance). Such insurance shall include Grantee's interest and name Grantee as an additional insured and shall provide for at least thirty (30) days notice to Grantee before cancellation and that the act or omission of one insured will not invalidate the policy as to any other insured. Furthermore, Grantor shall deliver to Grantee certificates or other such documents evidencing the aforesaid insurance coverage at the commencement of this grant and a new certificate at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration of each such policy.
- b. For counties that are self-insured, there must be evidence of financial ability to repair or reconstruct the courthouse in the event of any potential loss.

10. RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, Grantor shall be responsible for and does hereby release and relieve Grantee, its officers, directors, agents and employees, and will defend and hold Grantee, its officers, directors, agents and employees, harmless of, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, damages, penalties, claims, costs, charges and expenses which may be imposed upon or incurred by Grantee by reason of loss of life, personal injury and/or damages to property occurring in or around the Property occasioned in whole or in part by the negligence of Grantor, its agents or employees.

11. REVIEW, APPROVAL AND ADDITIONAL COSTS

Whenever the consent or approval of Grantee is required, it shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In any event, Grantee shall respond to any request for consent within thirty (30) days (except under extraordinary circumstances) or such consent shall be deemed to have been given. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any request of Grantor for consent to and approval of plans and specifications by Grantee in the event of proposed restorations or alteration pursuant to the terms of this Easement.

12. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding in this Agreement, all rights, privileges and benefits are for the exclusive use of the parties hereto, and there shall be no third party beneficiary hereof.

13. WORK DONE AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTING THE GRANT

Grantee acknowledges that substantial corrective and restoration work has been done or will be done by the Grantor to preserve the historic architectural integrity of the Property. The corrective and restoration work shall be completed by Grantor in accordance with the grant, the Funding Agreement, and this Easement.

14. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Easement shall become valid on the date of the last signature included herein and remain in effect in perpetuity unless terminated earlier by agreement of the parties. Notwithstanding, this Easement shall terminate if either the Funding Agreement, or Grantee's participation in the Program, are terminated prior to the receipt of any amount of the grant award.

15. SUPERSEDING CLAUSE

This Easement and the provisions contained herein shall supersede all previous easements granted by the Grantor to the Grantee on the Property described herein. Any previous easement shall hereafter be null and void as of the date this Easement is filed in the deed records of Polk County.

16. SEVERANCE CLAUSE

In the event any provision of this Easement is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions of the Easement shall remain in force and effect as if such invalid provision had not been a part of the Easement.

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF POLK

FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Funding Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Historical Commission ("Commission") and Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("County").

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties do hereby contract, covenant, and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the administration of the grant of funds to Polk County for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Polk County Courthouse ("Property").

ARTICLE II AUTHORITY

- 2.01 This Agreement is authorized under the Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, Texas Government Code §§442.008, et seq. ("Program"), and the rules promulgated thereunder at 13 Texas Administrative Code §§12.1, et seq., and the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Government Code Chapter 791.
- 2.02 This Agreement is subject to the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Act, Government Code Chapter 783, and the conditions and assurances promulgated thereunder by the Office of the Governor.

ARTICLE III PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT

3.01 This Agreement becomes effective when signed by the last party whose signing makes the Agreement fully executed. This Agreement shall remain in effect until the completion of the rehabilitation and restoration work on the Property as provided in Article V hereof, and the Commission's final approval of such work, and the satisfactory completion of the grant requirements as stipulated in the grant manual, or until earlier terminated as provided in Article VIII hereof except that the County's obligations under the following provisions shall remain in effect for a period of 20 years following the final disbursement of funds under the Agreement: Sections 6.01, 6.09 and 6.11.

ARTICLE IV GRANT OF FUNDS

- 4.01 The amount of the grant under the Program which is the subject of this Agreement shall be \$201,241. The grant of funds shall be paid to the County in accordance with the procedure described in Article VII hereof.
- 4.02 A statement of the source of funds is attached as Attachment "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes ("Source of Funds Statement and Verification"). The Source of Funds Statement and Verification itemizes the absolute dollar amounts and associated percentage to be contributed by state and local sources and identifies total available funds in an amount equivalent to the estimated project costs stated in Attachment "B" and incorporated herein for all purposes ("Project Cost Estimate") The Commission's funding participation shall not exceed the amount of the grant award specified herein.
- 4.03 The County shall be responsible for contributing all local funds at an amount not less than that specified in the Source of Funds Statement and Verification, unless the final project cost is less than that specified in the Project Cost Estimate. If the final cost is less than that specified in the Project Cost Estimate, there will be a commensurate reduction to each party's contribution, i.e. state and local contributions will be reduced by an amount that maintains same percentage contribution as the Source of Funds Statement.
- 4.04 The County shall be responsible for funding any non-Program eligible costs associated with the Project including any cost overruns in excess of the Project Cost Estimate, operating and maintenance expenses, interest on borrowed funds or relocation expenses associated with this Project.
- 4.05 If the amount of the grant award changes at any time during the course of the Project, bilateral amendments may be required.

ARTICLE V SCOPE OF WORK

- 5.01 The parties hereby agree that the Scope of Work the County shall perform under this Agreement to restore and rehabilitate the Property ("Project") is attached as Attachment "C" and incorporated herein for all purposes ("Scope of Work"). Changes shall not be made to the Project or approved documents describing it without prior approval of the Commission and substantive changes may require bilateral amendments to this contract.
- 5.02 As determined by the Commission, the Scope of Work may include only planning work or may include both planning and construction work.

ARTICLE VI COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.01 The County shall ensure that all matters pertaining to the Project are conducted in conformance with the procedures described in the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Round VIIGrant Manual, all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the legal directives of the Commission and its staff.
- 6.02 The County shall provide for the procurement of all necessary architecture, engineering, and consultant services related to the Project. The County's contract(s) for professional services shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Commission.
- 6.03 The County shall ensure that plans and specifications for the Project shall be in accordance with the treatment for restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction or preservation, as applicable, described the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's <u>Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties</u>, 1995 (36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 68) as determined by the Commission.
- 6.04 The County shall submit architectural plans, specifications and other planning products for the Project to the Commission for review and approval. The County shall make all necessary revisions to the Project as determined by the Commission during all planning, bidding and construction phases. The County shall not make changes to the documents or contracts without prior approval by the Commission.
- 6.05 The County shall ensure that the Project's completion schedule ("Project Schedule"), attached as Attachment "D", is met unless an extension is approved in advance by the Commission. Extension requests shall be made in writing by the County at least 14 days prior to the scheduled deadline.
- 6.06 The County shall administer all contracts related to the construction of the Project and shall not commence competitive bidding and/or construction on any particular phase of the Project prior to execution of final 100% complete plans and specifications and granting of any required easements.
- 6.07 Any field changes, supplemental agreements, or revisions to the plans and specifications related to a particular phase of the Project that occur after the construction contract is awarded must be mutually agreed to by the Commission and the County prior to the commencement of the work related to that phase of the Project.
- 6.08 The County shall submit a draft "Project Completion Report" to the Commission for review within ninety (90) days of substantial completion of construction for the Project. The final Project Completion Report is due within six (6) months of substantial completion unless an extension is requested by the County in writing and granted by the Commission.

- 6.09 The County shall maintain and repair the Property to ensure that the historic architectural integrity of the Property is not permitted to deteriorate in any material way. Unless superceded by a Grant of Easement associated with this Project, this provision shall be in effect from the date of the last signature included herein and shall remain in effect for a period of twenty (20) years.
- 6.10 The County shall be responsible for resolving any environmental matters that are identified during the course of the Project, and shall provide the Commission with written certification from appropriate regulatory agencies that any such identified environmental matters have been remediated, if so required.
- 6.11 This project is funded with the proceeds of tax-exempt state general obligation bonds and is subject to private use limitations under the Internal Revenue Code. The County may not sell, lease, rent or otherwise allow private use of the Property during the period of this Agreement, except as may be specifically authorized in writing by the Commission.
- 6.12 The County accepts this grant award and acknowledges that there is no guarantee of further funding in this round or any future round for this project. All grants in this program are subject to future appropriation of funds by the Texas Legislature and a competitive award by the THC. The County acknowledges that the condition of the building upon completion of the work funded through this grant may not constitute a full restoration, and the county will be responsible for any work, and the cost of such work, that may be required to enable the building to be reoccupied by the county.

ARTICLE VII REIMBURSEMENT

- 7.01 The County shall be reimbursed for costs and expenses incurred to perform the work related to the Project by submitting to the Commission documentation showing that such costs and expenses have been paid. Reasonable, allowable, and allocable costs incurred by the County, after the County has obtained written authorization from the Commission to incur such costs, shall be eligible for reimbursement at an amount not to exceed the stated maximum of the eligible authorized costs. The Commission shall reimburse the County for such expenses and costs in accordance with the State Prompt Payment Law after the County submits the documentation required hereunder.
- 7.02 The total estimated cost of the Project ("Project Cost Estimate") is attached as Attachment "B" and incorporated herein for all purposes. The Project Cost Estimate includes the itemized cost of architectural and engineering services, construction activities, and any other substantial items of cost. Non-Program eligible costs and expenses shall be included in the estimate but itemized separately and not included in the local match figure. Only costs and expenses identified as eligible and included as such in the Project Cost Estimate shall be eligible for reimbursement in accordance with Article VII hereof. Notwithstanding, the parties agree that costs may be shifted between categories with written approval from the Commission.

- 7.03 Documentation necessary for reimbursement of Project costs and expenses shall include a certified statement of work performed, materials supplied and/or services rendered with a copy of the payment check. Requests for reimbursement may be made monthly and each request shall include all required documentation for the period.
- 7.04 For each period, reimbursement of all eligible Project costs and expenses shall be made by the Commission in an amount equivalent to their percentage share of the Project Cost Estimate, rounded to the nearest percentage point as stated in the Source of Funds Statement. When the County's eligible expenses exceed 90% of the Project Cost Estimate, the Commission will reconcile the reimbursement total to an exact dollar amount.
- 7.05 The last ten percent (10%) of the Commission's award shall be held until the Project described in the Scope of Work and the approved plans and specifications is complete and determined satisfactory by the Commission. For Projects that include construction work, a Grant Project Completion Report must be submitted and approved by THC prior to disbursement of the final ten percent (10%) of the amount of the grant.
- 7.06 Project costs and expenses incurred prior to the date the Project was selected by the Commission for a grant award under the Program, are not eligible for reimbursement except as otherwise agreed by the parties in writing.
- Significant increases or decreases in the County's Project costs and expenses during the 7.07 course of the Project may require bilateral amendments to this Agreement and warrant a change to the percentage figure used by the Commission for reimbursements.

ARTICLE VIII **TERMINATION**

- 8.01 This Agreement may be terminated prior to completion of the Project by mutual consent and agreement in writing signed by all parties. In addition, this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon the failure of the other party to fulfill the obligations set forth in this Agreement, in the manner provided in Article 8.02 hereof.
- If an event of termination is based on the failure of a party to fulfill its obligations under 8.02 this Agreement, then the party seeking termination shall notify the party of such breach and provide such party a reasonable period of time, which shall not be less than thirty (30) days, to cure such breach. If the breach is cured within the time permitted, no termination shall occur. Otherwise, this Agreement shall terminate after the period to cure the breach has expired. Any cost incurred due to such a breach of contract shall be paid by the breaching party.
- If the County withdraws from the Project after this Agreement is executed, but prior to 8.03 completion of the Project, it shall be responsible for all direct and indirect Project costs as identified by the Commission's cost accounting system. All previously reimbursed Project costs shall be repaid to the Commission by the County within sixty (60) days of termination.

8.04 The termination of this Agreement shall extinguish all rights, duties, obligations, and liabilities of either party under this Agreement except the repayment provision under Article 8.03 and the inspection provisions under Article XI.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

9.01 This Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties. Any changes, deletions, extensions, or amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by all parties hereto prior to the ending date hereof. Any other attempted changes, including oral modifications, written notices that have not been signed by both parties, or other modifications of any type, shall be invalid.

ARTICLE X NOTICES

10.01 All notices to either party by the other required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or sent by certified or U. S. Mail, postage prepaid or sent by electronic mail, (electronic notice being permitted to the extent permitted by law but only after a separate written consent of the parties), addressed to such parties at the following addresses:

Commission: Texas Historical Commission Post Office Box 12276

Austin, Texas 78711

County: The Honorable John P. Thompson

101 W. Church St. Livingston, TX 77351

ARTICLE XI SEVERABILITY

11.01 In case one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions and this Agreement shall be construed as if it did not contain the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision.

ARTICLE XII RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

12.01 The Commission and the County agree that neither party is an agent, servant, or employee of the other party and each party agrees it is responsible for its individual acts and deeds as well as the acts and deeds of its contractors, employees, representatives, and agents.

ARTICLE XIII OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

13.01 Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by either party shall remain the property of such party. All documents and data prepared under this Agreement shall be made available to the Commission without restriction or limit on their further use.

ARTICLE XIV COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

14.01 The parties hereof shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement. When required, either party shall furnish satisfactory proof of their compliance with such requirements stated above.

ARTICLE XV LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

15.01 The Commission shall not be liable for any direct or consequential damages to County or any third party for any act or omission of the County in the performance of this Agreement. The Commission shall neither indemnify nor guarantee any obligation of the County.

ARTICLE XVI ATTACHMENTS

16.01 The following documents are included in and shall be a part of this Agreement for all purposes:

Attachment "A"

Source of Funds Statement and Verification

Attachment "B"

Project Cost Estimate

Attachment "C"

Scope of Work

Attachment "D"

Project Schedule

Attachment "E"

Resolution of Support

ARTICLE XVII DISPUTE RESOLUTION

17.01 The dispute resolution process provided for in Government Code Chapter 2260 shall be used, as further described herein, by the parties to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of this Agreement made by either party.

- 17.02 A claim by the County for breach of this Agreement that cannot be resolved between the parties in the ordinary course of business shall be submitted to the negotiation process provided in Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter B. Compliance by County with Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter B is a condition precedent to the filing of a contested case proceeding under Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter C.
- 17.03 The contested case process provided in Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter C is County's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy for any and all alleged breaches of contract by Commission if the parties are unable to resolve their disputes under this Article XVII.
- 17.04 Compliance with the contested case process as provided in Article 17.02 hereof is a condition precedent to seeking consent to sue from the Texas Legislature under Civil Practices and Remedies Code Chapter 107. Neither the execution of this Agreement by the Commission nor any other conduct of any representative of Commission relating to the Agreement shall be considered a waiver of sovereign immunity to suit.
- 17.05 The submission, processing, and resolution of any claim by County hereunder is governed by 1 Texas Administrative Code §§68.1, et seq., now and as hereafter amended.
- 17.06 Neither the occurrence of an event alleged to constitute breach of this Agreement nor the pendency of a claim constitute grounds for the suspension of performance by the County, in whole or in part.

ARTICLE XVIII SOLE AND ENTIRE AGREEMENT

18.01 This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements with respect to the Project or the grant of award funds under the Program.

ARTICLE XIX INSPECTION OF BOOKS, RECORDS, AND WORK

19.01 The parties to this Agreement shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records and other documentation relating to costs incurred under this Agreement and shall make such materials available to the Commission, the County, and the Comptroller, or their duly authorized representatives for review and inspection at its office during the contract period and for four (4) years from the date of completion of the work defined under this Agreement or until any impending litigation, or claims are resolved. Additionally, the Commission, the County, and the Comptroller and their duly authorized representatives shall have access to all the governmental records that are directly applicable to the Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The Commission may, during normal business hours, inspect the work on the Property undertaken through this Agreement.

ARTICLE XX SIGNATORY WARRANTY

20.01 The signatories to this Agreement warrant that each has the authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the party represented. A statement of the County's resolve to accept this award and enter into this Agreement is attached as Attachment "E" (Resolution) unless authority is conferred to another party on behalf of the County as an alternate attachment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed in duplicate originals as of the dates hereinbelow.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION	POLK COUNTY
Ву:	Ву:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date: