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December 2, 2021

The Honorable David Wilson Mayor Town of Summerdale 502 West Lee Ave Summerdale, Alabama 36580 ATTN: Tiffany Lynn, Clerk

RE: Intergovernmental Service Agreement with Municipalities for the Use of County

Voting Machines and the Services of the County Voting Machine Custodian and

Employees for Municipal Elections

Dear Mayor Wilson:

Please find enclosed a **fully executed <u>copy</u>** of the *Intergovernmental Service Agreement* between the Baldwin County Commission and municipalities in Baldwin County, Alabama, approved during the October 5, 2021, Baldwin County Commission meeting to allow the municipalities to use the County's voting machines and the services of the County Voting Machine Custodian for municipal elections.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Anu Gary, Administrative Services Manager, at (251) 580-2564.

Sincerely,

KRISTEN M. RAWSON

Assistant Administrative Services Manager

Baldwin County Commission

KMR/vk Item BA5

cc:

Wayne Dyess Violetta Smith Judge Harry D'Olive

Matt Fail Brian Peacock

ENCLOSURE(S)

Resolution 21-25



BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Summerdale of Summerdale, Alabama, that the Town enters into an Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the Baldwin County Commission and the Town of Summerdale, Alabama providing the Use of County Voting Machines and the Services of the County Voting Machine Custodian and Employees for Municipal;

That the Agreement be executed in the name of the Town, for and on behalf of the Town, by its Mayor.

That it be attest by the Town Clerk and the seal of the Town affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept of record by the Town Clerk.

Adopted this 8th day of November, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Intergovernmental Service Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the Baldwin County Commission (hereinafter "County") and the City/Town of Summer date, Alabama (hereinafter "City/Town"), as follows:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, County is the duly formed governing body in and for Baldwin County, Alabama, and City/Town is an incorporated municipality of the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by <u>Code of Alabama</u> 1975, Section 11-102-1, any county or incorporated municipality of the State of Alabama may enter into a written contract with any one or more counties or incorporated municipalities for the joint exercise of any power or service that state or local law authorizes each of the contracting entities to exercise individually; and

WHEREAS, no contract entered into pursuant to this chapter shall take effect until the contract has been approved by the governing body of each of the contracting municipalities or counties. Approval by a county governing body shall be by adoption of a resolution, and approval by a municipal governing body shall be by adoption of an ordinance of general and permanent operation; and

WHEREAS, to cooperate in the administration of the electoral franchise benefiting the public, the County allows the Cities/Towns to use the County's voting machines, at no cost, for municipal elections with the understanding that each municipality shall be responsible for all costs associated with the provision of services of the County Voting Machine Custodian and any and all other election related costs; and

WHEREAS, the City/Town has requested that the County assist the City/Town in its administration of the electoral franchise benefiting the public by providing the City/Town with the use, at no cost, of County-owned voting machines as requested from time to time during municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, the City/Town agrees to remit to the County any and all actual costs for labor, expenses and equipment incurred by County in its performance of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, County and City/Town now wish to enter into this Agreement to provide for the reimbursement of County for the costs associated with the services which may be provided by the County Voting Machine Custodian, a County employee, or any other County employee in connection with the transportation, installation, service, maintenance, testing and use of County voting machines during municipal elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the sufficiency of which being hereby acknowledged, County and City/Town do hereby agree as follows:

- 1. **Recitals:** The recitals set out above are incorporated into this Agreement, as though the same were set out in full in this paragraph.
- 2. Purpose and Services to Be Performed: The parties acknowledge and agree that the purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the reimbursement of County costs associated with the services which may be provided by the County Voting Machine Custodian, or his or her designee(s), in connection with the transportation, installation, service, maintenance, testing and use of County-owned voting machines during municipal elections. Upon request by the City/Town and approval by the County Administrator, the County Voting Machine Custodian, or his or her designee(s), shall be responsible for transporting, installation, servicing, testing and maintaining County Voting Machines for use in municipal elections, and the City/Town shall be responsible for reimbursement of the actual cost to the County for the provision of such services and for expenses incurred in connection with transport, maintenance, service, use and installation of the voting machines.
- 3. Exclusive Contract: The City/Town acknowledges that, due to the possibility of damaging the machines, only the County Voting Machine Custodian, or his or her designee(s), shall transport, install, service, maintain and/or test the voting machines for use during municipal elections. Notwithstanding this provision, the County Administrator may give consent for the City/Town to use the services of (manufacturer) to service or test such machines. The City/Town acknowledges that it will not and may not contract directly with County employees for the provision of such services.
- 4. Reimbursement: The County Voting Machine Custodian, or such other County employees as are designated to perform services under this agreement, shall maintain a record of all time and expenses incurred in connection with the transportation, installation, testing, service, maintenance and use of County voting machines. Prior to the election, upon request, the County shall provide the City/Town with the hourly rate to be charged by the County for the services of the County Voting Machine Custodian and/or his or her designee(s). Within 21 days after the election, the County shall provide an itemized invoice to the Town/City which reflects the cost to the County for the time and expenses incurred by such County employees and the County in connection with the use of the voting machines. Upon receipt of such invoice, the City/Town shall pay the invoiced sum within thirty (30) days.
- 5. <u>Approval and Effective Date</u>: This Agreement shall become effective upon the date of full execution by both parties ("Effective Date").
- 6. <u>Term</u>: The term of this Agreement shall be for three (3) years from its Effective Date. This document may be amended only upon written approval by the parties hereto, and any such amendment shall be approved by the same method by which this original Agreement has been approved by the parties. The parties may renew the

All indemnity obligations, representations and assurances contained within this Agreement shall survive and exist beyond the date of termination or expiration of this Agreement, and time, or the lapse thereof, shall not be used for or argued as a defense by the City/Town against the same.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or modify the laws of Alabama as the same may apply to the County or City/Town or in any way diminish any immunity, absolute or qualified, to which the County and City/Town are otherwise entitled by law.

- 9. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between County and City/Town and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by the parties.
- 10. <u>Both Parties Contributed Equally to the Agreement</u>: This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the parties, it being recognized that both County and City/Town have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Agreement.
- 11. <u>Failure to Strictly Enforce Performance</u>: The failure of either party to insist upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, agreements and conditions of this Agreement shall not constitute a default or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right of a party to thereafter enforce any such term, covenant, agreement or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.
- 12. <u>Assignment</u>: Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein shall be assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered without a prior written agreement providing for such assignment, transfer or other encumbrance signed by the parties.
- 13. <u>Choice of Law</u>: The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement shall in all respects be governed by the laws of the state of Alabama, including, without limitation, all issues relating to formation, interpretation and available remedies, without regard to Alabama conflict of law principles.
- 14. <u>Counterparts</u>: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, and all such counterparts shall substitute the same agreement. It shall be necessary to account for only one (1) such counterpart in proving this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of full execution below.

County: **BALDWIN COUNTY**

Chairman

ATTEST:

WAYNE DYESS

County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BALDWIN

, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that JOE DAVIS III, and WAYNE DYESS, whose names as Chairman and County Administrator of the Baldwin County Commission, respectively, are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, they executed the same voluntarily with full authority to do so for and as an act of the Baldwin County Commission.

Given under my hand and official seal this the

Notary Public

My Commission Expires Commission Expires December 28, 2024

City/Town of Symmerdale:
Mayor /Date DAvid Wilson Print Name
Summerdale City/Town Clerk Print Name
STATE OF ALABAMA) COUNTY OF BALDWIN)
I, Molly Forsman Farmer , a Notary Public, in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that David Wilson , Mayor, and Tiffany Lynn , City/Town Clerk, whose names as Mayor and City Clerk of Summerdale , respectively, are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this instrument, they executed the same voluntarily with full authority to do so for and as an act of the City/Town, Alabama.
Given under my hand and official seal this the <u>Movember</u> , 20
Molly Forman Former Notary Public My Commission Expires: 12/18/2021