



**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLK COUNTY, TEXAS AND THE ALABAMA-COUSHATTA
TRIBE OF TEXAS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

This Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between Precinct Three (3) of Polk County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("the County"), acting by and through its duly elected Commissioner's Court, and Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, as listed by the United States Secretary of the Interior under 25 U.S.C. Section 479a-1, whose reservation is located within the boundaries of this state to perform governmental functions and services in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 791.011, acting by and through its duly authorized representative ("Tribe").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County and the Tribe are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code Section 791.00 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Tribe find it mutually beneficial and in the public interest for the County to assist with road maintenance services on certain Tribe-owned property more specifically described herein below; and

WHEREAS, performing road maintenance services on certain Tribe-owned property, including but not limited to, streets, roads, highways, passageways, by passes, right-of-ways, and the like located within Tribe, is both reasonable and necessary to keep both Tribe-owned and County-owned property, including the above-mentioned roads, and other real and personal property, in a safe and useful condition;

WHEREAS, the County has the necessary equipment and personnel and is willing to do said work in consideration of mutual covenants and agreements herein contained; and

WHEREAS, certain County-owned property will be directly benefited from the road maintenance services that will be performed by the County on Tribe-owned property;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Tribe agree as follows:

I. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY

- A. The County may provide road maintenance services on the Tribe-owned property described hereinabove, which may include, helping to spread road materials, including rock, gravel and the like. All Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas permits are waived for this project, if any should be necessary at all.
- B. The County may provide the personnel, equipment, tools, material, and the like necessary to assist in the road maintenance contemplated by subsection (I)(A) above.
- C. The County shall, to the extent authorized under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, hold the Tribe harmless from liability resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of the

County, its officers, agents and employees pertaining to the activities to be carried out pursuant to the obligations of this Agreement; provided, however, the County shall not hold the Tribe harmless from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising in favor of any person or entity, growing out of or incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from negligence (whether sole, joint, concurring or otherwise) of the Tribe, its officers, agents, representatives, or employees, or any person or entity not subject to the County's supervision or control.

II. OBLIGATIONS OF THE TRIBE

- A. The Tribe agrees to allow the County's equipment and personnel access to the Tribe-owned property described herein for the purpose of carrying out the road maintenance services contemplated by this agreement.
- B. The Tribe hereby agrees to provide all materials necessary to enable the County's equipment and personnel to carry out the road maintenance services contemplated by this agreement. Such material may include rock, gravel and other materials suitable for maintaining the Tribe-owned property on which the parties may agree.
- C. The Tribe agrees to hold the County, its employees, agents, assigns, successors in interest and representatives of any kind harmless for any alleged incident of personal injury or property damage resulting from action taken by the County in reasonable furtherance of this agreement.
- D. The Tribe shall, to the extent authorized under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, hold the County, their officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability, loss or damage they may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against them arising out of the activities to be carried out pursuant to the obligations of this Agreement, including but not limited to the use by the Tribe of the results obtained from the activities performed by the County under this Agreement; provided, however, the Tribe shall not hold the County harmless from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising in favor of any person or entity, growing out of, or incident to or resulting directly or indirectly from the negligence (whether sole, joint, concurring or otherwise) of the County, its officers, agents, representatives, or employees, or any person or entity not subject to the Tribe's supervision or control.

III. TERM, TERMINATION

- A. This Agreement shall be effective after the date of execution by all parties. The County may continue to provide road maintenance services, upon the request of a Tribe, on an as needed basis.
- B. If either party hereto desires to terminate this Agreement prior to the completion of the road maintenance services, the party desiring termination shall request such termination in writing, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the other party. The party receiving the request for the termination shall fourteen (14) days from receipt to remove any personnel or

equipment from the property or care, custody or control of the other party, and this agreement shall terminate at the end said fourteen (14) day period.

- C. Nothing in this agreement shall constitute an acceptance by the County to, nor burden the County with the responsibility to, maintain any Tribe-owned property that is directly or indirectly affected by the road maintenance services performed under the terms of this agreement. The County is granted access to the Tribe-owned property strictly for performing the road maintenance services contemplated hereunder, and the presence of the County equipment, personnel or property on Tribe-owned real property shall in no way be construed as an acceptance by the County of a continued responsibility to improve and maintain the Tribe-owned property outside the terms of this agreement.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Agreement is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby. It is the intent of the parties signing this Agreement that no portion of it, or provision or regulations contained in it shall become inoperative or fail by reason of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, provision, or regulation of this Agreement.
- B. Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. The obligations under this Agreement are performable in Polk County, Texas. It is expressly understood that any lawsuit or litigation arising out of or relating to this contract will take place in Polk County, Texas.
- C. Alteration, Amendment, or Modification. This Agreement may not altered, amended, or modified except in writing, approved by the County Judge of Polk County and the duly authorized representative of the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas.
- D. Notice.

The address of Tribe for all purposes shall be:

Stephanie Williams
Tribal Administrator
571 State Park Rd. 56
Livingston, TX 77351

The address for the County for all notices hereunder shall be:

Commissioner Milt Purvis
Precinct 3, Polk County
P.O. Box 181
Corrigan, Texas 75939

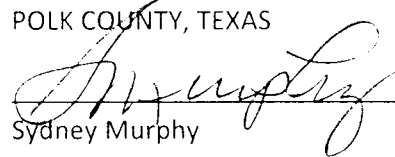
- E. Independent Relationship. Both parties hereto, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an individual capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever.
- F. No Waiver of Immunities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify, or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to the parties hereto, their past or present officers, employees, or agents or employees, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Neither party waives, modifies, or alters to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.
- G. Compliance with Laws. The parties hereto shall comply with all 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, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations.
- H. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and supersedes all their oral and written negotiations, agreements, and understandings of every kind. The parties hereto understand, agree, and declare that no promise, warranty, statement, or representation of any kind whatsoever, which is not expressly stated in this Agreement, has been made by any party hereto or its officer, employees, or other agents to induce execution of this Agreement.
- I. Disclaimer of Warranty. The County hereby expressly disclaims any warranty of suitability, fitness for a particular purpose of any other warranty, whether express or implied, related to the quality and suitability of its performance, personnel, equipment, results, or the like.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, in this Interlocal Agreement is executed to be effective the date of the last party to sign.

ALABAMA COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS

Tribal Administrator

POLK COUNTY, TEXAS



Sydney Murphy
County Judge

Date: _____

Date: January 26, 2016