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STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ANGELINA COUNTY, TEXAS AMENDING ESTABLISHED METHODS FOR SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

WHEREAS, under the applicable provisions of the Public Information Act, located in Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, each and every elected official of Angelina County is designated as a public information officer for his or her office;

WHEREAS, each and every year, Angelina County's elected officials, as public information officers, along with many appointed department heads, receive large numbers of public information requests, submitted by electronic mail;

WHEREAS, Angelina County wishes to ensure that public information requests, submitted by electronic mail, are all received, logged and responded to in a timely manner, all as required by the Public Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 552.234(a)(4) of the Texas Government Code allows a governmental body, such as Angelina County, to authorize the electronic submission of public information requests through the governmental body's Internet website;

WHEREAS, Section 552.234(c) of the Texas Government Code also allows a governmental body to designate a single electronic mail address for receiving written requests for public information;

WHEREAS, the Angelina County Commissioners Court, acting in accordance with the authority of these statutes, on March 14, 2023 passed and adopted a Resolution Establishing Method for Submission of Public Information Requests by Electronic Mail; and

WHEREAS, the Angelina County Commissioners Court now wishes to amend the terms and provisions of the previous resolution as stated and set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Angelina County, Texas, acting in accordance with the authority of Section 552.234(a)(4) of the Texas Government Code, hereby authorizes the electronic submission of public information requests through the existing public information web portal, located on the county's Internet website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Angelina County, Texas, acting in accordance with the authority of Section 552.324(c), shall also hereafter allow each elected official and each appointed and authorized department head in the county to designate a single electronic mail address through which the elected official or department will receive electronic mail requests for public information. This designation shall be accomplished by the official or department head

posting the email address on the county's web page for public information. An elected official or department head, who posts an email address on the county's web page for public information, will not be required to respond to an electronic request for public information submitted to any electronic mail address other than the one posted on the county's web page for public information.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that electronic information requests shall be subject to reasonable size limitations as specified on the county's web page for public information. Electronic information requests which exceed the specified size limitations will not be allowed, accepted or received as public information requests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that electronic information requests shall not include attachments other than an officially designated public information request form which has been posted on the county's web page for public information. Any unauthorized attachment to an electronic information request will not be allowed, accepted, opened or considered as part of the electronic information request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as required by the Public Information Act, Angelina County, Texas and its elected officials will also continue to accept public information requests submitted by both United States mail to the addresses posted on the county's website and by hand delivery to the physical offices of the elected officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution of the Commissioners Court shall be effective as of the date hereof and is hereby passed for the purpose of amending and modifying the terms of the prior Resolution of the Commissioners Court Establishing Method for Submission of Public Information Requests by Electronic Mail, which was passed and adopted by the Court on the 14th day of March 2023.

Passed, approved and adopted on this 28th day of December 2023, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Angelina County, Texas, held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

ANGELINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Keith Wright, County Judge

Kent Walker, Commissioner, Pct. #1

Terry Pixts, Commissioner, Pct. #3

Kermit Kennedy Commissioner, Pct. #2

Kenneth Jeffrey, Commissioner, Pct. #4

Attest: Amy Fincher, County Clerk

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