

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LABOR AGREEMENT

Between

NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

And The

**NUECES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
("NCSOA")**

**FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 and 2025
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ARTICLE 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARTIES

Section 1. The parties to this Agreement are the Nueces County, Texas, and the Nueces County Sheriff's Officers Association ("NCSOA").

Section 2. Nueces County, Texas ("County" or "Employer"), is a unit of local government organized under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas. It holds all those powers, privileges, duties, and obligations authorized under the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Texas.

Section 3. The Nueces County Sheriff's Officers Association ("NCSOA") is an Association qualifying under Chapter 174, Texas Local Gov't Code ("TLGC").

Section 4. References to the County and the Association jointly shall be to the "Parties."

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT

Section 1. The purpose of this Agreement is to give effect to the collective bargaining rights, privileges, and obligations contemplated under Chapter 174, Texas Local Gov't Code ("TLGC").

Section 2. Definitions & Use of Terms. The language used in this Agreement shall have the usual and customary meaning attributed to it by common English usage; provided, however, that the terms defined in the Glossary of Terms contained in this Agreement shall otherwise prevail.

ARTICLE 3. RECOGNITION CLAUSE

Section 1. Nueces County hereby recognizes the Nueces County Sheriff's Officers Association ("NCSOA") as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all law enforcement officers, in accordance with Chapter 174, TLGC, as well as the applicable provisions of Chapter 158, TLGC.

Section 2. This Labor Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assignees of the PARTIES during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4. AUTHORITY AND TERM

Section 1. Term of the Agreement. Except as otherwise provided for within this contract, this Agreement shall be for a period of two years, beginning on October 1, 2023 and ending on September 30, 2025.

Section 2. Evergreen Clause. If the parties have not agreed upon a new agreement by end of the contract term specified above, the terms of this Labor Agreement shall thereafter continue in effect without change until it is superseded by a new agreement; however, in no event shall this Agreement continue in effect beyond September 30, 2030.

ARTICLE 5. RELATIONSHIP OF CBA TO LAWS, RULES & POLICIES

Section 1. Civil Service Laws. The PARTIES understand and agree that under the provisions of §174.006, TLGC, that a state or local civil service provision prevails over a collective bargaining contract negotiated under Chapter 174, TLGC, unless the collective bargaining contract specifically provides otherwise. To the extent that provisions of this Labor Agreement address matters contained in a state or local civil service provision, TLGC, the contractual terms contained in this Labor Agreement shall control.

Section 2. Other Laws Relating to Individual Employee Rights. Nothing in this agreement is intended to detract from or add to any rights, privileges, duties or obligations afforded to individual law enforcement officers under state or federal civil rights law, anti-discrimination laws, anti-retaliation law or whistle-blower law, which any other public employee would otherwise have.

Section 3. Other County Policies, Rules, Regulations, and Directives. Subject to the provisions of this Labor Agreement, and any applicable state and federal laws, any existing County or SHERIFF'S OFFICE, or CONSTABLE'S OFFICE policies, rules, regulations, and directives in existence at the time of the execution of this Labor Agreement shall continue to apply and be enforced by management. The PARTIES agree that any County policy, rule, regulation or directive that is not specifically superseded by provisions of this Labor Agreement may be unilaterally amended or modified by the County, subject to the Maintenance of Standards provision also contained in this Labor Agreement.

Section 4. Backpay Authorization. The Commissioners Court agrees to maintain during the term of this Agreement an appropriate resolution or order to authorize the payment of backpay in those disciplinary appeals where the Civil Service Commission finds that the disciplinary suspension or termination should be overturned in whole or in part.

ARTICLE 6. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS & MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

Section 1. Management Rights. The PARTIES understand and agree that Nueces County, TEXAS, as a duly constituted unit of government under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, the SHERIFF OF Nueces County, and the CONSTABLES OF Nueces County, TEXAS, hereby retain all those powers, privileges, rights, and authority conferred upon them by law, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as being in derogation of, or delegation of, those powers, privileges, rights, and authority, other than as required by law, or this Labor Agreement.

Section 2. Maintenance of Standards. Subject to the foregoing management rights clause, the County agrees that any standard, privilege, and working conditions enjoyed by the employees at the effective date of this Agreement, which is not specifically included in this Agreement, and as to which the County would otherwise be subject to a mandatory duty of bargaining, will not be changed without the consent of the Association.

ARTICLE 7. WAGE AND PAY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Pay Table. Wages and pays shall be those specified in the Pay Table attached to this Labor Agreement, in accordance with the conditions specified therein; provided, that implementation of those pays shall begin on the first full pay period after the effective date of this Labor Agreement or after October 1, 2023, whichever is later.

A. **Pro-Rata Calculations.** The specified wages and pays shall be payable on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the pay cycles established by the County and using existing County conversion calculations.

B. **Implementation Guidelines.** Further, whenever an individual member qualifies for an adjustment to wages and pays by virtue of the application of the provisions contained in the Pay Table, the application of that wage and pay adjustment shall be implemented starting in the first full pay period after the condition giving rise to the pay adjustment is triggered.

Section 2. No Retro-Pays. The parties understand and agree that there shall not be any retroactive application of pays for services already rendered. All pays shall be prospective only; provided, however that the calculation of future seniority pays using existing County service in a law enforcement capacity shall not be considered as a retro-active pay.

Section 3. Questions Over Appropriate Position Title. Any individualized disputes about the appropriate Position Title specified in the Pay Table of this Agreement applicable to a particular employee shall be resolved administratively by the Sheriff, or Constable, as applicable in his/her sole discretion, the Sheriff's or Constable's discretion being limited to application of the job titles negotiated in this Agreement.

Section 4. Reclassification of Budgeted Position. Nothing in this Labor Agreement shall impair the prerogatives of the Sheriff's Office, any Constable's Office and/or the Commissioners Court from the reclassification of any particular budgeted position.

Section 5. New Ranks. If the County creates a new rank or classification during the term of this Agreement, then the base pay to be associated for that rank or classification shall be subject to negotiations, provided, however, that the obligation to negotiate on the pay shall not extend to the determination about whether a new rank or classification is needed, nor shall it extend to the scope of duties applicable to that rank or classification, such determinations to remain within the full management discretion of the County and County management officials.

Section 6. Meet and Confer Option. Commissioners Court shall commission a market-based wage and benefit study by a compensation consulting firm of the covered members bargaining unit no later than June 1, 2024. The market-based study shall be completed by no later than December 31, 2024.

Section 7. The Association may within sixty (60) calendar days of the study being made public request to meet and confer with the County about the market-based wage and benefit study. The Parties shall meet and confer for a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days unless extended by mutual agreement. If the parties mutually agree on any amendments to this Agreement, such amendments shall be ratified by members of the Association and Commissioners Court. The County agrees to meet at least once with the Association during this period, but shall not be obligated to bargain or reach an agreement under §174.105, TLGC.

ARTICLE 8. ENTRY LEVEL RANK SENIORITY CREATED

Section 1. The County agrees that in connection with the entry level rank (deputy sheriff, corrections officer, and deputy constable) the County will recognize a rank seniority step of I, II, and III.

Section 2. Definitions of Steps. Step I shall include a time in Step from date of hire for a period of two years. Step II shall include a time in Step of two years to four years. Step III shall include a time in Step of four years and above.

Section 3. Each entry level seniority step shall have its own base pay, as reflected in the attached Pay Table, but each step is not a rank for promotion purposes.

Section 4. Existing employees in the entry level rank shall be slotted into the entry level steps depending on their existing years of service with Nueces County as a law enforcement officer, except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 5. Employees shall serve a minimum of two years in each step seniority level specified in the attached Pay Table.

Section 6. The Sheriff and Constables shall have the authority to slot a newly hired entry level law enforcement officer into a higher rank seniority step II or III if the law enforcement officer has comparable and equivalent experience in another law enforcement entity or county jail facility, as applicable. For example, if a qualified law enforcement officer is hired in at Step II, that officer shall serve a minimum of two years with Nueces County before being eligible to move to Step III.

A. Provided, however, that prior law enforcement officer shall not be counted for purposes of the longevity and seniority Pay Table attached hereto and comparable service outside of Nueces County is limited to advanced placement in the entry level rank seniority step only.

B. The Sheriff's or Constable's administrative decision on this matter shall be final and not grievable or appealable either under this Agreement or to the Civil Service Commission.

ARTICLE 9. SHIFT CYCLE, HOURS OF WORK, & PAY CYCLES

Section 1. Pay Cycle. Nothing in this Labor Agreement shall be interpreted or otherwise be in derogation of the County's authority to alter, modify, or otherwise change its pay cycles for law enforcement personnel so long as any modification is in accordance with state and/or federal law.

Section 2. Shift Cycle. Nothing in this Labor Agreement shall be interpreted or otherwise be in derogation of the County's authority to alter, modify, or otherwise change its shift cycle for law enforcement personnel so long as any modification is in accordance with state and/or federal law.

Section 3. Temporary Duties in Higher Classification. The Sheriff or Constable may, in their sole discretion, temporarily designate a Deputy or Corrections Officer to a higher classification and authorize the base pay associated with the classification to serve the needs of the Office for the period of time during the temporary designation. This temporary designation does not create any entitlement to a rank or promotion.

ARTICLE 10. OVERTIME PAY

Section 1. Overtime Pay. Members of the bargaining unit shall earn and accrue overtime in accordance with the minimum requirements under state and/or federal law, requiring payment of an overtime rate of pay.

A. For purposes of calculating FLSA overtime obligations, the County agrees to treat scheduled vacation leave as productive time.

Section 2. Compensatory Time. The County may utilize compensatory time in accordance with state and/or federal law standards to satisfy any overtime obligations that may be incurred.

ARTICLE 11. PAID TIME OFF: HOLIDAYS & HOLIDAY PAY

Section 1. Holidays. For purposes of this Labor Agreement, the designated holidays shall be those designated by the Nueces County COMMISSIONERS COURT for all County employees.

Section 2. Prior County and Civil Service policies and practices relating to holiday pay for bargaining unit members shall continue to apply, except as modified below.

A. For the following County recognized holidays, members who actually work the holiday will receive the regular holiday pay, plus premium pay of time and half for hours actually worked:

1. Thanksgiving Day;
2. Thanksgiving Friday; and,
3. Christmas Day.

ARTICLE 12. PAID TIME OFF: VACATION LEAVE

Section 1. Accrual Rate. Employees shall earn and accrue vacation leave in accordance with the existing accrual allowances provided for by the County's Personnel Policy and/or Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Section 2. Nothing in this Article precludes or prohibits the Commissioners Court from making exceptions to the accrual policy for law enforcement personnel.

ARTICLE 13. PAID TIME OFF: SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Accrual Rate. Law enforcement officers shall earn and accrue sick leave time in accordance with the existing accrual allowances provided for by the County's personnel policy and/or civil service rules and regulations.

Section 2. Accumulation of Sick Leave Time. Law enforcement officers shall accumulate sick leave time in accordance with the existing accumulation allowances provided for by the County's personnel policy and/or civil service rules and regulations.

Section 3. Sick leave shall be managed in accordance with existing County's personnel policy and/or civil service rules and regulations.

Section 4. Per fiscal year an employee shall be allowed to convert up to three (3) accrued sick leave days into three (3) personal leave days. Such days cannot be taken consecutively. Permission of their supervisor shall not be unreasonably denied; provided, however, that the Sheriff or Constable or their respective Chief Deputy shall have the final decision on any such request. This provision is not subject to the Grievance Article.

ARTICLE 14. PAID TIME OFF: FUNERAL LEAVE

Section 1. Funeral leave shall be allowed and managed in accordance with existing County's personnel and/or civil service rules and regulations, as these existed at the time of the execution of this Labor Agreement.

Section 2. For purposes of this Article only, the term "immediate family" is defined the same as the definition used in Nueces County Personnel Policy and/or civil service rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 15. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY - DUES DEDUCTIONS

Section 1. The County agrees that it will provide dues deduction to the members of the duly recognized bargaining agent in accordance with standard procedures approved by the County AUDITOR.

Section 2. All amounts deducted pursuant to this Article shall be paid to the legally-designated representative of the duly recognized bargaining agent and its affiliate in accordance with reasonable procedures established by the County Auditor.

Section 3. The County further agrees that the dues deduction service shall be exclusive to the duly recognized bargaining agent and its affiliate.

Section 4. The Association may change the amount of the dues deduction with thirty (30) calendar days' notice to the County in writing.

Section 5. The duly recognized bargaining agent, and its affiliate agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless against any claims, demands, suits, for any action taken by the County in compliance with the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 16. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY - NEGOTIATIONS

Section 1. Negotiation Time. The duly designated members of the Association's bargaining team, if on regularly scheduled duty during a joint scheduled bargaining session shall be allowed to attend that bargaining session, subject to the critical staffing needs of the Sheriff's Office determined by the Sheriff's Office management or any affected Constable's Office.

Section 2. Members of the bargaining unit who are not named members of the bargaining team and who wish to attend a bargaining session as a spectator shall do so only on their own time. No special prerogative or privilege shall be exercised to accommodate staffing needs for members of the bargaining unit who are not named members of the bargaining team, even if a member requests or applies for use of personal leave time.

Section 3. Labor Relations Committee. Duly appointed members of the Labor Relations Committee under this Labor Agreement who are required to attend an LRC meeting scheduled during their usual duty time, shall be allowed to attend, subject to the critical staffing needs of the Sheriff's Office or any affected Constable's Office.

A. This is not intended to create extended duty time, overtime, or any modifications to the usual duty schedule.

ARTICLE 17. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY – BULLETIN BOARDS

Section 1. Bulletin Boards. The Association may provide and maintain a bulletin board on any premise of the Sheriff's Office, or any Constable's Office at its own expense, at a location to be approved by the Sheriff or his/her designee or any affected Constable or his/her designee.

Section 2. The Association, as the majority bargaining agent, shall have exclusive rights to maintain a bulletin board, and the Sheriff's Office or any Constable's Office shall not approve a bulletin board to be maintained on its premises other than that of the majority bargaining agent; provided, however, that the Association and its affiliate shall hold the Sheriff, the Constables, and the County harmless from any judicial challenge to this exclusivity provisions and absorb any and all legal costs and expenses associated with the defense of this contract provisions.

Section 3. The bulletin board shall be consistent in design and standards to other bulletin boards in the Sheriff's Office or any Constable's Office for posting of routine announcements of meetings, Association business, recreational functions, legislative enactments and judicial decisions.

Section 4. The use of the bulletin board for the postings of partisan political material, editorial comments and viewpoints of employees in any manner, which would be in opposition to existing officer working conditions, shall not be allowed.

Section 5. Any material on the bulletin board which is in violation of this Agreement, as determined by the Sheriff or Constable, shall be promptly removed by the Association. The Sheriff shall not unreasonably deny an Association posting on the bulletin board.

Section 6. The Association will be allowed access to all Academy cadet classes for the purpose of dissemination of Association information for a period of four (4) hours in the last week of the class, subject to scheduling by the Director of Training.

Section 7. The Association may have reasonable access to its members during roll calls to pass along Association related information, so long as such access does not interfere with the operational objectives of the roll call and subject to the discretion of the Shift Supervisor.

ARTICLE 18. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY - BUSINESS LEAVE POOL

Section 1. Purpose. An Association business leave pool shall be created pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of allowing certain Association officers (as specified below) paid time to attend courses, seminars, and training from accredited institutions related to the collective bargaining and labor relations process.

Section 2. Qualified Users. Utilization of the business leave pool shall be limited to the Association President, Vice-President, and Secretary, whose names shall be provided to the Sheriff's Office, the County Auditor, and the County Human Resource Department.

Section 3. Qualified Activities. The business leave pool may be utilized for activities that relate to the collective bargaining process and labor management relations as follows:

A. Activities such as seminars, trainings, continuing education sponsored by or on behalf of a recognized labor and/or management groups or organizations, including but not limited to: the American Arbitration Association (AAA); the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT), and any college or university program directed to the collective bargaining process and labor-management relations;

B. Association board meetings and general membership meetings if these occur during the duty time of a qualified user;

C. Attendance at Commissioners Court meetings and workshops pertaining to agenda items that impact pay and benefits of the County's law enforcement personnel are addressed.

Section 4. Funding of the Pool. The County agrees to fund a maximum of ONE HUNDRED (100) hours of paid time for the Association business leave pool for each fiscal year of the Agreement to be utilized by qualified Association board members. If not fully utilized, these hours shall not carry-over from year to year.

Section 5. Utilization Procedure. Applications for utilization of Association business leave must be submitted to the Sheriff's Office by the Association President, which shall certify to the County Auditor that the applicant is a qualified Association board member eligible for use of such leave. In addition, the Sheriff's Office shall certify that the specified activity falls within the scope of approved association business activity contemplated in this Article.

Section 6. Applications for association business leave will not be unreasonably denied provided that the application satisfies the foregoing criteria.

ARTICLE 19. INSURANCE BENEFITS

Section 1. Medical (Health) Insurance: The County will offer to each bargaining unit employee the same accident and medical insurance coverage equivalent to what the County provides to the County's civilian employees at any given time. The parties recognize that this provision may result in an increased cost or reduced benefit from those currently in effect, provided that all County employees have the same options. The County reserves the right to elect, purchase and implement a medical insurance that serves the best interests of the Nueces County and its employees at any given time.

Section 2. Life Insurance. The County shall provide life insurance benefits to each bargaining unit employee equivalent to what the County provides to the County's civilian employees at any given time.

Section 3. Mandatory Medical Requirements. The County agrees to cover the mandatory medical costs associated with any medical assessments required by law as a condition of employment; provided, however that the employee must utilize the services or procedures specified by the County.

ARTICLE 20. PENSION BENEFITS

Section 1. The County will furnish to each bargaining unit employee the same pension benefits that the County provides to the County's civilian employees at any given time.

Section 2. If the County should adopt a 20-year option such benefit should apply to all members of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 21. SHIFT EXCHANGES & SUBSTITUTIONS

Section 1. To be handled in accordance with departmental policy as established by the Sheriff or Constable.

ARTICLE 22. CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Section 1. The County will provide all State required training for all law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers shall be compensated for attendance at all approved or required training classes.

ARTICLE 23. HEALTH, SAFETY & FITNESS ISSUES

Section 1. To be handled in accordance with departmental policy as established by the Sheriff or Constable.

ARTICLE 24. LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Section 1. General Purpose. There shall be a Labor Relations Committee the purpose of which is to act as a forum for informal, non-binding discussion between Association representatives and County Management representatives on issue of labor management relations.

Section 2. How Constituted. The Labor Relations Committee shall be composed of six (6) members: 2 selected by the Association; 2 selected by the Sheriff or Constable, as applicable; and 2 selected by the County JUDGE or COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Section 3. Any member of the Committee may raise issues related to labor management relationship, the maintenance of this Labor Agreement, and other general conditions of employment.

A. Under no circumstance will individualized disciplinary issues be a proper subject of an agenda or discussion of a Labor Relations Committee

B. The Committee shall have no right or authority to amend this agreement or to abrogate the authority of the County, the Civil Service Commission, the Sheriff, or of any Constable.

Section 4. Meetings of the Labor Relations Committee shall be on an “as needed” basis, but in no event more than once a month. It shall require the affirmative assent of at least three members of the Committee to convene a meeting.

Section 5. Members who are on duty when a Labor Relations Committee is convened may attend on County time, subject to the staffing needs of the department, but members who are not on duty when a Labor Relations Committee is convened shall attend on their own time.

ARTICLE 25. INTERNAL AFFAIRS & DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Section 1. Internal Affairs investigations shall be handled in accordance with the minimum requirements set by law, and in accordance with existing practices and policies contained in the in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and the Sheriff’s or Constable’s Office operations manual; provided, however, that the following minimum procedural guarantees shall apply to all covered personnel who are the subject of a misconduct investigation:

A. Prior to any final disciplinary action, law enforcement officers shall be given a written notice of contemplated disciplinary action; provided, however, that this requirement does not apply to:

1. Verbal or written reprimands;
2. First or Second Level Discipline as defined in the Civil Service Rules;
3. Terminations based on job abandonment;
4. Terminations of employees who are still on a probationary status.

B. Law enforcement officers under active investigation and who are required to submit to a **recorded** interview whether written or in person are entitled to a reasonable opportunity to have legal counsel present at the interview; provided, however, that legal counsel shall not interrupt, interfere, obstruct or disrupt the interview process.

1. Any recorded interview whether written or in person, of a law enforcement officer under investigation or a law enforcement officer as a witness, shall include a “Garrity Warning” invoking the protections

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recognized under the doctrines set forth in *Garrity v New Jersey*, 385 U.S. 493 (1967) and *Spevack v Klein*, 385 U.S. 511 (1967).

2. This provision does not apply to on duty verbal inquiries or requests for information by and between officers and supervisors performing job functions nor to a verbal request by a supervisor to a subordinate for documentation in writing about an incident or event.

C. The notice of contemplated discipline shall provide the officer with an opportunity to respond orally or in writing to the Sheriff or Constable, as appropriate, or their respective designee, prior to a final disciplinary action being imposed.

D. After receiving a notice of contemplated discipline for allegations that may result in termination of employment or demotion, the law enforcement officer shall have, upon request, a reasonable opportunity to review and inspect the investigatory file. The scope of review shall include the following content, if any:

1. Review **does include** Complaint documents; Witness statements; Audio or video or other digital content; and any other documented evidence pertaining to the contemplated disciplinary evidence.
2. Review of the investigative file **does not include** deliberative content such as supervisor or administrator notes and recommendations, attorney communications pertaining to the matter; or other deliberative content by reviewing officers.
3. The opportunity to review and inspect the investigatory file will not alter or extend the timeframe specified in the notice of contemplated discipline for final disciplinary action.

Section 2. Challenges to non-compliance with any of the foregoing procedural guarantees must be raised in the context of a disciplinary appeal as a defense to the allegation of misconduct. The Civil Service Commission shall have authority to evaluate non-compliance with the foregoing procedural guarantees in determining whether the underlying discipline should be upheld, overturned, or modified.

Section 3. Any proposed updates, modification, or amendments to the Sheriff's Office or Constable's Office internal affairs or disciplinary policy shall be presented to the Labor Relations Committee for review and comment; provided, however, that the Sheriff or Constable, as applicable shall retain full and final authority and discretion to determine what its written policies of the Sheriff's Office or Constable's Office shall be at any given time.

Section 4. Any updates, modification, or amendments to the Sheriff's Office or Constable's Office policy relating to internal affairs investigations and/or disciplinary process shall not be subject to the grievance procedure, or the arbitration procedure, otherwise contemplated in this Labor Agreement.

Section 5. The provisions of this Article satisfy and supersede the requirements of Chapter 614, Texas Gov't Code (as per §614.021(b), Texas Gov't Code).

Section 6. The provisions of this Article are not subject to the contract grievance process contained in this labor agreement.

ARTICLE 26. GRIEVANCES & GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. A Grievance is defined as any dispute, claim, or complaint involving the interpretation, application or alleged violation of any provision(s) of this Labor Agreement.

Section 2. Disciplinary matters shall not qualify or constitute the proper subject of a grievance; however, employees retain all rights, privileges under Chapter 158, TLGC and the Civil Service Commission with respect to disciplinary matters, except as otherwise provided for in this Labor Agreement.

A. Nothing in this Agreement shall serve as grounds upon which a claim for backpay in a disciplinary suspension overturned or modified by the Nueces County Civil Service Commission may be forwarded as a contract grievance.

Section 3. Only the Association has standing to initiate a grievance under the terms of this Agreement, after consideration of an alleged grievance by a bargaining unit member or the Association. Each grievance shall be submitted on a form attached as an exhibit to this Agreement, and shall include, at minimum, the following information:

1. a brief statement of the grievance, including a detailed description of the facts, circumstances, incidents, or events upon which it is based;
2. the sections(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated and a description of how or why the Association believes in good faith that a term or terms of the Labor Agreement have been breached;
3. the remedy or adjustment sought; and,
4. the signature of the Grievance Committee Chairperson or Association President.

Section 4. Grievances regarding interpretations of this labor agreement shall proceed along the following Steps:

Step 1: An aggrieved employee must initiate a grievance with the Association Grievance Committee within fifteen (15) business days of the date upon which the member knew of or should have known of the facts giving rise to the grievance. A courtesy copy of the grievance shall be forwarded to the Sheriff or Constable as applicable by the Association Grievance Committee within five (5) business days of the receipt of the grievance by the Association, but no action by the Sheriff or Constable is required at this Step. The Association Grievance Committee shall within its discretion determine whether the grievance has merit and whether it should proceed to the next step. If the Association Grievance Committee determines that no grievance exists or that the grievance will not be forwarded, it shall notify the Sheriff or Constable as applicable and the Commissioners Court's Designee in writing that no further proceedings will be necessary. If the Association Grievance Committee determines that the grievance is valid, it shall, within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the grievance, proceed to Step 2 of the procedure.

Step 2: Any grievance that the Association Grievance Committee determines has merit shall be formally submitted to the Sheriff or Constable as applicable, the Office of the County Judge, and the County Attorney's Office within five

(5) business days of the Step 1 decision of the Association Grievance Committee. After receipt of the grievance, the Sheriff or Constable, as applicable and/or the County Judge shall evaluate the grievance and shall within fifteen (15) business days submit a response in writing to the Association Grievance Committee.

Step 3: If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, then the Association shall have fifteen (15) business days from the receipt of the Step 2 decision to invoke arbitration.

Section 5. Any of the administrative deadlines contained in the foregoing Steps may be extended or otherwise modified by agreement of the PARTIES, in writing, as necessary to address the substance of the grievance in a reasonable manner.

ARTICLE 27. ARBITRATION: PROCEDURES AND SCOPE

Section 1. If the Association decides to invoke arbitration after a failure of the PARTIES to resolve a dispute using the grievance process, it shall be the responsibility of the Association to initiate arbitration by submitting a request in writing to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) identifying the grievance and asking for a list of seven (7) qualified neutrals from which a selection of an arbitrator may be made.

A. A copy of the request to AAA shall be provided to the following County officials: 1) the County JUDGE; 2) the County ATTORNEY; and 3) the SHERIFF or CONSTABLE as applicable.

B. Qualified neutrals must have experience in public sector labor and employment contract interpretations, preferably with experience in local government labor negotiations involving cities and counties.

Section 2. Upon the receipt of the list of arbitrators from AAA, the PARTIES shall schedule a strike conference in accordance with the time-table set by the AAA Case Manager. The Association shall exercise the first strike and thereafter each party shall alternate in striking a name from the list until only one name remains. The identity of the sole remaining name shall be returned to the AAA Case Manager so that a hearing on the matter can be scheduled.

A. Nothing in this Article prohibits the PARTIES from mutually agreeing to the selection of an Arbitrator, either from the AAA list or otherwise.

Section 3. After the Arbitrator has been selected, and a hearing scheduled, the PARTIES may, upon written request to each other, call for the disclosure of a list of anticipated witnesses to be called to testify at the hearing, and may similarly call for a list of anticipated documents and exhibits sought to be introduced at the hearing.

A. This request for disclosure shall be made no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of a scheduled hearing, and the PARTIES shall have a continuing duty to supplement responses to any such request.

Section 4. The Arbitrator selected to decide a grievance submitted in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall have the authority to interpret the Agreement, to make conclusions of fact based upon the evidence submitted at the proceeding and to apply the contractual provisions to said facts. The jurisdiction of the Arbitrator is limited in that he or she has no authority to add to, subtract from, amend or otherwise change or in any way modify the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 5. The decision of the Arbitrator, if rendered in accordance with the provisions of this Article, shall be final and binding upon the Association, including all members of the bargaining unit, the SHERIFF or affected CONSTABLE and the County.

Section 6. Each PARTY shall bear its own fees, costs, and expenses related to an arbitration proceeding. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the PARTIES, regardless of the Award rendered by the Arbitrator.

Section 7. All time limits in this Agreement are based on calendar days. If a time limit expires on a weekend or County-observed holiday, the time limit shall be extended to the next County business day. The day of the act, event, or default shall not be included.

Section 8. If the County contests either the authority of an arbitrator to hear a grievance, or otherwise contests the arbitrability of a grievance as to which the Association requests a list of neutrals under these provisions, the County's objections shall be noted of record with the AAA and with the Arbitrator. Continued participation in the arbitration process under objection shall not constitute a waiver or consent to the arbitral process and the issue being one of jurisdiction and authority, may be raised at any time.

ARTICLE 28. SAVINGS CLAUSE [LAI; TA'D 5/11/2023]

Section 1. If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

Section 2. It is understood and agreed that the foregoing is a complete understanding of all the terms and conditions of employment to be governed by the Agreement during the contract period.

Section 3. Any Appendices to this Agreement shall incorporated by reference and shall be identified in a Table of Contents shall be deemed to be part and parcel of this Agreement for all purposes.

Section 4. This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assignees of the PARTIES hereto during the term of this Agreement and no provisions, terms, obligations herein contained shall be affected, modified, altered or changed in any respect whatsoever by any change of any kind in the ownership or management of either party hereto or by any change geographically of place of operations of either party hereto.

ARTICLE 29. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. The County shall cause to be posted on the County's website a final approved copy of this Labor Agreement. The County agrees to take reasonable steps to assure that the NCSOA website is not blocked on the County's internet access system.

Section 2. The County shall also cause to be printed a reasonable number of paper copies of this Agreement, which shall be made available free of charge, and upon written request, in the Office of the Commissioners Court Administration.

Section 3. The provisions of this CBA shall extend only to paid County employees who are sworn, certified, and full-time, and who regularly serve in a professional law enforcement capacity in the "police department" of the County. For purposes of this CBA, the term "police department" shall be limited to the Sheriff's Office and any duly constituted Constable's Office. Any other employees of the County who may exercise law enforcement authority, but who are not under the administrative authority of either the Sheriff or a duly elected Constable, shall continue to be subject to those personnel policies and provisions applicable to County civilian personnel.

Section 4. The parties understand and agree that if during the course of the implementation and maintenance of the provisions of this Labor Agreement, clerical and/or secretarial errors are made resulting in either an overpayment or under-payment of pay or benefits, that any such errors may be corrected by utilization of administrative processes and procedures so as to bring the payment of pay and/or benefits into compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 30. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

For purposes of this Labor Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

Agreement - refers to this Collective Bargaining Agreement, also referred to as the Labor Agreement, as negotiated between the Nueces County and the Association;

Bargaining Agent - refers to duly recognized Association that serves as the exclusive bargaining agent for the Nueces County law enforcement officers under Chapter 174;

Bargaining Unit - all full-time law enforcement officers, except the Sheriff or any elected Constable, as defined by Chapter 174, TLGC, and relevant judicial interpretations of the statute.

Budget (Fiscal) Year- refers to a County's fiscal year commencing on October 1 and ending on September 30 of the subsequent year.

Business Days – shall be defined as Monday through Friday during normal business hours of 8:00 o'clock am to 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Calendar Year- refers to a year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of that year.

CBA - refers to a Collective Bargaining Agreement and, when specified, to this Agreement;

Chapter 158 - refers to the provisions of Chapter 158, Texas Local Government Code in effect at any given time, unless otherwise specified;

- Chapter 174 - refers to the provisions of Chapter 174, Texas Local Government Code in effect at any given time, unless otherwise specified;
- Civil Service - refers to the classified civil service system organized pursuant to Chapter 158, TLGC;
- Civil Service Commission or CSC – refers to the duly appointed body appointed under the provisions of Chapter 158, TLGC;
- Constable or Constables - refers to the elected official who serves as an elected Constable in Nueces County in a duly created precinct as constituted by action of the Commissioners Court. References to the Constable or the Constable’s Office in this Labor Agreement include the elected Constable’s designated management representatives.
- Constable’s Office - refers to any duly constituted County Constable’s Office in a County Precinct and all law enforcement personnel under the control and administration of the Constable.
- Corporal – refers to and is the same as the previous title of field training officer (FTO) and corrections training officer (CTO). An employee who is assigned as a FTO or CTO is paid assignment pay per Pay Table “A” IV. Assignment Pays for Constable’s and Sheriff’s Officer Personnel when assigned as a FTO or CTO. “Corporal” is an assignment within the Constable’s and Sheriff’s management rights and not a civil service rank or a supervisory position.
- County - refers to the unit of government organized under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas known as the Nueces County, Texas;
- Commissioners Court - refers to the body of elected officials who serve as the governing body for Nueces County, Texas in accordance with the Texas Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas;
- County Management – refers to the administrative chain of authority within the County’s administrative structure within the Sheriff’s Office, any Constable’s Office as well as within the County Judge’s Office and the County Commissioners Court.
- County Personnel Policy or Policies – refers to the Nueces County Personnel Manual (2015, as amended) and/or the Civil Service System of Nueces County (2015, as amended)
- Employee – unless otherwise specified, shall refer to all personnel who qualify as members of the bargaining unit under Chapter 174, TLGC, and relevant judicial interpretations of this statute;
- Entry Level Rank Steps – refers to Deputy Sheriffs, Corrections Officers, and Deputy Constables placed in Steps I, II, and III reflected in the Pay Table attached to this Agreement.
- Effective Date - refers to the date on which the terms and conditions of this Agreement are formally adopted and approved by both the Association and the Nueces County, Texas;
- FLSA - refers to the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended;

Grievance - for purposes of this Labor Agreement is defined as any dispute, claim, or complaint involving the interpretation, application or alleged violation of a provision or provisions of this Labor Agreement, as raised by the Grievance procedures in this Agreement.

Holiday – shall refer only to County recognized holidays, such holiday to begin at 12 o'clock AM and end at 11:59 PM on the specified day.

Labor Agreement - refers to this Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the parties.

Law Enforcement Officer – in this labor agreement includes deputy sheriffs, corrections officers, and deputy constables.

Longevity - Same as Seniority. See definition of Seniority.

Member – shall refer to employees who qualify as law enforcement officers for purposes of Chapter 174, TLGC and relevant judicial interpretations of the statute. See also Employee.

Paid Time Off – refers to any time period for which an employee is entitled to receive pay without actually being engaged in productive work time.

Parties – refers to Nueces County and the Association jointly.

Pay Cycle – refers to the period of time in which the employer issues pay checks for services rendered and for purposes of calculating the employer's overtime pay obligations to individual employees under state or federal law.

Police Department – shall refer to the Sheriff's Office and/or a duly constituted Constable's Office for purposes of Chapter 174, TLGC, and the interpretation of this CBA.

Seniority – Also referred to as Longevity. Total years of service with Nueces County in the Sheriff's Office or Constable's Office as applicable, serving in a law enforcement capacity, shall count towards calculation of seniority for purposes of the Pay Table; provided, however, that any adjustments to seniority that may occur as a consequence of amendments to the CBA shall be prospective only and do not create any entitlement to pay for services rendered prior to the any amendments to this CBA.

Sheriff - refers to the elected official who serves as the chief law enforcement authority in Nueces County. References to the Sheriff or the Sheriff's Office in this Labor Agreement include the Sheriff's designated management representatives.

Sheriff's Office - refers to the County Sheriff and all personnel under the control and administration of the Nueces County Sheriff responsible for the provision of law enforcement, crime prevention, incarceration and detention functions, and any other public safety function entrusted to the Sheriff's Office by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.


END OF DEFINITIONS


SIGNATURE & APPROVAL PAGE


THE FOLLOWING INSTRUMENT AS BEEN DULY REVIEWED, AND APPROVED BY EACH OF THE SIGNATORIES INDICATED BELOW:

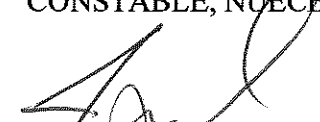
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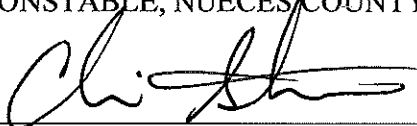
By:  Dated: 9/27/2023
HON. CONNIE SCOTT
COUNTY JUDGE

By:  Dated: 10/16/2023
HON. J.C. HOOPER
SHERIFF, NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

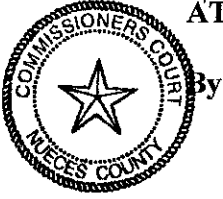
By:  Dated: 10-16-23
HON. ROBERT M. CISNEROS
CONSTABLE, NUECES COUNTY, PRECINCT 1

By:  Dated: 10-13-23
HON. JASON McCAHAN
CONSTABLE, NUECES COUNTY, PRECINCT 2

By:  Dated: 10-20-23
HON. JIMMY RIVERA
CONSTABLE, NUECES COUNTY, PRECINCT 3

By:  Dated: 10/17/2023
HON. CHRIS STIMSON
CONSTABLE, NUECES COUNTY, PRECINCT 4

By:  Dated: 10-13-23
HON. OSCAR MENDOZA
CONSTABLE, NUECES COUNTY, PRECINCT 5



ATTESTED BY NUECES COUNTY CLERK:

By *Kara Sands*
KARA R. SANDS

Dated: 9-27-23

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

THE NUECES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
("NCSOA")

(Approved by NCSOA Membership as per communication dated September 26,
2023)

By: *Arnoldo Carpentier*
ARNOLDO CARPENTIER
PRESIDENT, NCSOA

Dated: 10-17-23

Gary Thurmond
GARY THURMOND
TREASURER, NCSOA

Dated: 10-17-23

PAY TABLE "A"
ARTICLE 7 – WAGE PACKAGE
FY 2024 THRU FY 2025

The following categories of pay, stated in monthly and/or annual amounts, shall be paid on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the County's pay periods, for actual hours worked, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement for paid time off.

This base pay model replaces and shall be in lieu of any and all existing pay models used by the County.

I. BASE PAYS FOR SPECIFIED CLASSIFICATIONS

Pay Group	Position/Title	Base Pay for FY 2024 Under CBA (3%)	Base Pay for FY 2025 Under CBA (3%)
2	Deputy Sheriff I Corrections Officer I Deputy Constable I	\$43,136.69	\$44,430.79
2-2	Deputy Sheriff II Corrections Officer II Deputy Constable II	\$44,864.00	\$46,209.92
2-3	Deputy Sheriff III Corrections Officer III Deputy Constable III	\$47,190.11	\$48,605.81
3	Sheriff's Sergeant Constable Sergeant	\$50,460.48	\$51,974.30
4	Lieutenant	\$55,504.23	\$57,169.35
		Base Pay for FY 2024 Under CBA (1.5%)	Base Pay for FY 2025 Under CBA (1.5%)
5	Captain	\$61,541.48	\$62,464.60
6	Assistant Chief Deputy	\$72,530.64	\$73,618.60
7	Chief Deputy Sheriff	\$89,029.30	\$90,364.74
8	Chief Deputy Constable 3 & 4	\$49,739.87	\$50,485.97
9	Chief Deputy Constable 1, 2 & 5	\$54,701.19	\$55,521.71

II. LONGEVITY AND SENIORITY PAYS

The following seniority table is intended to incorporate any statutorily based longevity obligations, such as those found in Chapter 152, TLGC, into a single negotiated seniority pay. The following pays would be paid on a pro-rata basis over the course of the annual pay cycle. Further, the amount paid shall be triggered on the anniversary date of the employee’s date of hire. Total years of service with Nueces County in the Sheriff’s Office, or Constable’s Office-as applicable, in a law enforcement capacity shall count towards calculation of seniority.

Years of Service	Annual Amount
0	-0-
1	\$60.00
2	\$120.00
3	\$400.00
4	\$400.00
5	\$400.00
6	\$800.00
7	\$800.00
8	\$800.00
9	\$1,200.00
10	\$1,200.00
11	\$1,200.00
12	\$1,600.00
13	\$1,600.00
14	\$1,600.00
15	\$2,000.00
16	\$2,000.00
17	\$2,000.00
18	\$2,400.00
19	\$2,400.00
20	\$2,400.00
21	\$2,600.00
22	\$2,600.00
23	\$2,600.00
24	\$2,800.00
25+	\$2,800.00

III. TCOLE CERTIFICATION PAYS FOR CONSTABLE’S AND SHERIFF’S OFFICE PERSONNEL

In addition to the foregoing base pay, qualified personnel shall also receive, on a pro-rata basis, certification pays for the following types and levels of TCOLE recognized certifications.

Proof of TCOLE CERTIFICATION for the types of certifications listed below must be on file with the County’s Human Resources Department to trigger an entitlement for this pay provision and proof thereof must be provided to the County. Certification pay will not be paid in the absence of documented certification from TCOLE that the employee in fact carries the certification for which pay is requested.

Certification pays provided for herein are not cumulative, but will be paid at the highest level held by qualifying personnel, in accordance with the follow applicable pay table:

A. FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (PEACE OFFICERS)

Type/Level	Biweekly Amount	Annual Amount (pro-rated)
Basic	\$26.92	\$700.00
Intermediate	\$53.84	\$1,400.00
Advanced	\$69.23	\$1,800.00
Master	\$84.61	\$2,200.00

B. FOR CORRECTION OFFICERS (JAILORS)

Type/Level	Biweekly Amount	Annual Amount (pro-rated)
Intermediate	\$34.62	\$900.00
Advanced	\$46.15	\$1,200.00
Master	\$57.69	\$1,500.00

IV. ASSIGNMENT PAYS FOR CONSTABLE’S AND SHERIFF’S OFFICE PERSONNEL

In addition to the foregoing pays base pay, qualified personnel may also receive, on a pro-rata basis, assignment pays for the following identified assignments during the term of this Agreement. The Sheriff’s or Constable’s Office shall forward the appropriate documentation to Human Resources within five working days of the assignment.

Documented proof of the assignment from the Constable's or Sheriff's Office must be on file with the County's Human Resources Department to trigger an entitlement for this pay provision. In the absence of such documentation from the Constable's or the Sheriff's Office, assignment pays will not be paid.

The individuals to whom an assignment is given shall be at the sole discretion of the Constable or the Sheriff or their respective management personnel. The number of specified assignment slots shall be determined as a part of the County's annual budget, as to which the Commissioners Court retains full and complete authority.

Members who hold multiple assignments shall receive pay for each assignment held.

A. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (PEACE OFFICERS) ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments	(PRO-RATA ANNUAL)
Corporal (CPL)	\$1,600.00

[Note: See Article 30 – Glossary of Terms for definition of “Corporal”]

B. CORRECTION OFFICER (JAILORS) ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments	(PRO-RATA ANNUAL)
Corporal (CPL)	\$1,600.00
Jail Extraction Team (JET)	\$600.00

[Note: See Article 30 – Glossary of Terms for definition of “Corporal”]

V. RETENTION PAY [FY 2024 & FY 2025]

In addition to the foregoing pay amounts, the County shall also pay, on a pro-rata basis the following Retention Pay

Pay Group	Annual Amount
2	\$4,313.66
2-2	\$4,486.30
2-3	\$4,719.00
3	\$5,048.94
4	\$5,550.22
5	\$6,154.20
6	\$7,252.96
7	\$8,902.92
8	\$4,973.06
9	\$5,470.14

[Note: The Retention pay is a fixed amount calculated as 10% of the FY 2024 base pay for each Pay Group. This same fixed amount would be paid again in FY 2025.]

VI. IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION OF PAYS UPON AMENDMENT OF THIS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, AS MODIFIED

The foregoing pay provisions shall be implemented prospectively only after full ratification and execution of this Agreement by both parties.

Nothing in this modified CBA is intended to create a claim for pay for services previously rendered or for hours not worked, except as otherwise provided for herein.

Pays shall be implemented beginning on first full pay period after the effective date of this Labor Agreement or after October 1, 2023, whichever is later.

END OF PAY TABLE

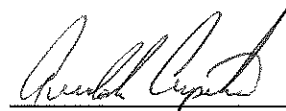
FOR NUECES COUNTY:



Hon. Connie Scott
Nueces County Judge

Date: 9/27/2023

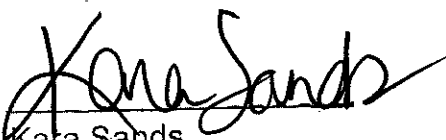
FOR THE NCSOA



Arnoldo Carpentier
NCSOA President

Date: 10-17-23

Attest:



Kara Sands
Nueces County Clerk



APPENDIX A
NUECES COUNTY – NCSOA CBA
FY 2024 thru FY-2025

FORM "B-1"
DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION
NUECES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Dues Code: _____

Employee No: _____

Employee Social Security No: _____

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

I hereby authorize the County of Nueces to deduct each pay period a sum as certified by the Nueces County Sheriff's Officers' Association at the current rate of dues or an amount as may hereafter be established by the Nueces County Sheriff's Officers' Association as dues approved in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement and Association Constitution and Bylaws. This deduction is to be forwarded directly to the Nueces County Sheriff's Officers' Association. The authorization of this deduction is entirely voluntary on my part.

I understand that the County of Nueces will forward to the Association an amount certified to the County by the Association and that the County will rely on the last certified amount communicated in writing to the Auditor's Office and the County will not be liable for damages to me for deductions or failures to deduct any authorized sum for any reason.

Signed _____ Date _____

FORM "B-2"
TERMINATION OF DUES DEDUCTION
NUECES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Dues Code: _____

Employee No: _____

Employee Social Security No: _____

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

I hereby terminate the authorization previously executed by me on _____ for dues deduction for the Nueces County Sheriff's Officers' Association and request that the County of Nueces make no further deductions under said authorization. This termination of dues deduction is entirely voluntary on my part and I understand that the County of Nueces will not be liable for failure to promptly effectuate this termination for any reason.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX "B-3"
DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION
COMBINED LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS OF TEXAS

Dues Code: _____

Employee No: _____

Employee Social Security No: _____

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

I hereby authorize the County of Nueces to deduct each pay period a sum as certified by the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas as the current rate of dues or an amount as may hereafter be established by the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas dues approved in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement and Association Constitution and Bylaws. This deduction is to be forwarded directly to the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas. The authorization of this deduction is entirely voluntary on my part.

I understand that the County of Nueces will forward to the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas an amount certified to the County by Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas and that the County will rely on the last certified amount communicated in writing to the Auditor's Office, and the County will not be liable for damages to me for deductions or failures to deduct any authorized sum for any reason.

Signed _____

Date _____

APPENDIX "B-4"
TERMINATION OF DUES DEDUCTION
COMBINED LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS OF TEXAS

Dues Code: _____

Employee No: _____

Employee Social Security No: _____

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

I hereby terminate the authorization previously executed by me on _____ for dues deduction for the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas and request that the County of Nueces make no further deductions under said authorization. This termination of dues deduction is entirely voluntary on my part and I understand that the County of Nueces will not be liable for failure to promptly effectuate this termination for any reason.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Grievance No. _____

**BARGAINING UNIT MEMBER GRIEVANCE FORM
TO BARGAINING AGENT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

Grievance Submittal

Employee must use this form, or one substantially like it, for filing grievances with the Union grievance committee and subsequent steps of the procedure.

Name Address City/State/Zip Phone

Division Title/Rank Station/Shift Phone

A. Factual Basis of the Grievance. Include date, time, place, and employees or individuals involved. If more space is needed, continue on a separate sheet of paper, and attach to this form.

B. Contract Articles, Terms, Etc. Believed to be Violated. Identify specific provisions of the Contract. Use supplement form if necessary.

C. Remedy or Adjustment Sought. Use supplement form if necessary.

Employee Signature.

Date

Association Representative

Date

Sheriff/designee

Date

Grievance No. _____

BARGAINING AGENT'S STANDARD GRIEVANCE FORM
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Grievance Committee's Submittal. Refer to Grievance cause number for employee's statement of facts.

Name address City/State Phone

Division Title/Rank Station/Shift Phone

Grievance Committee Statement

The Association Grievance Committee met and reviewed the above referenced grievance and reached the following Conclusion(s) on the Subject Grievance.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Forward for Adjustment _____ Reject Grievance _____

Grievance Committee Representative

Date

Association Representative

Date