# PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT

This is an agreement between the Board of County Commissioners for Muskogee County, Oklahoma, and the County Assessor for Muskogee County, Oklahoma, (both parties sometimes hereafter referred to as "CLIENT") and Tisdal & O'Hara, PLLC, ("T&O") and is subject to approval by the District Attorney for Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

1.      CLIENT has agreed, with the approval of the District Attorney for Muskogee County, to employ T&O to represent the Muskogee County Board of County Commissioners, where necessary, and the Muskogee County Assessor with regard to certain ad valorem tax issues ("Issues").

2.      Where necessary, T&O shall appear as counsel, and may act on behalf of CLIENT, or at the direction of CLIENT, with regard to the Issues, including, without limitation, in any hearing, trial or appellate proceeding.

3.      T&O shall be paid at the following hourly rates for work performed hereunder by personnel in Tisdal & O'Hara:

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| Partner | Up to $300.00/hour |
| Senior Associate | Up to $250.00/hour |
| Associate | Up to $200.00/hour |
| Paralegal/Legal Assistant | Up to $100.00/hour |

Such time shall be billed by T&O, and paid by CLIENT, on a monthly basis.

4.      CLIENT will pay T&O for actual hours (or fractions) at the hourly rates above set forth.  T&O will submit its bills for payment to County Commissioners for Muskogee County, c/o Ron Dean, County Assessor's Office, 400 West Broadway, Room 210, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401.

5.      CLIENT shall be responsible for the employment of consultants, appraisers, or other such experts and for the payment of all third party costs and expenses related to the performance of this contract.  To the extent that T&O advances such costs, T&O will be reimbursed therefor.  Such costs and fees may be billed directly through this agreement.

6.      CLIENT may discharge T&O at any time without cause.  In the event of discharge the CLIENT will not be liable for any professional services or other charges after notice of discharge has been received by T&O, excepting only those subsequent services and charges, if any, provided at the request of CLIENT which are involved in turning over the matter to successor counsel.  In the event of discharge, T&O will submit a final bill within thirty days of notice of discharge.

7.      The term of this contract shall be from May 14, 2024, through June 30, 2024. CLIENT may, at its option, renew the contract with consent of the District Attorney.

8.      T&O will furnish to CLIENT a status report at the end of each month, or as deemed appropriate and prudent by CLIENT, to keep CLIENT informed of developments on a timely basis.

9.      T&O agrees, as part consideration for this contract, that its books, records, documents, accounting procedures, practices or any other items relevant to the performance of this contract are subject to examination by CLIENT upon request.

10.      This agreement will be subordinate to the laws, court orders, policies, procedures and rules, existing and future, relative to the operation and management of the CLIENT.

11.      It is agreed that any attorney fees awarded to any party hereto as a result of Court action or negotiated settlements or otherwise are obtained for the benefit of the CLIENT, and any of those fees actually collected shall be credited against T&O'S bill to the CLIENT.

AGREED TO, by act of the CLIENT done this _____ day of _____, 2024, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and by T&O as witnessed by the following signatures:

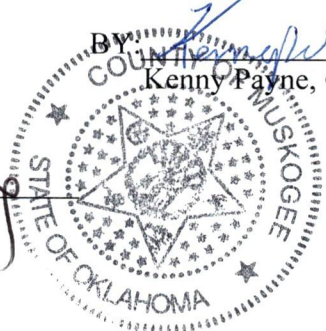FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Approved this 20th day of May, 2024.

BY: _____
Ken Doke, Commissioner

BY: _____
Keith Hyslop, Commissioner

BY: _____
Kenny Payne, Commissioner

Attest:
BY: _____
Polly Irving, County Clerk

FOR TISDAL & O'HARA, PLLC

Approved this 20th day of May, 2024.
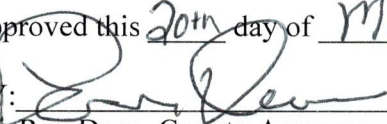
BY: _____
Patrick O'Hara, Jr., Member/Manager

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:          27-0713937

FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR FOR MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Approved this 20th day of MAY, 2024.

BY: _____

Ron Dean, County Assessor


FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Approved this 20 day of May, 2024.

BY: _____

Larry Edwards, District Attorney