

TO:

Sept. 30, 2019

Honorable Judge Jacques Blanchette  
County Judge Tyler County Texas  
100 W. Bluff St.,  
Woodville, Tx 75979

FROM:

Restorative Justice Ministry  
Family Service Center  
Rev. James Edwards  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

RE: 90 Day Notice to terminate Alternative Dispute Resolution Services.

Honorable Judge Blanchette;

Please accept this letter as proper 90 day notification as required in our "Memorandum of Agreement Relating to the establishment of a Dispute Resolution System for Tyler County Texas" (see attached) and signed by former Tyler County Judge Jerome Owens on Dec. 12, 2005, of our intent to terminate the agreement.

We have found this portion of our ministry work to be not viable for both parties and thereby will remain available to do mediations through Dec. 31, 2019. Our board of trustees met on Sept. 14, 2019, and we unanimously voted to the above decision.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks and if you have any questions please call me at the Community Mediation Center of Tyler County phone number 409-489-2022.

Sincerely in His Service  
and  
for the RJMFSC Board of Trustees

  
Rev. James Edwards

DATE: 9-30-2019



cc: Judge Earl Stover- Judge Delinda Gibbs-Walker  
District Clerk Chyrl Pounds  
District Attorney Lucas Babin  
County Clerk Donece Gregory

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM  
FOR TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS**

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Tyler County, Texas ("Tyler County"), an instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of Texas and THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY FAMILY SERVICE CENTER ("RJMFSC"), a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation, and as a project of the Tyler County Bar Association, have reached agreement whereby RJMFSC is to administer the alternative dispute resolution system for Tyler County, Texas, upon the following terms and conditions:

1) Establishment of System. The parties agree that the alternative dispute resolution system is established for the peaceable and expeditious resolution of citizen disputes by the Commissioners Court of Tyler County, Texas ("Commissioners") is in the best interests of the citizens of Tyler County.

2) Administration of System. RJMFSC will administer the system and is authorized to promulgate reasonable and necessary rules to effectuate the peaceable and expeditious resolution of citizen disputes handled by the RJMFSC.

3) Collection of Additional Fees. To maintain the system, the clerks of the county and district courts will collect the maximum additional court costs authorized by Section 152.004 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, which amount currently is \$15.00, to be taxed, collected and paid as other court costs in each civil case (except suits for delinquent taxes) filed in either the county or district courts in the county.

4) Separate Fund. The Court Clerks will pay these additional court costs to the County Treasurer, who will deposit these monies in the separate fund known as the "alternative dispute resolution system fund". This fund, which shall not be used for any other purpose, will be administered by Commissioners. Disbursements from the fund will be according to procedures negotiated by and between the RJMFSC and Commissioners.

5) Logistical / Administrative Support. None requested

6) Liaison. The Executive Director of RJMFSC shall serve as a liaison between RJMFSC and Commissioners Court.

7) Duration. This agreement shall remain in effect for three (3) years from the date hereof and, thereafter, shall be automatically renewed annually, on the anniversary date, unless either party gives not less than 90 days written notice to the other party of its intention to terminate this agreement.

Dated 12 December 2005

TYLER COUNTY TEXAS

By 

JEROME OWENS, County Judge

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY  
FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

By 

JOHN P. MORRISON,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees