

STATE OF TEXAS

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COMMISSIONER'S COURT

COUNTY OF PANOLA

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## RESOLUTION # R-PCSO-01-2022

A resolution of Panola County, Texas, authorizing Captain Adam Jones of the Panola County Sheriff's Office to submit an application for grant funds through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the purchase of rifle-rated ballistic body armor in order to provide said armor to active duty patrol deputies employed with the Panola County Sheriff's Office.

**WHEREAS** Panola County currently provides every active duty patrol deputy employed by the Panola County Sheriff's Office with a ballistic vest capable of resisting most common handgun cartridges up to a .44 magnum caliber; and

**WHEREAS** these ballistic vests provided by the County also have a manufacturer's expiration of five years from the date of manufacture, with some officers presently utilizing vests that are near or past expiration; and

**WHEREAS** many common, high-powered, sporting rifle calibers, such as the calibers .223 and .308, are now marketed and sold to the general public in semi-automatic designed weapons with high magazine capacities, and some classified as handguns.

**WHEREAS** these weapons can be configured in such a way as to make them more easily concealable and in calibers easily able to defeat the ballistic vests normally provided to officers.

**WHEREAS** in 2020, due to acts of violence committed against local law enforcement officers, the Commissioners' Court approved the adoption of six additional patrol deputy positions for the Panola County Sheriff's Office; and

**WHEREAS** the Commissioners' Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Panola County, that the *Providing Rifle-Rated Ballistic Armor to Patrol Officers Project* be operated for the 2023 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS** Panola County has filed this Grant/Application number 4468401 under the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division's FY2023 eGrant program by February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 submission deadline.

**WHEREAS** Panola County has established its eligibility to apply for and receive funding through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division's grant program.

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners' Court agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division's grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners' Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Commissioner's Court of Panola County assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners' Court designates County Judge David Anderson as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

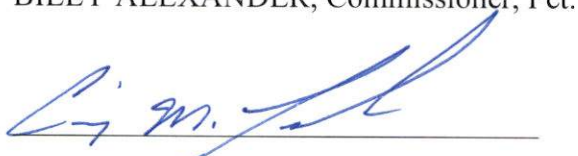
the Commissioner's Court of Panola County approves submission of the grant application for the *Providing Rifle-Rated Armor to Patrol Officers Project* to the Office of the Governor.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by Panola County Commissioners' Court on the 1 day of Feb, 2022.

  
DAVID ANDERSON, County Judge

  
BILLY ALEXANDER, Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
DAVID COLE, Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
CRAIG LAWESS, Commissioner, Pct. ~~2~~ 3

  
DALE LAGRONE, Commissioner, Pct. 4

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