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BOARD OF MANAGERS ORDER
May 19, 2020

**Order Ratifying Selection and Hiring of CLK Architects & Associates for
ICU Prep/Schematic Design Related to Proposed Covid-19 Treatment Unit
at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital and Approval of Payment**

WHEREAS, the Nueces County and the Nueces County Hospital District are each political subdivisions of the State of Texas and are authorized to enter into contracts with each other to perform governmental functions and services, and;

WHEREAS, such governmental functions and services include all or part of a function related to among other activities, public health and welfare and comprehensive health care and hospital services, and;

WHEREAS, the Nueces County Hospital District and Nueces County each are delegated specific statutory duties with respect to public health and welfare and comprehensive health care and hospital services and beyond this share common responsibilities to improve the health of the communities they serve in common, and;

WHEREAS, the Nueces County Hospital District and Nueces County acknowledge that the improvement of community health requires the coordination of the entire community's resources and that Nueces County has undertaken initiatives intended to maximize those resources and improve the health of all residents of the county. In furtherance of this goal the Nueces County Hospital District and Nueces County desire to cooperate and collaborate to achieve overarching community health goals; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a disaster proclamation certifying that COVID-19 posed an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the state of Texas, and;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 Dr. John W. Hellerstedt with the Commission of the Department of State Health Services certified that the introduction and spread of the communicable disease known as COVID-19 created an immediate threat which posed a high risk of death to a large number of people and created a substantial risk of public exposure. Dr. Hellerstedt declared a state of public health disaster for the entire State of Texas. and,

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, city and county health officials confirmed the first coronavirus case in Nueces County, and;

WHEREAS, the number of coronavirus cases in Nueces County continued to rise and a week later on March 27, 2020, the count of confirmed cases was at 20, and;

WHEREAS, Nueces County engaged in discussion with the Nueces County Hospital District about the possibility of providing a designated COVID-19 treatment unit for the coronavirus patients, and;

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020 the Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met and approved moving forward with standing up the COVID-19 unit under certain circumstances, and;

WHEREAS, Nueces County representatives consulted with CLK Architects & Associates to perform certain preparatory inspection and schematic design work related to a proposed COVID-19 treatment unit to be located at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital, and;

WHEREAS, CLK Architects & Associates due to the urgency in proceeding was requested by Nueces County representative to proceed with certain preparatory and schematic design work for the contemplated COVID-19 treatment unit at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Section 262.024(a)(4) of the Texas Local Government Code exempts the purchase of any professional services, such as architectural services, from competitive bidding and Section 2254.003 of the Texas Government Code prohibits the selection of a provider of professional services on the basis of competitive bids, but mandates that the selection and award be based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services and a fair and reasonable price for the services; and,

WHEREAS, CLK Architects & Associates did provide, at the request of representatives from Nueces County, valuable services necessary for the proposed COVID-19 treatment unit project, such work having been provided to the Nueces County Hospital District at it's Board of Manager's meetings, which meetings were duly noticed to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS, that the selection and hiring of CLK Architects & Associates for the work contemplated above is herein ratified. The Board specifically ratifies CLK Architects & Associates selection and hiring for services as related to preparatory and schematic design work for the contemplated COVID-19 treatment unit at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital. CLK Architects & Associates services are from April 01, 2020 through April 30, 2020. Fees for these services in total are \$ 21,387.50 and are herein approved.

DULY ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF MANGERS OF NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT ON THE 19th DAY OF MAY 2020.

John B. Martinez
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Member

The attached Order is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the official records of the Hospital District; the duly qualified and acting members of the Board on the date of the Meeting are those persons shown above, and, according to the records of my office, each member of the Board was given actual notice of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting and had actual notice that the Order would be considered; and the Meeting and deliberation of the aforesaid public business, was open to the public and written notice of said meeting, including the subject of the Order, was posted and given in advance thereof in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

I am the Secretary of the Board having been duly appointed pursuant to Health Code, §281.023(b).

The foregoing Order is in full force and effect; that the same has not been rescinded, nor has it been amended or modified in any way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of the Hospital District on this the **19th day of May 2020**.

Jonny F. Hipp
Secretary, Board of Managers
Nueces County Hospital District

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