

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF POLK

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**RESOLUTION
OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
Support of Amendment of Criminal Courts Jurisdiction**

WHEREAS, many defendants in criminal prosecutions have both felony and misdemeanor cases concurrently pending; and

WHEREAS, the resolution of these concurrent cases usually requires the actions of multiple courts resulting in excess actions, delays and expense; and

WHEREAS, one court having the ability to dispose of both pending felonies and misdemeanors would allow for the more efficient operation of the criminal justice system; and further

WHEREAS, the district clerk has always served as the clerk of court for all cases and proceedings involving the collection of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs and the foreclosure of tax liens heard by the Polk County Court at Law, despite the provisions of Section 25.1892(e), Government Code.

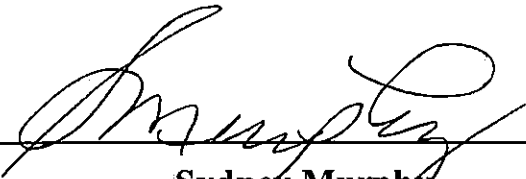
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Commissioners Court does hereby support the following amendments by the Texas Legislature to the Texas Government Code concerning the jurisdiction of the district courts and the statutory county court of Polk County:

§24.553, Government Code, (411th Judicial District) be amended to include the misdemeanor jurisdiction given to the 258th Judicial District as set forth in §24.435(b), Government Code.

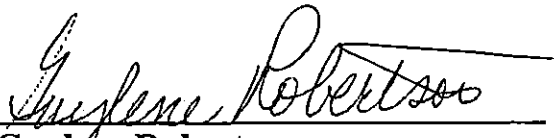
§25.1892(a), Government Code, (Polk County Court at Law Provisions) be amended to delete “civil” and add Subsection (3) “felony cases to conduct arraignments, pre-trial hearings and to accept guilty pleas.”

§25.1892(e), Government Code, (Polk County Court at Law Provisions) be amended to read “The district clerk serves as clerk of a county court at law in cases of concurrent jurisdiction with the district court, and the county clerk serves as clerk in all other cases.”


PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.



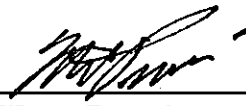
Sydney Murphy
County Judge



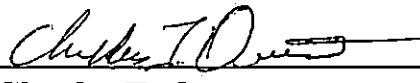
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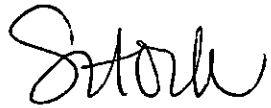


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Commissioner, Pct. 3



Charles T. Overstreet
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest:



(seal) Schelana Hock, County Clerk

