

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Dated this _____ day of June, 2026

This is an agreement between **Jennifer P. Austin**, District Attorney for the Twenty-first Prosecutorial District, State of Oklahoma, and the **Board of County Commissioners of Cleveland County**, State of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, Cleveland County continues to have liability insurance and/or insurance counsel available to handle certain limited tort claims or other lawsuits against Cleveland County or its officials or employees, and, the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office continues to provide the majority of legal advice to the County, its officers and employees in cooperation with insurance counsel, and also provides all other legal services on matters not covered by insurance; or that can be resolved prior to legal action being filed or claims, all of which services provide cost benefits to the County.

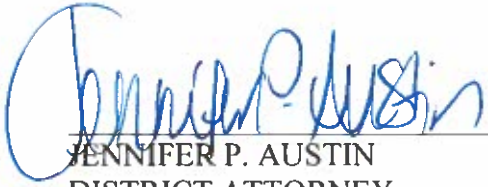
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners anticipates that legal representation on issues including, but not limited to, employment, contractual, tort claims, tax, financial, bonds, and all other legal matters, county business, audit assistance, policies, and lawsuits will continue to be provided by the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office during fiscal year 2026-2027, which representation includes many time consuming matters not covered by liability insurance, and which representation also includes collaborating with Insurance Counsel as requested or necessary with new or on-going cases, which services through the District Attorney's Office provide cost benefits to the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office provides legal advice and assistance to all County Offices, elected Officials, and County Commissioners as well as to other county employees and entities, such as, but not limited to, authorities, trusts, road improvement districts, fire protection districts, and Boards in Cleveland County; and the Commissioners desire priority for assignments and allocation of these duties of the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office for Cleveland County; and,

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested financial funding assistance from Cleveland County for increased legal assistance and duties by the experienced and qualified legal representatives of the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office for the fiscal year of 2026-2027.

THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the **Board of County Commissioners of Cleveland County** and **Jennifer P. Austin**, as District Attorney for the Twenty-first Prosecutorial District and Cleveland County, that the Board of County Commissions for Cleveland County will provide \$729,446.00 as salary funding assistance as well as payment of related incurred costs and expenses of the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office and also provide funding for library materials as well as computer database research (Westlaw-Lexis Nexis) access for the District Attorney's Office to aid Cleveland County for county operations, legal advice and/or representation for County Offices, Elected Officials, County Officers, and County Commissioners, as well as to other county employees or entities of Cleveland County provided

by the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office in all relevant county matters for the fiscal year FY 2026-2027.



JENNIFER P. AUSTIN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
TWENTY-FIRST
PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT

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