RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH VOIANCE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC FOR OVER-THE-PHONE INTERPRETATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the county necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103, the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, from time to time interpretation services for non-English speaking citizens is required by the 911 Communications Department; and,

WHEREAS, Voiance Language Services, LLC (“Vendor”) has the skills and ability to perform interpretation services; and,

WHEREAS, an agreement has been proposed with Vendor for over-the-phone interpretation services for 911 staff of the 911 Communications Department, a copy of which is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the citizens of Sarpy County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT this Board hereby approves the agreement with Voiance Language Services, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto, and any other related documents, the same being approved by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chairman of this Board together with the County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of this Board, the agreement with Voiance Language Services, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto, and any other related documents, the same being approved by the Board.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on this 20th day of July, 2016.

Chairman, Sarpy County Board

Sarpy County Clerk

ATTEST:

[Signature]

[Seal]
July 20, 2016

To: Sarpy County Commissioners
From: Stu DeLaCastro
RE: Voiance Language Services Agreement

The Board will be requested to approve the attached service agreement of Voiance Language Services, an over-the-phone language interpretation provider. Analysis by 911 staff of this company resulted in the determination that Voiance is able provide an additional and necessary tool for use in communicating with non-English speaking callers in an efficient, timely, and cost effective manner.

This is a (3) three year agreement with costs at $0.75 per minute of over-the-phone interpretation use. These costs are included in the FY17 budget.

If you have any questions, please contact me at sdelacastro@sarpy.com

cc: Deb Houghtaling, Mark Wayne, Scott Bovick, Brian Hanson
Introduction. In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Formation. This Service Agreement ("Agreement") is formed between Vendor and Client.

2. Services. Pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Vendor shall provide the Services to Client and to the Facilities.

3. Payment. Client will be invoiced by Vendor and shall remit payment to Vendor within thirty (30) days of invoice date. Vendor’s preferred method of payment is by any electronic means, including automated clearing house (ACH) payment or wire, however checks and credit cards are accepted. Any third-party fees incurred by Vendor in the course of receiving or preparing to receive payment from Client, such as a third-party payment processing service, shall be applied to Client’s next invoice, due and payable by Client in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

4. Term and Termination. This Agreement shall commence on the date by which: (i) all Parties have executed this document ("Commencement Date"), and (ii) a copy of the executed document has been delivered to Vendor; and shall terminate three (3) years from the Commencement Date, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or sooner terminated as provided elsewhere in this Agreement. On the initial termination date, and on each successive anniversary of that date, this Agreement shall renew for one year unless terminated by either party upon written notice of termination to the other party not less than thirty (30) days’ prior to the next date of renewal. The “Termination Date” of this Agreement shall be the sooner of: (i) the date identified by the terminating party in that party’s notice of termination to the other party, or (ii) the date on which Vendor terminates Client’s access to Services. Either party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon thirty (30) days written notice.
4.1 **Survival.** Without limiting other provisions of this Agreement, obligations of the following sections shall survive the termination of this Agreement: 9 (Confidentiality/Prohibited Uses).

5. **Independent Contractor Relationship.** The relationship between the parties is that of independent contractors. Neither party is an agent, partner or employee of the other party, and neither party has any right or any other authority to enter into any contract or undertaking in the name of or for the account of the other party, or to assume or create any obligation of any kind, express or implied, on behalf of the other party, nor will the acts or omissions of either party create any liability for the other party. This Agreement shall in no way constitute or give rise to a partnership or joint venture between the Parties. In addition, the participation in this agreement by Client and Vendor in no way creates an obligation to a third party on the part of the Client. The Client’s obligations extend solely to Vendor.

6. **Insurance.** Vendor shall maintain insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property that may arise from or relate to Vendor’s performance of Services pursuant to this Agreement. All insurance coverage required by this Agreement shall be procured from and maintained with duly licensed or approved non-admitted insurers in the State of Arizona with an "A.M. Best" rating of not less than A- VII. Upon Client’s written request, Vendor shall furnish Client with copies of certificates of insurance or other forms of verification of coverage, duly signed by an authorized representative of the respective insurer.

6.1. Vendor shall maintain per-occurrence commercial general liability insurance including bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, and broad-form contractual liability coverage of not less than the following amounts:

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6.2. Vendor shall maintain coverage for Errors and Omissions and Workers Compensation of not less than the following amounts:

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7. **Limited Liability.** Vendor shall provide Services in a professional and workmanlike manner utilizing translators, interpreters and/or other language professionals with skills and qualifications that meet or exceed the standards of the industry. Client understands and agrees that Services are inherently inexact disciplines and some discrepancies may arise despite Vendor’s professional provision of Services. Client releases Vendor from any and all liability, other than liability that cannot be waived by law, for: (i) non-negligent errors made by Vendor in the provision of Services, and (ii) any failure of or interruption to Services due to the failure of any telecommunications facilities, gear, infrastructure, and/or similar equipment beyond Vendor’s control. Beyond the limits of its insurance coverage, Vendor shall not be liable to Client for any direct, indirect, punitive, special, incidental or consequential damage of any kind (including loss of business, revenue, profits, use, data or other economic advantage) in connection with or arising out of Client’s use of Services or any failure to connect to Services, if applicable, whether in contract or in tort, even if Vendor has been previously advised of the possibility of such damages. The foregoing limitation on Vendor’s liability for damages shall apply even if any exclusive remedy provided for in this Agreement fails of its essential purpose.

8. **Background Checks.** Vendor, subject to any federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations which may limit any Vendor action otherwise required by this section, shall make reasonable and legally permitted efforts, including checking background and verifying personal information, to determine that no Vendor employee or independent contractor who shall perform any Services that permit physical, virtual or other access to Client’s or its customer’s premises, systems, networks or information at any time during the term of the Agreement, has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor less than ten (10) years prior to becoming Vendor’s employee (unless a lesser time period is required by law) involving violence, sexual misconduct, theft or computer crimes, fraud or financial crimes, drug distribution or crimes involving unlawful possession or use of a dangerous weapon. Vendor shall not permit any employee having such a conviction to perform any Services that permit such access during the term of the Agreement, subject to any federal, state or local restrictions on the consideration of criminal convictions in making employment decisions, unless in the sole judgment of Client, said conviction has no reasonable relationship to the employee’s fitness or trustworthiness to perform the Services. Vendor shall comply with obligations under this section.
through the use of a third party service which shall perform a review of applicable records for those counties, states and federal court districts in which a proposed Vendor employee has identified as having resided, worked or attended school in the searched time period. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, exceptions for individual Vendor personnel may be granted by Vendor on a case-by-case basis.


9.1. Terms. Neither party shall disclose the terms of this Agreement to any third party without the written consent of the other party, except: (i) as required by law, court order or governing legal authority, or (ii) for disclosure of the terms of this Agreement to a party’s accountants, attorneys or similar representatives who are bound by an equal or greater obligation of confidentiality, or to the representatives of any prospective purchaser of a party who is bound by an equal or greater obligation of confidentiality. This paragraph shall survive indefinitely any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

9.2. Confidential Information. All information provided to Vendor by Client or its affiliates, subsidiaries or agents that is: (i) labeled as confidential and/or proprietary, or (ii) reasonably identifiable as confidential and/or proprietary is the confidential and/or proprietary information of Client (collectively, “Confidential Information”). Client retains all rights, title and interest in and to all of the Confidential Information provided to Vendor. Vendor agrees that it will only use Confidential Information in connection with its performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Vendor shall take reasonable precautions necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Vendor agrees to immediately notify Client in the event of any accidental loss or unauthorized access, use, disclosure or breach by it or any of its employees, agents or other permitted users of any Confidential Information. Vendor shall only disclose Confidential Information in response to the order, requirement or request of a court, administrative agency or other governmental body of competent jurisdiction, and Vendor shall provide prompt notice of such disclosure to Client.

9.3. PHI. Vendor shall apply safeguards to Personal Health Information (“PHI”) in conformity with HIPAA and HITECH requirements.

9.4 Prohibited Uses. The following uses of Services are prohibited: (i) transmission of any message which constitutes an infringement of any copyright or trademark; (ii) any unauthorized disclosure of a trade secret; (iii) transfer of any information or technology in violation of any applicable law or regulation; (iv) violation of any telecommunications law or regulation regarding the use of telephones in interstate or foreign commerce to transmit obscene, threatening, harassing or other prohibited messages; (v) making libelous or slanderous statement; and (vi) violation of any applicable statute or government rule, ordinance, law, regulation or similar edict. Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Vendor for any liability Vendor incurs arising out of or relating to Client’s prohibited use of Services. This indemnity protection shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Without waiving any other remedy available to Vendor at law or in equity, Vendor may terminate this Agreement at any time following Client’s prohibited use of Services.

10. Hold Harmless. The Consultant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County, its employees, agents, assignees, and legal representatives harmless from all liabilities, demands, claims, suits, losses, damages, causes of action, fines, or judgments and all expenses incident thereto, for injuries to persons, for civil rights liability, and for loss of, damage to, or destruction of property arising out of or in connection with this Agreement and proximately caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Consultant, its officers, employees, assignees, or agents. Any liability on the part of the County is limited to the extent provided by the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and any other applicable provisions of law. The County does not assume liability for the actions of the Consultant.

11. Safe Harbor. Vendor agrees that it will fully and accurately satisfy its responsibilities, as provider of the Services, under the Safe Harbor Regulations relating to program “fraud and abuse” promulgated under the Social Security Act and Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Acts.

12. Disbarment. Vendor warrants that it is not disbarred or suspended, proposed for disbarment or declared ineligible for award of contracts by any federal agency.

13. Cost of Living Increase. The contracted pricing may be increased at each anniversary of the contract in accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI).
14. **Solicitation of Personnel.** Neither party shall, directly or indirectly, knowingly solicit, induce, recruit or encourage, or cause another to solicit, induce, recruit or encourage, any person employed or engaged by the other party, whether as an employee or independent contractor, to terminate his or her engagement with the other party during the term of this Agreement and for the one (1) year period following the Termination Date.

15. **Marketing and Publicity.** Without obtaining prior written consent, no party may use the other party’s name, trademarks, logos and/or service marks without complying with the other party’s requirements for such use.

16. **Remedies.** The remedies in this provision do not replace or otherwise limit the remedies included elsewhere in this Agreement. Vendor may, at its sole and absolute discretion, terminate this Agreement upon Client’s breach within ten (10) days of learning of Client’s breach. Any decision by Vendor to forego cancellation upon a breach by Client shall not constitute a waiver of Vendor’s right to terminate due to a subsequent breach by Client.

17. **Notices.** All notices and communications must be in writing and will be effective upon receipt. Such notices shall be sent by registered or certified U.S. mail return receipt requested or by a nationally recognized overnight courier service, to the address set forth above for Vendor, marked “Attn: Controller”. Notices to Client shall be sent by registered or certified U.S. mail return receipt requested or by a nationally recognized overnight courier service to: Deb Houghtaling, Sarpy County Clerk, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE, 68046.

18. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement represents the complete agreement of the parties and will supersede any and all other agreements, understandings and representations by and between the parties hereto. The parties agree that this Agreement represents the joint drafting of the parties. By signing below, the parties represent and warrant that neither is relying on any promise, guarantee or other statement not contained in this Agreement.

19. **Governing Law.** The performance of Vendor and Client under this Agreement shall be controlled and governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska, excluding conflicts of law provisions. Jurisdiction and venue for any dispute between Vendor and Client concerning this Agreement shall rest exclusively within the state and federal courts of Sarpy County, Nebraska. Each of Vendor and Client hereby waives all defenses of lack of personal jurisdiction and forum non conveniens related thereto.

20. **Severability.** Should any provision of this Agreement be held invalid or illegal, such invalidity or illegality shall not invalidate the remainder of this Agreement. Instead, this Agreement will be construed as if it did not contain the illegal or invalid part, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.

21. **Force Majeure:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Vendor shall not be liable in any way for any loss, damage, delay or failure of performance resulting from any cause which is beyond Vendor’s reasonable control, including, but not limited to fire, explosion, lightning, power surges or failures, acts of God and acts or omissions of communications carriers (including without limitation local exchange companies).

22. **Counterparts.** This Agreement and any amendments hereto may be executed by the Parties hereto individually or in any combination, in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall together constitute one and the same agreement. Signatures to this Agreement and any amendments hereto transmitted by any electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, shall have the same force and effect as physical execution and delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.

23. **Residency Verification Clause:** Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-114 et seq., each party shall use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.

24. **Nondiscrimination Clause:** Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 73-102, the parties declare, promise, and warrant that they have and will continue to comply fully with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C.A. § 1985, et seq.), and the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-1101, et seq., in that there shall be no discrimination against any employee who is employed in the performance of this Agreement, or against any applicant for such employment, because of age, color, national origin, race, religion, creed, disability or sex.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the Effective Date first set forth above.

[Signature]
Count Clerk

Sarpy County

Signature: Don Kelly
Print Name: Don Kelly
Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Date: 7/26/2016

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Signature: ______________
Print Name: Austin Wade
Title: Vice President
Date: Aug 5, 2016

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Deputy Sarpy County Attorney

[EXHIBITS BEGIN ON NEXT PAGE]
EXHIBIT A: OVER-THE PHONE (OPI) SERVICES

Vendor shall provide Client (and to the Facilities) with over-the-phone interpretation ("OPI") Services, available twenty-four (24) hours per day each calendar day for the term of this Agreement, for the languages listed below. Vendor shall provide the following features and services at no additional charge to Client: (i) Vendor’s standard training services and materials; (ii) toll-free over-the-phone customer support available twenty-four (24) hours per day each calendar day for the term of this Agreement; (iii) on-line service-usage reporting; (iv) monthly invoices with Vendor’s standard granular usage details; and (v) such additional PIN numbers as Client may reasonably request from time to time.

Client may access Vendor OPI Services using Vendor’s telephone interface or Vendor’s ClearLink telephones by entering a valid PIN. If Client is issued 1 800 number(s) for its convenience by Vendor, Vendor shall retain ownership and a right in the 1 800 number(s) and Client agrees that use is limited to Client, its subsidiaries, affiliates or Employees and that Client is responsible for payment for calls made using these 1800 number(s). Client is solely responsible for the security of Client’s PIN cards and preprogrammed ClearLink telephones, as well as for any use of Services arising out of or relating to unauthorized access thereto. If Client discovers or suspects unauthorized use of Client’s PINs, Vendor shall promptly disable any such PIN upon Client’s request and issue a replacement PIN.

Languages: All available Vendor languages

Pricing and Fees*:

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*Pricing is effective as of the later of the Commencement Date or the date by which all parties have executed the Agreement and delivered an executed copy to Vendor.