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JUDGE PRESIDING 35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF TEXAS BROWN AND MILLS COUNTIES

October 30, 2020

Ms. Irene Laurance, Criminal Justice Planner West Central Texas Council of Governments Criminal Justice Department 3650 Loop 322 Abilene, TX 79602

RE: Community Justice Plan for Brown County

Ms. Laurance:

The Brown County Community Justice Council and its Planning Committee has approved and adopted our current Community Justice Plan for the next four years from the date it was last adopted, and has determined the plan meets the requirements as set out in the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. This process is being allowed by WCTCOG, due to the current pandemic. Our current Community Justice plan for Brown County FY 2021 was adopted on December 1, 2019. The plan would next need to be updated and adopted in 2024, with addendums being permissible if applicable. The council understands that WCTCOG has the right at any time during the duration of the next four years to mandate annual in-person meetings. We do not plan to have any in-person community planning meetings until the COVID-19 Pandemic is behind us.

Also, for your information, I did not seek re-election as District Judge and will be retiring on December 31, 2020. I will be taking Senior Judge status after that time and will sit as needed when assigned. My successor will be Mike Smith who will assume office on January 1, 2021. He is keeping my staff so if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Aaron, who will continue as his court coordinator, at the same contact information you have for her and our office.

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