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ELLIS COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

****Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §111.010, §111.0105, §111.0106, §111.0107, §111.0108, or §111.011, Commissioner's Court may amend the adopted budget if certain criteria is met.****

I am requesting that the Ellis County Commissioners' Court make necessary amendments to the Adopted Budget. The following amendments will INCREASE/ DECREASE the 2019/2020 Budget

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT TITLE	AMOUNT
009-0602-400080	FM1-INTERLOCAL	\$ 70,527.74
	TOTAL:	\$ 70,527.74

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT TITLE	AMOUNT
009-0602-509110	FM1-GRAVEL	\$ 70,527.74
	TOTAL:	\$ 70,527.74

09/16/2020

Road & Bridge Pct 1

Signature

Date

Department

ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT FINDS THAT THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT IS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES AND IS AN APPROPRIATE REQUEST.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____

- _____ COUNTY JUDGE
- _____ COMMISSIONER PCT. 1
- _____ COMMISSIONER PCT. 2
- _____ COMMISSIONER PCT. 3
- _____ COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

REVIEWED BY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE: _____

TEXAS COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT

This Commercial Lease Agreement ("Lease") is made and effective November 15, 2020, by and between Leasing Impressions Commercial, LLC ("Landlord") and Ellis County ("Tenant").

Landlord is the owner of land and improvements commonly known and numbered as 330 N 8th St Midlothian, Texas 76065 and legally described as follows (the "Building" & "Leased Premises"): Old Town Midlothian, Ellis County, Texas.

Landlord makes available for lease a portion of the Building designated as Suite(s) 106-108 (the "Leased Premises").

Landlord desires to lease the Leased Premises to Tenant, and Tenant desires to lease the Leased Premises from Landlord for the term, at the rental and upon the covenants, conditions and provisions herein set forth.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, contained and other good and valuable consideration, it is agreed:

Term.

- A. Landlord hereby leases the Leased Premises to Tenant, and Tenant hereby leases the same from Landlord, for an "Initial Term" beginning November 15, 2020 and ending September November 14, 2021.
- B. Tenant may renew the Lease for an additional term of thirty-six (36) months. Tenant shall exercise such renewal option, if at all, by giving written notice to Landlord not less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term. The rental term shall be at the rental set forth below and otherwise upon the same covenants, conditions, and provisions as provided in this lease.
- C. Sixty (60) day notice is required for lease termination. Oral notice of termination is not sufficient under any circumstances. Should tenant fail to give proper written notice, lease will automatically renew month to month at market value + \$250.00. Strict compliance is required, and time is of the essence relative to the expiration and renewal of this Lease.

Rental.

- A. Tenant shall pay to Landlord during the Initial Term rents as outlined below. Each monthly installment payment shall be due in advance on the first (1st) day of each calendar month during the lease term. Weekends, holidays, and mail delays do not excuse Tenant's obligation to timely pay rent.
- B. Tenant will pay all amounts due to Landlord under this Lease to the following and make all payments payable to the named person or entity. Landlord may later designate, in writing, another person or place to which Tenant must remit amounts due under this Lease.

Leasing Impressions
923 Gemini Ave.
Duncanville, TX 75137

To ensure proper credit, place the Premises address and Tenant's name on all payments.

The rental payment amount for any partial calendar months included in the lease term shall be prorated daily. **Tenant has also payed to Landlord a "Security Deposit" in the amount of \$1,500.**

Initial Term	\$3,600 per year
Year Two	\$3,950 per year
Year Three	\$4,250 per year
Year Four	\$4,400 per year

- C. If Landlord does not actually receive a rent payment in the full amount at the designated place of payment by 11:59 p.m. on the fifth (5th) day after the date on which it is due, Tenant

will pay Landlord for each late payment:

- (1) an initial late charge equal to \$75.00 and
 - (2) additional late charges of \$10.00 per day thereafter until rent and late charges are paid in full.
- D. For the purposes of paying rent and any late charges, the postmark date is not the date Landlord receives the payment. The parties agree that the late charge is based on a reasonable estimate of uncertain damages to the Landlord that are incapable of precise calculation and result from late payment of rent. Landlord's acceptance of a late charge does not waive Landlord's right to exercise remedies under Default.
- E. Returned Checks: Tenant will pay Landlord \$50.00 for each check Tenant tenders to Landlord which is returned or not honored by the institution on which it is drawn for any reason, plus any late charges until Landlord receives payment. Tenant must make any returned check good by paying such amount(s) plus any associated charges in certified funds. After two returned checks, payment in certified funds will be mandatory for the remainder of the current lease term.
- F. Application of Funds: Regardless of any notation on a check, Landlord may apply funds received from Tenant first to any non-rent obligations of Tenant, including, but not limited to, late charges, returned check charges, repairs, brokerage fees, periodic utilities, and then to rent.

. **Use**

The Leased Premises may be used and occupied by Tenant for the conduct of a regular retail store operation, provided that tenant also complies with applicable zoning ordinances. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Tenant shall not use the Leased Premises for the purposes of storing, manufacturing or selling any explosives, flammables or other inherently dangerous substance, chemical, thing or device.

. **Sublease and Assignment.**

Tenant shall have the right without Landlord's consent, to assign this Lease to a corporation with which Tenant may merge or consolidate, to any subsidiary of Tenant, to any corporation under common control with Tenant, or to a purchaser of substantially all of Tenant's assets. Except as set forth above, Tenant shall not sublease all or any part of the Leased Premises, or assign this Lease in whole or in part without Landlord's consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

. **Repairs.**

During the Lease term, Tenant shall make, at Tenant's expense, all necessary repairs to the Leased Premises. Repairs shall include such items as routine repairs of floors, walls, ceilings, and other parts of the Leased Premises damaged or worn through normal occupancy, except for major mechanical systems or the roof, subject to the obligations of the parties otherwise set forth in this Lease.

. **Alterations and Improvements.**

Tenant, at Tenant's expense, shall have the right following Landlord's consent to remodel, redecorate, and make additions, improvements and replacements of and to all or any part of the Leased Premises from time to time as Tenant may deem desirable, provided the same are made in a workmanlike manner and utilizing good quality materials. Tenant shall have the right to place and install personal property, trade fixtures, equipment and other temporary installations in and upon the Leased Premises and fasten the same to the premises. All personal property, equipment, machinery, trade fixtures and temporary installations, whether acquired by Tenant at the commencement of the Lease term or placed or installed on the Leased Premises by Tenant thereafter, shall remain Tenant's property free and clear of any claim by Landlord. Tenant shall have the right to remove the same at any time during the term of this Lease provided that all damage to the Leased Premises caused by such removal shall be repaired by Tenant at Tenant's expense. Landlord retains the right to make improvements and alterations to the property without interference or delays caused by Tenant.

. **Property Taxes.**

Landlord shall pay, prior to delinquency, all general real estate taxes and installments of special assessments coming due during the Lease term on the Leased Premises, and all personal property taxes with respect to Landlord's personal property, if any, on the Leased Premises. Tenant shall be responsible for paying all personal property taxes with respect to Tenant's personal property at the Leased Premises.

. **Insurance.**

A. If the Leased Premises or any other party of the Building is damaged by fire or other casualty resulting from any act or negligence of Tenant or any of Tenant's agents, employees or invitees, rent shall not be diminished or abated while such damages are under repair, and Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of repair not covered by insurance.

B. Landlord shall maintain fire and extended coverage insurance on the Building and the Leased Premises in such amounts as Landlord shall deem appropriate. Tenant shall be responsible, at its expense, for fire and extended coverage insurance on all its personal property, including removable trade fixtures, located in the Leased Premises.

C. Tenant and Landlord shall, each at its own expense, maintain a policy or policies of comprehensive general liability insurance with respect to the respective activities of each in the Building with the premiums thereon fully paid on or before due date, issued by and binding upon some insurance company approved by Landlord, such insurance to afford minimum protection of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit coverage of bodily injury, property damage or combination thereof. Landlord shall be listed as an additional insured on Tenant's policy or policies of comprehensive general liability insurance, and Tenant shall provide Landlord with current Certificates of Insurance evidencing Tenant's compliance with this Paragraph. Tenant shall obtain the agreement of Tenant's insurers to notify Landlord that a policy is due to expire at least (10) days prior to such expiration. Landlord shall not be required to maintain insurance against thefts within the Leased Premises or the Building.

. **Utilities.**

Tenant shall pay all charges for water, sewer, gas, electricity, telephone and other services and utilities used by Tenant on the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing by Landlord. All utilities must be switched into the tenant's name within 5 days of move-in/possession. Any utility bills received thereafter will incur a \$50 charge per bill until services are switched. Landlord reserves the right to collect utility amounts due in any manner necessary, up to and including utility disconnection. Tenant acknowledges that the Leased Premises are designed to provide standard office use electrical facilities and standard office lighting. Tenant shall not use any equipment or devices that utilizes excessive electrical energy or which may, in Landlord's reasonable opinion, overload the wiring or interfere with electrical services to other tenants.

- Landlord Tenant - **Air Conditioning (AC)**
- Landlord Tenant - **Cable**
- Landlord Tenant - **Electricity**
- Landlord Tenant - **Gas**
- Landlord Tenant - **Heat**
- Landlord Tenant - **Internet**
- Landlord Tenant - **Sewer**
- Landlord Tenant - **Water**
- Landlord Tenant - **Lawn Service**
- Landlord Tenant - **Pest Control**

. **Signs.**

Following Landlord's consent, Tenant shall have the right to place on the Leased Premises, at locations selected by Tenant, any signs which are permitted by applicable zoning ordinances and private restrictions. Landlord may refuse consent to any proposed signage that is in Landlord's opinion too large, deceptive, unattractive or otherwise inconsistent with or inappropriate to the Leased Premises or use of any other tenant. Landlord shall assist and cooperate with Tenant in obtaining any necessary permission from governmental authorities or adjoining owners and occupants for Tenant to place or construct the foregoing signs. Tenant shall repair all damage to the Leased Premises resulting from the removal of signs installed by Tenant.

. **Entry.**

Landlord shall have the right to enter upon the Leased Premises at reasonable hours to inspect the same, provided Landlord shall not thereby unreasonably interfere with Tenant's business on the Leased Premises.

. **Parking.**

During the term of this Lease, Tenant shall have the non-exclusive use in common with Landlord, other tenants of the Building, their guests and invitees, of the non-reserved common automobile parking areas, driveways, and footways, subject to rules and regulations for the use thereof as prescribed from time to time by Landlord. Landlord reserves the right to designate parking areas within the Building or in reasonable proximity thereto, for Tenant and Tenant's agents and employees. Tenant shall provide Landlord with a list of all license numbers for the cars owned by Tenant, its agents and employees. Separated structured parking, if any, located about the Building is reserved for tenants of the Building who rent such parking spaces.

330 N 8th- Employees are to park in rear of building, leave front spaces open for visitors.

. **Building Rules.**

Tenant will comply with the rules of the Building adopted and altered by Landlord from time to time and will cause all of its agents, employees, invitees and visitors to do so; all changes to such rules will be sent by Landlord to Tenant in writing.

. **Damage and Destruction.**

Subject to Section 8 A. above, if the Leased Premises or any part thereof or any appurtenance thereto is so damaged by fire, casualty or structural defects that the same cannot be used for Tenant's purposes, then Tenant shall have the right within ninety (90) days following damage to elect by notice to Landlord to terminate this Lease as of the date of such damage. In the event of minor damage to any part of the Leased Premises, and if such damage does not render the Leased Premises unusable for Tenant's purposes, Landlord shall promptly repair such damage at the cost of the Landlord. In making the repairs called for in this paragraph, Landlord shall not be liable for any delays resulting from strikes, governmental restrictions, inability to obtain necessary materials or labor or other matters which are beyond the reasonable control of Landlord. Tenant shall be relieved from paying rent and other charges during any portion of the Lease term that the Leased Premises are inoperable or unfit for occupancy, or use, in whole or in part, for Tenant's purposes. Rentals and other charges paid in advance for any such periods shall be credited on the next ensuing payments, if any, but if no further payments are to be made, any such advance payments shall be refunded to Tenant. The provisions of this paragraph extend not only to the matters aforesaid, but also to any occurrence which is beyond Tenant's reasonable control and which renders the Leased Premises, or any appurtenance thereto, inoperable or unfit for occupancy or use, in whole or in part, for Tenant's purposes.

. **Default.**

If default shall at any time be made by Tenant in the payment of rent when due to Landlord as herein provided, and if said default shall continue for fifteen (15) days after written notice thereof shall have been given to Tenant by Landlord, or if default shall be made in any of the other covenants or conditions to be kept, observed and performed by Tenant, and such default shall continue for thirty (30) days after notice thereof in writing to Tenant by Landlord without correction thereof then having been commenced and thereafter diligently prosecuted, Landlord may declare the term of this Lease ended and terminated by giving Tenant written notice of such intention, and if possession of the Leased Premises is not surrendered, Landlord may re-enter said premises. Landlord shall have, in addition to the remedy above provided, any other right or remedy available to Landlord on account of any Tenant default, either in law or equity. Landlord shall use reasonable efforts to mitigate its damages.

. **Quiet Possession.**

Landlord covenants and warrants that upon performance by Tenant of its obligations hereunder, Landlord will keep and maintain Tenant in exclusive, quiet, peaceable and undisturbed and uninterrupted possession of the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease.

. **Condemnation.**

If any legally, constituted authority condemns the Building or such part thereof which shall make the Leased Premises unsuitable for leasing, this Lease shall cease when the public authority takes

possession, and Landlord and Tenant shall account for rental as of that date. Such termination shall be without prejudice to the rights of either party to recover compensation from the condemning authority for any loss or damage caused by the condemnation. Neither party shall have any rights in or to any award made to the other by the condemning authority.

. **Subordination.**

Tenant accepts this Lease subject and subordinate to any mortgage, deed of trust or other lien presently existing or hereafter arising upon the Leased Premises, or upon the Building and to any renewals, refinancing and extensions thereof, but Tenant agrees that any such mortgagee shall have the right at any time to subordinate such mortgage, deed of trust or other lien to this Lease on such terms and subject to such conditions as such mortgagee may deem appropriate in its discretion. Landlord is hereby irrevocably vested with full power and authority to subordinate this Lease to any mortgage, deed of trust or other lien now existing or hereafter placed upon the Leased Premises of the Building, and Tenant agrees upon demand to execute such further instruments subordinating this Lease or attorning to the holder of any such liens as Landlord may request. In the event that Tenant should fail to execute any instrument of subordination herein required to be executed by Tenant promptly as requested, Tenant hereby irrevocably constitutes Landlord as its attorney-in-fact to execute such instrument in Tenant's name, place and stead, it being agreed that such power is one coupled with an interest. Tenant agrees that it will from time to time upon request by Landlord execute and deliver to such persons as Landlord shall request a statement in recordable form certifying that this Lease is unmodified and in full force and effect (or if there have been modifications, that the same is in full force and effect as so modified), stating the dates to which rent and other charges payable under this Lease have been paid, stating that Landlord is not in default hereunder (or if Tenant alleges a default stating the nature of such alleged default) and further stating such other matters as Landlord shall reasonably require.

. **Security Deposit.**

The Security Deposit shall be held by Landlord without liability for interest and as security for the performance by Tenant of Tenant's covenants and obligations under this Lease, it being expressly understood that the Security Deposit shall not be considered an advance payment of rental or a measure of Landlord's damages in case of default by Tenant. Unless otherwise provided by mandatory non-waivable law or regulation, Landlord may commingle the Security Deposit with Landlord's other funds. Landlord may, from time to time, without prejudice to any other remedy, use the Security Deposit to the extent necessary to make good any arrearages of rent or to satisfy any other covenant or obligation of Tenant hereunder. Following any such application of the Security Deposit, Tenant shall pay to Landlord on demand the amount so applied in order to restore the Security Deposit to its original amount. If Tenant is not in default at the termination of this Lease, the balance of the Security Deposit remaining after any such application shall be returned by Landlord to Tenant. If Landlord transfers its interest in the Premises during the term of this Lease, Landlord may assign the Security Deposit to the transferee and thereafter shall have no further liability for the return of such Security Deposit.

. **Notice.**

Any notice required or permitted under this Lease shall be deemed sufficiently given or served if sent by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

If to Landlord:
Leasing Impressions Commercial, LLC
923 Gemini Ave
Duncanville, Texas 75137

If to Tenant:
Ellis County
101 West Main Street Suite 101
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Landlord and Tenant shall each have the right from time to time to change the place notice is to be given under this paragraph by written notice thereof to the other party.

. **Brokers.**

Tenant represents that Tenant was not shown the Premises by any real estate broker or agent and that Tenant has not otherwise engaged in, any activity which could form the basis for a claim for

real estate commission, brokerage fee, finder's fee or other similar charge, in connection with this Lease.

. **Waiver.**

No waiver of any default of Landlord or Tenant hereunder shall be implied from any omission to take any action on account of such default if such default persists or is repeated, and no express waiver shall affect any default other than the default specified in the express waiver and that only for the time and to the extent therein stated. One or more waivers by Landlord or Tenant shall not be construed as a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same covenant, term or condition.

. **Memorandum of Lease.**

The parties hereto contemplate that this Lease should not and shall not be filed for record, but in lieu thereof, at the request of either party, Landlord and Tenant shall execute a Memorandum of Lease to be recorded for the purpose of giving record notice of the appropriate provisions of this Lease.

. **Headings.**

The headings used in this Lease are for convenience of the parties only and shall not be considered in interpreting the meaning of any provision of this Lease.

. **Successors.**

The provisions of this Lease shall extend to and be binding upon Landlord and Tenant and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.

. **Consent.**

Landlord shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its consent with respect to any matter for which Landlord's consent is required or desirable under this Lease.

. **Performance.**

If there is a default with respect to any of Landlord's covenants, warranties or representations under this Lease, and if the default continues more than fifteen (15) days after notice in writing from Tenant to Landlord specifying the default, Tenant may, at its option and without affecting any other remedy hereunder, cure such default and deduct the cost thereof from the next accruing installment or installments of rent payable hereunder until Tenant shall have been fully reimbursed for such expenditures, together with interest thereon at a rate equal to the lessor of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the then highest lawful rate. If this Lease terminates prior to Tenant's receiving full reimbursement, Landlord shall pay the unreimbursed balance plus accrued interest to Tenant on demand.

. **Compliance with Law.**

Tenant shall comply with all laws, orders, ordinances and other public requirements now or hereafter pertaining to Tenant's use of the Leased Premises. Landlord shall comply with all laws, orders, ordinances and other public requirements now or hereafter affecting the Leased Premises.

. **Final Agreement.**

This Agreement terminates and supersedes all prior understandings or agreements on the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be modified only by a further writing that is duly executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Lease as of the day and year first above written.

Leasing Impressions Commercial, LLC
Stephen Hidlebaugh, Managing Member

Ellis County Judge Todd Little



CENTER FOR
TECH AND
CIVIC LIFE

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September 15, 2020

Ellis County, Texas

County Judge

101 W Main St.

Waxahachie, TX 75165

Dear Todd Little,

I am pleased to inform you that based on and in reliance upon the information and materials provided by Ellis County, the Center for Tech and Civic Life ("CTCL"), a nonprofit organization tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3), has decided to award a grant to support the work of the Ellis Elections Administrator ("Grantee").

The following is a description of the grant:

AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$86,424.00 USD

PURPOSE: The grant funds must be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in Ellis County in 2020 ("Purpose").

Before CTCL transmits these funds to Grantee, CTCL requires that Grantee review and sign this agreement ("Grant Agreement") and agree to use the grant funds in compliance with the Grant Agreement and with United States tax laws and the laws and regulations of your state and jurisdiction ("Applicable Laws"). Specifically, by signing this letter Grantee certifies and agrees to the following:

1. Grantee is a local government unit or political subdivision within the meaning of IRC section 170(c)(1).
2. This grant shall be used only for the Purpose described above, and for no other purposes.
3. Grantee has indicated that the amount of the grant shall be expended on the following specific election administration needs: Non-partisan voter education,

Personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, poll workers, or voters, Poll worker recruitment funds, hazard pay, and/or training expenses, Polling place rental and cleaning expenses for early voting or Election Day, Temporary staffing, Voting materials in languages other than English, and Vote-by-mail/Absentee voting equipment or supplies. Grantee may allocate grant funds among those needs, or to other public purposes listed in the grant application, without further notice to or permission of CTCL.

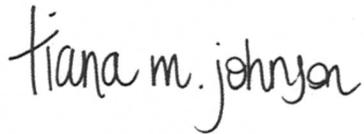
4. Grantee shall not use any part of this grant to make a grant to another organization, except in the case where the organization is a local government unit or political subdivision within the meaning of IRC section 170(c)(1) or a nonprofit organization tax-exempt under IRC section 501(c)(3), and the subgrant is intended to accomplish the Purpose of this grant. Grantee shall take reasonable steps to ensure that any such subgrant is used in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, including requiring that subgrantee agrees in writing to comply with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement.
5. The grant project period of June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 represents the dates between which covered costs may be applied to the grant. The Grantee shall expend the amount of this grant for the Purpose by December 31, 2020.
6. Grantee is authorized to receive this grant from CTCL and certifies that (a) the receipt of these grant funds does not violate any Applicable Laws, and (b) Grantee has taken all required, reasonable and necessary steps to receive, accept and expend the grant in accordance with the Purpose and Applicable Law.
7. The Grantee shall produce a brief report explaining and documenting how grant funds have been expended in support of the activities described in paragraph 3. This report shall be sent to CTCL no later than January 31, 2021 in a format approved by CTCL and shall include with the report a signed certification by Grantee that it has complied with all terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement.
8. This grant may not supplant previously appropriated funds. The Grantee shall not reduce the budget of the Elections Administrator (“the Election Department”) or fail to appropriate or provide previously budgeted funds to the Election Department for the term of this grant. Any amount supplanted, reduced or not provided in contravention of this paragraph shall be repaid to CTCL up to the total amount of this grant.
9. CTCL may discontinue, modify, withhold part of, or ask for the return all or part of the grant funds if it determines, in its sole judgment, that (a) any of the above terms and conditions of this grant have not been met, or (b) CTCL is required to do so to comply with applicable laws or regulations.
10. The grant project period of June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 represents the dates between which covered costs for the Purpose may be applied to the grant.



Your acceptance of and agreement to these terms and conditions and this Grant Agreement is indicated by your signature below on behalf of Grantee. Please have an authorized representative of Grantee sign below, and return a scanned copy of this letter to us by email at grants@techandcivicliflife.org.

On behalf of CTCL, I extend my best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,



Tiana Epps Johnson

Executive Director

Center for Tech and Civic Life

GRANTEE

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

