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The Honorable Kevin Benton
Montague County Judge's Office
PO Box 475
Montague, TX 76251

Dear Judge Benton,

We are pleased to announce the Montague County Historical Commission (CHC) has earned a Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for their outstanding work in 2023. This award is given to recognize exceptional performance, as determined by a statewide assessment of annual reports, highlighting the above average contributions of your commission.

To celebrate this achievement, we encourage you to publicly acknowledge this award at your earliest convenience. In doing so, you not only recognize your commission's hard work but also highlight their civic impact, promoting a positive image of county government. The promotional suggestions included in the attached flyer offer great ideas for showcasing this accomplishment.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) extends our congratulations to you and your CHC for this well-deserved accomplishment. Thank you for your ongoing support of your appointees and their dedication to preserving Texas' diverse historical and cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

Nano Calderon, CHC Outreach Program Coordinator

cc: Montague CHC Chair

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

PRESENTS THIS

2023

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

TO

MONTAGUE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

IN RECOGNITION OF ITS ACTIVE
AND WELL-BALANCED PRESERVATION PROGRAM



DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

MAY 1, 2024

DATE



TEXAS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION
REAL PLACES TELLING REAL STORIES

COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION OUTREACH PROGRAM

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2023 RECIPIENTS

The following County Historical Commissions received a Distinguished Service Award for their exceptional efforts to preserve and promote Texas' diverse history.

| | | | |
|----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| ARANSAS | ERATH | LAMPASAS | POLK |
| ATASCOSA | FANNIN | LAVACA | ROBERTSON |
| BANDERA | FAYETTE | LIBERTY | ROCKWALL |
| BELL | FRANKLIN | LIMESTONE | RUSK |
| BEXAR | GARZA | LIVE OAK | SAN SABA |
| BRAZOS | GONZALES | LUBBOCK | TARRANT |
| BROWN | HALE | MASON | TAYLOR |
| BURLESON | HAYS | MATAGORDA | TOM GREEN |
| CALDWELL | HENDERSON | MEDINA | TRAVIS |
| CAMERON | HOUSTON | MENARD | TYLER |
| CARSON | JASPER | MILAM | VAN ZANDT |
| CASS | JEFF DAVIS | MILLS | VICTORIA |
| CHAMBERS | JEFFERSON | MONTAGUE | WALKER |
| CHEROKEE | JIM HOGG | MONTGOMERY | WALLER |
| COLLIN | JOHNSON | NACOGDOCHES | WASHINGTON |
| COMAL | KAUFMAN | NAVARRO | WHEELER |
| COMANCHE | KENDALL | NEWTON | WICHITA |
| DEWITT | KERR | NUECES | WISE |
| EL PASO | KIMBLE | PARKER | WOOD |
| ELLIS | LAMAR | PECOS | YOUNG |

COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION OUTREACH PROGRAM

2023 ANNUAL REPORTING SUMMARY

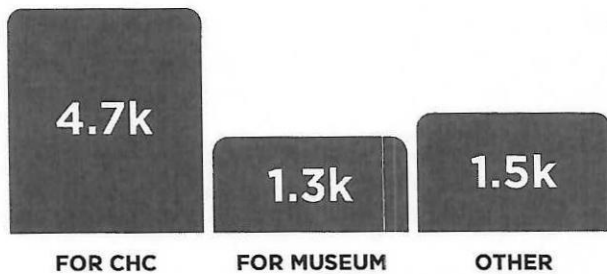
COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION (CHC) REPORTING STATISTICS

196
REPORTS RECEIVED

341,463
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$10,858,524
MONETARY VALUE

Average County Allotment



AVERAGE
APPOINTEES



AVERAGE
MEETINGS



AVERAGE
VOLUNTEER HOURS

Education & Training



COMPLETED
ORIENTATION



ATTENDED
REAL PLACES



ATTENDED
THC CEMETERY
WORKSHOP



ATTENDED
THC MARKER
WORKSHOP

Preservation Activities



Letter of Resignation

From: Billy Moore (brmnmm4950@yahoo.com)

To: letstat2000@yahoo.com

Cc: brmnmm4950@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 at 09:21 AM CST

Beckey,

I would like to resign my position from the Montague Historical Commission. My responsibilities at our church have increased and it is very difficult to find time to devote to any additional volunteer work with the commission. If this resignation is approved, I can send my book back via Calvin Durham.

Thanks for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Billy Moore

August 14, 2023

Beckey Scott
Chairman
Montague County Historical Commission
PO Box 161
Montague, TX 76251

Dear Members,

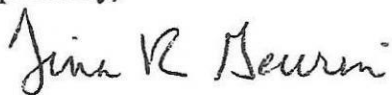
I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from the Montague County Historical Commission effective immediately. I have truly enjoyed doing research, writing life stories and facts of the deceased in our county, and learning of all the old books written about the rich history of our county.

It was truly in honor to be chosen for such a prestige position in our county a few years ago but sadly, I must let it go for now. I have been handed a once in a lifetime opportunity at the post office that I can not refuse. I would be crazy to pass it up. After much consideration, I believe it is best for me and my family to work fulltime at the post office. There is not much time left at the end of the day to continue my work for the commission.

I know that preserving our history is very important and it's not an easy task at times but someone has to do it. You are the chosen ones...so, keep up the good work.

I have enjoyed working with all of you. You are a very good group of people. I wish you all the best in each historical project you tackle and in your everyday lives. I will be seeing you around from time to time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina R Geurin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

Tina R Geurin

PROCLAMATION
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2023

WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the wellbeing of this city by working, caregiving, volunteering and actively preserving customs, rituals, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, as we age, we build momentum by accumulating knowledge, experience, insight, and wisdom that can be shared to enrich our community; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older adults and people with disabilities is a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas; and

WHEREAS, there were 120,069 reports of abuse of older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2023; and

WHEREAS, abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and

WHEREAS, adult abuse effects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is everyone's business, it is important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

WHEREAS, in Montague County, Texas, we urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners of Montague County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH IN MONTAGUE COUNTY.**

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE this 10th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

Kevin L. Benton, County Judge

Roy Darden, Commissioner Pct. #1

Kim Jones, County Clerk

Mike Mayfield, Commissioner Pct. #2

Mark Murphey, Commissioner Pct. #3

Bob Langford, Commissioner Pct. #4



TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION TRANSCRIPT

Reporting Period: 4/1/2023 - 3/31/2024

Hon. Kathryn Phillips
Tax Assessor-Collector
Montague County
PO Box 8
Montague, TX 76251-0475

ID: 245862
Phone: (940) 894-3881
Fax: (940) 894-2012
Enrolled Date: 04/01/2019

| Date | Description | Earned Hours |
|------------------------------|--|--------------|
| 04/01/2023 | Excess hours carried from 2023 | 10.00 |
| 06/04/2023 | Team Building | 4.00 |
| 06/06/2023 | Ethics for County Tax Assessor-Collectors (taken at TACA Conference) | 0.00 |
| 06/07/2023 | 89th Annual Tax Assessor-Collectors Association Conference | 13.00 |
| 07/11/2023 | Truth in Taxation Update | 3.00 |
| 09/14/2023 | TACA Regional Meeting | 5.00 |
| 11/14/2023 | Security | 4.00 |
| 11/16/2023 | 41st V.G. Young School for Tax Assessor-Collectors | 13.00 |
| 03/06/2024 | Wichita Falls Regional Meeting | 5.00 |
| Total Hours for Year: | | 57.00 |

You have met your education requirements for the period 04/01/2023 - 03/31/2024.

You may carry forward to the next reporting period 10.00 hours.

Texas Property Tax Code §6.231

(a) A county assessor-collector must successfully complete 20 hours of continuing education before each anniversary of the date on which the county assessor-collector takes office. The continuing education must include at least 10 hours of instruction on laws relating to the assessment and collection of property taxes for a county assessor-collector who assesses or collects property taxes.

(d) A county assessor-collector shall file annually a continuing education certificate of completion with the commissioners' court of the county in which the county assessor-collector holds office.

Print Date: 05/07/2024

For questions regarding CE hours, please contact the TACA Education Director at education@tacaoftexas.org.



AGREEMENT FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES

In this Contract, Montague County Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 (Contracting Party) who is contracting to receive interpreting services will hereafter be referred to as the "CUSTOMER," and the party who will be providing the interpreting services will hereafter be referred to as "HIRED HANDS, INC".

I. The Provider, HIRED HANDS, INC. agrees to:

1. Provide certified, professional, sign language interpreters who are knowledgeable and experienced to work in various settings and with various modes of communication from American Sign Language (ASL) to Signed English. HIRED HANDS, INC. interpreters shall conduct all assignments following the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID)/National Association of the Deaf's (NAD) Code of Professional Conduct (CPC).
2. Make every effort to fill all assignments. Inform the CUSTOMER if the request cannot be filled. To ensure availability, three (3) to five (5) business day notice is recommended.
3. Accept interpreter requests during business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.
4. Also accept after-hours and emergency requests Monday through Friday, 5:00pm to 8:00am, weekends and holidays. These requests must be made through the *After-hours/Emergency* phone. The number is provided to the CUSTOMER by HIRED HANDS, INC. **See VIII. CONTACTS.**
5. Confirm the assignment to the CUSTOMER the business day prior to the scheduled assignment.
6. Decide the number of interpreters needed for an assignment, or if there will be a need for a Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI). These decisions will be made based on the length of the assignment, the content, and the number of participants. HIRED HANDS, INC. will notify the CUSTOMER when more than one interpreter is required, or if there is a need for a CDI.
7. Bill the CUSTOMER based on the following policies of HIRED HANDS, INC.:
 - A. All assignments will be charged a one (1) hour minimum of onsite time for each interpreter.
 - B. All assignments will be charged an Administration Charge for each interpreter. A maximum of one (1) hour will be charged for Fort Worth/Tarrant County area assignments. All counties surrounding Tarrant County will be charged a minimum of one (1) hour and a maximum of two (2) hours. This will be based on the CUSTOMERS

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on-site location and will be determined at the time of contract signing. Counties that extend beyond counties surrounding Tarrant County will be charged a minimum of two (2) hours and may be subject to mileage charges. The Administration Charge includes scheduling, logistics, preparation, and travel.

- C. Additional charges beyond minimums will be calculated in one-quarter hour increments, for each interpreter.
- D. All day assignments will include charges from: start to finish, all scheduled breaks, and meal breaks for each interpreter.
- E. For assignments outside the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex requiring travel, reimbursement for meals, lodging, airfare and/or mileage, and parking shall be billed as agreed upon prior to service along with the regular interpreting services charge.
- F. If CUSTOMER requests interpreter services for a set time (Example: 1:00pm to 4:00pm) and the assignment finishes early, the CUSTOMER will be charged for the original requested time and the Administrative Charge.
- G. CUSTOMER will be charged the full charge for the original requested time and the Administrative Charge for all assignments that are **cancelled with less than twenty-four (24) BUSINESS HOURS NOTICE.**
- H. CUSTOMER will be charged the full charge for the original requested time and the Administrative Charge if assignment is cancelled after the interpreter arrives, or if the Deaf consumer and/or the on-site consumer fails to show for the assignment.
- I. Bill the CUSTOMER based on the Hourly Rates. **See VII. RATES.**
- J. Recognized holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. These holidays will be billed at the *After-hours Rate.*
- K. **Court related requests:**
 - a. Jury duty will require a minimum of two (2) interpreters. The team will be schedule for a minimum of eight (8) hours. No adjustment will be made to the minimum if the juror is not selected and/or released early.
 - b. Trials will require a minimum of two interpreters for the proceedings. Additional interpreters may be required for attorney client communications. The proceedings interpreters cannot interpret for attorney client communications.

II. The CUSTOMER agrees to:

1. Call, email or submit an online request as soon as the CUSTOMER is aware that an interpreter is needed, and preferably, no later than three (3) to five (5) business days prior to the assignment. Please note, while we make every effort to fill requests, there are times we cannot accommodate a request due to lack of interpreter availability. Hired Hands, Inc. will notify you in a timely manner if we are unavailable to accommodate a request.
2. Appoint a contact person responsible for making interpreter requests and having the authority to approve payment for such requests. A contact person needs to be established for during business hours, for after-hours, and for emergency calls.

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3. Provide HIRED HANDS, INC. the following information for each interpreter request:
- Day and date
 - Length of assignment (beginning and end times)
 - Location and address (including room number and specific location)
 - Name & phone # of contact person responsible for meeting interpreter
 - Deaf consumers name
 - Medical record number (if a medical CUSTOMER)
 - Reason for the request (meeting, Dr. appointment, etc.)
4. Call in any after-hours or emergency requests through the *After-hours/Emergency* phone. The number is provided to the CUSTOMER by HIRED HANDS, INC.
5. Pay for services outlined on HIRED HANDS, INC.'s monthly invoice/s. Monthly invoice/s will be sent the third week of the month following services rendered and are due within 30 days of CUSTOMER'S receipt.

III. CONFIDENTIALITY:

HIRED HANDS, INC., and its employees, agents, or representatives will not at any time or in any manner, either directly or indirectly, use for the personal benefit of HIRED HANDS, INC., or divulge, disclose, or communicate in any manner, any information that is proprietary to CUSTOMER. HIRED HANDS, INC. and its employees, agents, and representatives will protect such information and treat it as strictly confidential. This provision will continue to be effective after the termination of this Contract.

IV. NO GUARANTEE OF UTILIZATION:


This Contract does not guarantee services. Nor does it require an exclusive use of HIRED HANDS, INC. by CUSTOMER.

V. TERM:

This Contract will have a term of 2 years from the date signed by both parties, unless terminated by either party with or without cause upon 90 day written notice to the other party. For any changes to this contract but not limited to changes in rates, an addendum will be sent thirty (30) days before the effective date. Any changes included in the addendum or any changes to this agreement including but not limited to changes in rates must be mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.

VI. GOVERNING LAW:

This Contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

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VII. RATES:

INTERPRETING RATES until 12/31/2024

| | Regular | Legal | Emergency Room/After-hours phone | Certified Deaf Interpreter |
|---|---------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mon-Fri 8:00a-5:00p | \$60/hr | \$85/hr | \$65/hr | Quoted as needed |
| Mon-Fri 5:00pm-8:00a, Weekend/ Holiday | \$90/hr | \$120/hr | \$95/hr | Quoted as needed |

INTERPRETING RATES effective 01/01/2025

| | Regular | Legal | Emergency Room/After-hours phone | Certified Deaf Interpreter |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mon-Fri 8a-5p | \$68/hr | \$90/hr | \$73/hr | Quoted as needed |
| Mon-Fri 5p-8a & Weekends | \$100/hr | \$120/hr | \$105/hr | Quoted as needed |
| Holiday 12:00am-11:59pm | \$105/hr | \$125/hr | \$110/hr | Quoted as needed |

Recognized holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. These holidays will be billed at the *Holiday Rate*.

VIII. CONTACTS:

REGULAR REQUESTS

Interpreter Coordinating Department

Business hours Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

PHONE: 817-236-3323

EMAIL: coordinator@hiredhandsinc.com

WEBSITE www.hiredhandsinc.com

AFTER-HOURS/EMERGENCY REQUESTS

PHONE: 817-880-3242

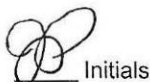
Nights 5:00pm-8:00am, Weekends, and Holidays

BILLING INQUIRIES

To discuss billing and invoices contact our Accounting Department 817-236-3323 or email accounting@hiredhandsinc.com

GENERAL INQUIRIES OR CONCERNS

Call 817-236-3323 or email info@hiredhandsinc.com



Hired Hands, Inc. is committed to providing certified, qualified, professional, sign language interpreters who will work to ensure effective communication and access to all consumers. During our service, we strive to act as cultural mediators, advocate for equal rights, and become lifelong learners. It is our goal to bring relevance to the profession of interpreting and become its ambassadors.

Please initial each page, fill out the following information, and email the entire signed and authorized agreement to Hired Hands, Inc. **Email:** contracts@hiredhandsinc.com

CUSTOMER Information:

Montague County Justice of the Peace Pct. 2
Name of CUSTOMER

Judge Jack Pigg
CUSTOMER Contact

montaguejp2@co.montague.tx.us
Contact's Email

Judge Jack Pigg
Billing Contact

montaguejp2@co.montague.tx.us
Billing's Email

P.O. Box 65
Billing Address

Montague, TX 76251
City, State, Zip Code

Phone: (940) 894-2542 Fax: (940) 894-2545

Would you prefer you invoices emailed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Provider:

Hired Hands, Inc.
P.O. Box 55275
Hurst, TX 76054
(817) 236-3323

Angela Franklin, COO

Angela Franklin

Debbie Mitchell-DiPaolo, CEO

Debbie Mitchell-DiPaolo

Authorized Representative:

JACK PIGG
Print Name of Authorized Person

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE - Pct 2
Position / Title

JACK PIGG
Signature of Authorized Person

05/30/2024
Date Signed

By signing this AGREEMENT FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES, you are agreeing to all its contents and accepting fiduciary responsibility.

For Hired Hands Use only:

Date Received

Database #

QuickBooks

Location/s served under this agreement (if different than billing address):

Montague County Courthouse, JP2
Name of Location

101 E. Franklin St.
Physical Address

Montague, TX 76251
City, State, Zip Code

Phone: (940) 894-2542 Fax: (940) 894-2545

Name of Location

Physical Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone: () Fax: ()

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City, State, Zip Code

Phone: () Fax: ()

For additional locations please attach a separate sheet