

**Exhibit A**

**TEXAS SETTLEMENT SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM**

Political Subdivision: County of Titus	Texas
Authorized Official: Judge Kent Cooper	
Address 1: 100 West First Street, Suite 200	
Address 2: Titus County Courthouse	
City, State, Zip: Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455	
Phone: (903) 577-6791	
Email: KCooper@co.titus.tx.us	

The governmental entity identified above ("Texas Political Subdivision"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Texas Political Subdivision pursuant to the Kroger Texas Settlement Agreement and Full Release of All Claims dated October 30, 2024 ("Kroger Texas Settlement"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Kroger Texas Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Texas Political Subdivision above is aware of and has reviewed the Kroger Settlement Agreement, understands that all terms in this Participation and Release Form have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by executing this Participation and Release Form, the Texas Political Subdivision elects to participate in the Kroger Texas Settlement and become a Participating Texas Political Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Texas Political Subdivision shall immediately cease any and all litigation activities as to the Released Entities and Released Claims and, within 14 days of executing this Participation and Release Form, its counsel shall work with Kroger's counsel to dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed.
3. The Texas Political Subdivision agrees to the terms of the Kroger Texas Settlement pertaining to Texas Political Subdivisions as provided therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Kroger Texas Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Texas Political Subdivision is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date of the Release.
5. The Texas Political Subdivision agrees to use any monies it received through the Kroger Texas Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.

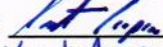
6. The Texas Political Subdivision submits to the exclusive jurisdiction and authority of the Texas Consolidated Litigation Court as defined in the Kroger Texas Settlement. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing contained in this Participation and Release Form, or the Kroger Texas Settlement, constitutes consent to jurisdiction, express or implied, over the Texas Political Subdivision or its selected counsel to the jurisdiction of any other court (including without limitation MDL 2804, the MDL 2804 Fee Panel, the MDL 2804 Enforcement Committee, or the Court in which any Texas Consent Judgment is filed) for any purpose whatsoever.
7. The Texas Political Subdivision, as a Participating Texas Subdivision, has the right to enforce the Kroger Texas Settlement in the Texas Consolidated Litigation Court as provided therein.
8. The Texas Political Subdivision, as a Participating Texas Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Kroger Texas Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section V (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Texas Political Subdivision hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entities in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Kroger Texas Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entity the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Texas Political Subdivision to release claims. The Kroger Texas Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. The Texas Political Subdivision hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Texas Subdivision as set forth in the Kroger Texas Settlement.
10. In connection with the releases provided for in the Kroger Texas Settlement, each Texas Political Subdivision expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

**General Release; extent.** A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Texas Political Subdivision hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Kroger Texas Settlement.

11. The Texas Political Subdivision acknowledges, agrees, and understands that the Maximum Texas Settlement Amount to be paid under the Kroger Texas Settlement for the benefit of the Participating Texas Political Subdivision, is less than or equal to the amount, in the aggregate, of the Alleged Harms allegedly suffered by the governmental entity, constitutes restitution and remediation for damage or harm allegedly caused by Kroger in order to restore, in whole or part, the governmental entity to the same position or condition that it would be in had it not suffered the Alleged Harms; and constitutes restitution and remediation for damage or harm allegedly caused by the potential violation of a law and/or is an amount paid to come into compliance with the law.
12. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Kroger Texas Settlement Agreement, to which the Texas Political Subdivision hereby agrees. To the extent this Participation and Release Form is interpreted differently from the Kroger Texas Settlement, the Kroger Texas Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Participation and Release Form on behalf of the Texas Political Subdivision.

Signature:   
Name: Kent Cooper  
Title: Titus County Judge  
Date: 11/25/24

**TITUS COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**AT THE REGULAR TERM**

This affidavit states that Article 114.026, Subsection C of the Local Government Code has been complied with for the monthly reports of the Titus County Treasurer, Titus County, Texas for the month of November, 2024 which have been submitted to Commissioner's Court for approval.

Attached Reports:

The cash balance for Titus County combined funds on this date is **\$29,110,398.90**

Summary of Monthly Payroll Expenditures

Submitted by *Dana Wallace-Applewhite*

*Dana Wallace-Applewhite*, Titus County Treasurer

BY OUR SIGNATURES HERETO WE HEREBY ACCEPT SAID REPORT

*Rob Cupp*

TITUS COUNTY JUDGE

*JMM*

TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER PR #1

*RO*

TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER PR #2

*Dana Applewhite*

TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER PR #3

*Jimmy Parker*

TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER PR #4



DATE APPROVED: November 25, 2024

ACCOUNT NAME	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING CASH BALANCE
2025 010 GENERAL COUNTY FUND				
JURY JP#1 C-O-H	.00	.00	.00	.00
JURY JP#2 C-O-H	1,000.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
CO CLERK C-O-H	2,500.00	.00	.00	2,500.00
JURY CO. CLERK	.00	.00	.00	.00
JP#1 C-O-H	800.00	.00	.00	800.00
TAX A/C CASH ON HAND	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRETY CASH JP#1	.00	.00	.00	.00
PRETY CASH - CO CLERK	.00	.00	.00	.00
JP#1	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	8,719,820.36	3,773,057.26	596,386.37-	11,896,491.25
CTB-CDS	4,000,000.00	.00	.00	4,000,000.00
JUV SB30 RETMB	.00	.00	.00	.00
INVESTMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	12,724,120.36	3,773,057.26	596,386.37-	15,900,791.25
2025 014 JUSTICE COURTHOUSE SECURITY				
CASH IN BANK	14,298.30	5.84	.00	14,304.14
FUND TOTALS	14,298.30	5.84	.00	14,304.14
2025 015 OPTIOLD TRUST FUND				
CASH IN BANK	16,478.57	.00	.00	16,478.57
FUND TOTALS	16,478.57	.00	.00	16,478.57
2025 016 SECURITY FEES FUND				
CASH IN BANK	11,727.51	546.27	.00	12,273.78
FUND TOTALS	11,727.51	546.27	.00	12,273.78
2025 017 JURY FUND				
CASH ON HAND JURY	5,000.00	.00	.00	5,000.00
CASH IN BANK	133,852.92	84,446.36	28,016.72-	190,282.56
FUND TOTALS	138,852.92	84,446.36	28,016.72-	195,282.56
2025 018 LAW LIBRARY FUND				
CASH IN BANK	26,531.26	1,575.00	1,004.95-	27,101.31
FUND TOTALS	26,531.26	1,575.00	1,004.95-	27,101.31
2025 019 LATC FUND				
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	.00	.00	.00	.00
2025 020 SB22 GRANT				
CASH IN BANK	1,107,095.41	750.34	7,596.55-	1,100,249.20
FUND TOTALS	1,107,095.41	750.34	7,596.55-	1,100,249.20
2025 021 ROAD & BRIDGE #1 FUND				
CASH IN BANK	365,755.54	261,316.46	23,644.52-	603,427.48
FUND TOTALS	365,755.54	261,316.46	23,644.52-	603,427.48
2025 022 ROAD & BRIDGE #2 FUND				
CASH IN BANK	403,791.62	261,316.46	16,380.84-	648,727.24
FUND TOTALS	403,791.62	261,316.46	16,380.84-	648,727.24
2025 023 ROAD & BRIDGE #3 FUND				
CASH IN BANK	198,962.48	261,316.46	60,246.95-	400,031.99
FUND TOTALS	198,962.48	261,316.46	60,246.95-	400,031.99

ACCOUNT NAME	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING CASH BALANCE
2025 024 ROAD & BRIDGE #4 FUND	504,004.39	261,316.44	70,866.83-	694,454.00
CASH IN BANK	504,004.39	261,316.44	70,866.83-	694,454.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 025 CHAPTER 19: FY2020	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 026 SAVNS GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 027 HAVA CARES GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 028 JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY	30,174.87	12.00	.00	30,186.87
CASH IN BANK	30,174.87	12.00	.00	30,186.87
FUND TOTALS				
2025 029 JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY-JP2	7,819.12	11.37	.00	7,830.49
CASH IN BANK	7,819.12	11.37	.00	7,830.49
FUND TOTALS				
2025 030 COUNTY & DISTRICT CRT TECH	18,280.72	96.58	.00	18,377.30
CASH IN BANK	18,280.72	96.58	.00	18,377.30
FUND TOTALS				
2025 031 HAVA SECURITY FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
PETTY CASH	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 032 CTI GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 033 PRETRIAL INTERVENTION FUND	18,053.12	.00	315.25-	17,737.87
CASH IN BANK	18,053.12	.00	315.25-	17,737.87
FUND TOTALS				
2025 034 PRE-TRIAL-CLASS C MISD. FUND	18,349.00	1,000.00	.00	19,349.00
CASH IN BANK	18,349.00	1,000.00	.00	19,349.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 035 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 036 VITAL STATISTICS	11,539.50	535.00	250.00-	11,824.50
CASH IN BANK	11,539.50	535.00	250.00-	11,824.50
FUND TOTALS				
2025 037 COUNTY CLERK ARCHIVE	228,882.81	4,690.00	.00	233,572.81
CASH IN BANK	228,882.81	4,690.00	.00	233,572.81
FUND TOTALS				

ACCOUNT NAME	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING CASH BALANCE
2025 040 DISTRICT CLERK TECH FUND	12,149.05	20.00	.00	12,169.05
CASH IN BANK	12,149.05	20.00	.00	12,169.05
FUND TOTALS				
2025 041 STATE FEES FUND	55,675.99	25,690.73	2,489.30-	78,877.42
CASH IN BANK	55,675.99	25,690.73	2,489.30-	78,877.42
FUND TOTALS				
2025 042 SHERIFF SHIELDS	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 043 COUNTY CLERK R&M FUND	260,465.95	5,406.78	849.27-	265,023.46
CASH IN BANK	260,465.95	5,406.78	849.27-	265,023.46
FUND TOTALS				
2025 044 DISTRICT CLERK R&M FUND	12,742.97	341.53	.00	13,084.50
CASH IN BANK	12,742.97	341.53	.00	13,084.50
FUND TOTALS				
2025 047 DISTRICT ATTORNEY FUND	1,375.82	.00	.00	1,375.82
CASH IN BANK	1,375.82	.00	.00	1,375.82
FUND TOTALS				
2025 048 COUNTY ATTORNEY FUND	5,523.68	.00	.00	5,523.68
CASH IN BANK	5,523.68	.00	.00	5,523.68
FUND TOTALS				
2025 049 DISTRICT CLK REC PRESERV FUND	51,280.93	885.00	.00	52,165.93
CASH IN BANK	51,280.93	885.00	.00	52,165.93
FUND TOTALS				
2025 050 VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX ACCOUNT	292,807.46	.00	.00	292,807.46
CASH IN BANK	292,807.46	.00	.00	292,807.46
FUND TOTALS				
2025 051 PASS THROUGH GRANTS	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 052 CORONA VIRUS RELIEF	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 053 SHERIFF SEIZED ACCOUNT	23,919.12	.00	.00	23,919.12
CASH IN BANK	23,919.12	.00	.00	23,919.12
FUND TOTALS				
2025 054 DISTRICT ATTORNEY SEIZED ACCT	38,411.52	.00	.00	38,411.52
CASH IN BANK	38,411.52	.00	.00	38,411.52
FUND TOTALS				
2025 055 DIST ATTY DRUG FORFEITURE FUND	111,267.37	.00	1,680.72-	109,586.65
CASH IN BANK	111,267.37	.00	1,680.72-	109,586.65
CIB-CDS	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	111,267.37	.00	1,680.72-	109,586.65

ACCOUNT NAME	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING CASH BALANCE
2025 056 SHERIFF FOREFEITURE FUND	4,500.00	.00	.00	4,500.00
PETTY CASH	25,561.06	.00	.00	25,561.06
CASH IN BANK	30,061.06	.00	.00	30,061.06
FUND TOTALS				
2025 057 CAPITAL MURDER FUND	105,236.00	.00	.00	105,236.00
CASH IN BANK	105,236.00	.00	.00	105,236.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 058 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASST PROG	6,844.98	.00	.00	6,844.98
CASH IN BANK	6,844.98	.00	.00	6,844.98
FUND TOTALS				
2025 059 SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	155,901.08	.00	3,902.58-	151,998.50
CASH IN BANK	155,901.08	.00	3,902.58-	151,998.50
FUND TOTALS				
2025 059 NO FUND RECORD	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 065 TITUS COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND	4,741,298.93	493,797.28	.00	5,235,096.21
CASH IN BANK	4,741,298.93	493,797.28	.00	5,235,096.21
CIB-CD	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 065 NO FUND RECORD	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 073 TITUS COUNTY BELL TOWER FUND	5,873.67	.00	.00	5,873.67
CASH IN BANK	5,873.67	.00	.00	5,873.67
FUND TOTALS				
2025 075 2004 RIGHT OF WAY	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
CIB-CD	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 075 NO FUND RECORD	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 075 NO FUND RECORD	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS				
2025 083 COMMISSARY STORE	18,888.52	.00	.00	18,888.52
CASH IN BANK	18,888.52	.00	.00	18,888.52
FUND TOTALS				
2025 084 ELECTION FUND	190,934.75	.00	6,271.43-	184,663.32
CASH IN BANK	190,934.75	.00	6,271.43-	184,663.32
FUND TOTALS				
2025 085 MAINTENANCE BLDG FUND	91,471.41	.00	7,724.46-	83,746.95
CASH IN BANK	91,471.41	.00	7,724.46-	83,746.95
FUND TOTALS				
2025 086 INSURANCE FUND	659,822.47	1,708.44	182,312.83-	479,218.08
CASH IN BANK	659,822.47	1,708.44	182,312.83-	479,218.08



ACCOUNT NAME	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING CASH BALANCE
<b>2025 090 DISTRICT CLERK AGENCY FUND</b>				
CASH IN SPECIAL ACCT	35,129.47	.00	.00	35,129.47
CASH IN OPERATING ACCT	34,060.70	.00	.00	34,060.70
CD-DISTRICT CLERK	394,738.52	.00	.00	394,738.52
CASH IN REGISTRY	830,161.58	.00	.00	830,161.58
FUND TOTALS	1,294,090.27	.00	.00	1,294,090.27
<b>2025 091 COUNTY CLERK AGENCY FUND</b>				
CASH IN BANK	169,209.25	.00	.00	169,209.25
CASH IN OPERATING	38,934.80	.00	.00	38,934.80
CASH IN CIVIL CASES	283,846.83	.00	.00	283,846.83
FUND TOTALS	491,990.88	.00	.00	491,990.88
<b>2025 092 BAIL BOND BOARD ACCOUNT</b>				
CASH IN BANK BBB	.01	.00	.00	.01
CD-ANTHONY COOPER	.00	.00	.00	.00
CD-TONY MCGILL	.00	.00	.00	.00
CD-KELLYE COOPER	.00	.00	.00	.00
CD-BRISON & BRISON	.00	.00	.00	.00
CD-NANCY DAVIS	.00	.00	.00	.00
CD-NANCY DAVIS BAIL BONDS	124,577.24	.00	.00	124,577.24
NANCY BAIL BONDS	53,168.23	.00	.00	53,168.23
FUND TOTALS	177,745.48	.00	.00	177,745.48
<b>2025 096 GENERAL FIXED ASSETS</b>				
FUND TOTALS	.00	.00	.00	.00
<b>2025 097 GENERAL I/T DEBT ACCOUNT GROUP</b>				
CASH IN BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	.00	.00	.00	.00
<b>2025 098 PAYROLL CLEARING FUND</b>				
CASH IN BANK	.00	223,785.75	223,785.75	.00
FUND TOTALS	.00	223,785.75	223,785.75	.00
GRAND TOTALS	24,680,496.87	5,663,627.35	1,233,725.32	29,110,398.90



