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The Honorable Jacques Blanchette, County Judge
Tyler County, Texas
100 West Bluff, Room #102
Woodville, Texas 75979

RE: Preservation Services for Texas Historical Commission Requirements

Dear Judge Blanchette:

I am writing this letter after being able to review our telephone conversation this past Monday. Having been in the middle of a deadline and still pressing on the one I referenced in being unsure if we could attend your invitation to meet with Sharon on the 17th, I now have these recommendations. I must also inform you and the County Commissioners that given the circumstances as explained below, I must withdraw from negotiations to execute a contract with Tyler County.

From Sharon's discussion with me Friday, and from my subsequent e-mail to you describing the discussion, they have rejected the approach that I proposed on your behalf. The THC's requirements for a single complete documentation effort is much different than the approach outlined in my letter of August 31, 2018. Given our projected workload and their schedule requirements for the remediation, we cannot take on this endeavor. I would counsel you that it would be more diplomatic and constructive to not move forward with pressing the THC that the County wants to continue on its action apparently scheduled yesterday as I recall, to contract with us based on the August 31, 2018 scope letter.

Given the THC's requirements for how the Remediation Agreement is to be carried out, I can honestly and sincerely recommend that the County should retain the services of the firm who prepared both of your master plans. Their existing knowledge of the courthouse conditions prior to the county remodeling, the overall 1936 and 1891 features, based on their prior assessment and conditions assessments, would allow them to address the Remediation Agreement tasks in a much more efficient and cost effective effort than we could provide. You should be able to amend their contract and move forward. I believe the THC would welcome this approach. In my judgement this would be the prudent and most cost effective and time efficient course - in the best interest of the project and the County. I would still volunteer on a pro-bono basis to advise you, Judge, in moving forward in this manner, not in a peer review capacity, but as a friend.

Sincerely,

Karl A. Komatsu
President