

**RESOLUTION NO. 246-2024**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TAYLOR COUNTY, CITY OF ABILENE, AND BETTY HARDWICK CENTER REGARDING TWO (2) JAIL NAVIGATOR POSITIONS AND APPROVING FUNDS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY EXPENDED ON TWO (2) JAIL NAVIGATOR POSITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Taylor County, the City of Abilene, and Betty Hardwick Center wish to execute an Interlocal Agreement to address ongoing mental health needs in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, this City Council finds the Abilene Police Department has budgeted \$72,000 for inmate confinement in the approved FY 2024-2025 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Abilene Police Department will use said funds to jointly fund two (2) Jail Navigator positions that will be staffed at the Taylor County Adult Detention Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jail Navigator positions will work to decrease the incarceration of arrested persons who suffer mental illness, thus relating in reduced budgetary impacts for all parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Abilene Police Department will pay \$34,114.00 per year for creating and maintaining two (2) Jail Navigator positions, to be paid in monthly increments, beginning October 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council had previously appropriated expenses for creating and maintaining one (1) Jail Navigator position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Abilene Police Department has paid Betty Hardwick Center for the cost of creating and maintaining two (2) Jail Navigator positions from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

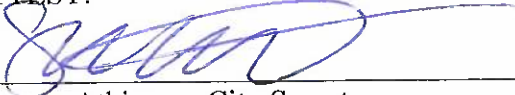
PART 1: The City Manager is authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement, which will be effective October 1, 2024, and ends on September 30, 2025, and shall automatically renew for additional periods of one (1) year until terminated by one of the parties.

PART 2: Betty Hardwick Center shall provide necessary training to and supervision of the Jail Navigators.

PART 3: The additional expended funds from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2024, for the two (2) Jail Navigator positions is approved.

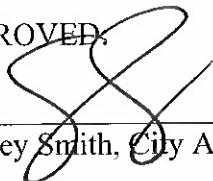
Adopted the 17th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:

  
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Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

  
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Weldon Hurt, Mayor

APPROVED:

  
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Stanley Smith, City Attorney

