AGREEMENT FOR LOBBYING SERVICES

Marion County Board of Supervisors, (hereinafter "Marion County BOS") hereby enters into an Agreement with Skinner & Paschke, PLLC (hereinafter "Firm") for lobbying services as described in this Agreement. Kelly Verwers Meyers shall serve as the primary lobbyist and contact. Lobbying services may be performed by any member of the Firm.

- 1. Services To Be Rendered. The Firm shall monitor legislative activity in the Iowa General Assembly and the activity of the executive offices and agencies of the State of Iowa for bills and amendments which affect or relate to Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Funds (RIIF), tax policies to help stimulate growth in rural counties such as Marion County and monitor mental health policy and funding. All pending and proposed legislation which may directly or indirectly have an impact on Marion County BOS, together with any and all reports or other information in regard thereto, shall be provided in a timely manner, as directed, to Marion County BOS. The Firm will meet with and/or report to Marion County BOS on a regular basis on activities of the General Assembly, the executive offices or agencies that are relevant to identified concerns and objectives.
- 2. <u>Term.</u> The term of this Agreement shall be from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
- 3. <u>Compensation</u>. Marion County BOS agrees to pay an annual fee of \$30,000 for lobbying services provided by the Firm. This fee shall be paid quarterly and invoices shall be sent December 31, 2020, March 31, 2021, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021.
- 4. Expenses. The Firm shall be responsible for all usual and ordinary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their services, including any travel, telephone, facsimile, postage, and duplicating costs. If the Firm determines that expenses are of an extraordinary or unusual nature and are necessary to adequately represent Marion County BOS as contemplated by this Agreement, the Firm shall request prior approval of any such expenditures and submit such documentation required by Marion County BOS for reimbursement.
- 5. <u>Independent Contractor</u>. The Firm's status on all matters pursuant to this Agreement shall be that of an "independent contractor", which term shall include all partners, shareholders, members, employees, representatives, subcontractors and experts affiliated with the Firm.

6. <u>Notices</u>. Any formal notices required herein shall be sent by regular mail to the addresses identified in this Agreement.

Client Contact Address City, State ZIP Phone Number EMAIL Skinner & Paschke, PLLC Kelly Verwers Meyers 1454 30th Street, Suite 102 West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 515-987-0022 kelly@splawiowa.com

- 7. <u>Confidentiality.</u> This Agreement does not require the Firm to provide legal services to Marion County BOS beyond the services identified but does create a confidential relationship between the Firm and Marion County BOS. The Firm shall not disclose such confidential information to any person or entity other than as expressly authorized by Marion County BOS.
- 8. <u>No Competing Representation.</u> The Firm shall not, without the prior written consent of Marion County BOS, represent any person or entity or lobby any matter before the Iowa General Assembly or the executive offices or administrative agencies of the State of Iowa which would be competitive or inconsistent with any position or policy Marion County BOS has taken or may expect to take, as solely determined by the Marion County BOS.
- 9. <u>Compliance With Laws.</u> The Firm will comply with all applicable lobbying laws and regulations and will provide to Marion County BOS, as requested, a copy of all lobbying disclosure reports which reflect lobbying activities and expenses related to Marion County BOS, and any other information necessary for Marion County BOS to comply with State lobbying laws and regulations.
- 10. <u>No Subcontracting.</u> All services requested by Marion County BOS for performance by the Firm pursuant to this Agreement shall not be subcontracted in whole or in part without the prior written consent of Marion County BOS.

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and interpreted under the laws of the State of Iowa.

SKINNER & PASCHKE, PLLC	MARION COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
By: Meyers - Lobbyist) By: Meyers - Lobbyist)	By:
7-28-20	7.28.20
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