IN THE UNITED STATES COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

TEXAS TRIBUNE, MANO AMIGA, and CALDWELL/HAYS EXAMINER, Plaintiffs,	§	
v.	§	
CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS, TREY HICKS, in his official capacity as Caldwell County Court at Law Judge and Caldwell County Magistrate,	§	Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-910
MATT KIELY, SHANNA CONLEY, ANITA DELEON, and YVETTE MIRELES, in their official capacities as Caldwell County Justices of the Peace and Caldwell County Magistrates, and	§	
MIKE LANE, in his official capacity as the Sheriff of Caldwell County, Defendants.	§	

JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND STAY

In accordance with the Docket Text Order dated January 12, 2026, Plaintiffs Texas Tribune, Mano Amiga and Caldwell/Hays Examiner and Defendants Caldwell County, Texas, the Honorable Trey Hicks, in his official capacity as Caldwell County Court at Law Judge and Caldwell County Magistrate, the Honorable Matty Kiely, the Honorable Shanna Conley, the Honorable Anita DeLeon, and the Honorable Yvette Mireles, in their official capacities as Caldwell County Justices of the Peace and Caldwell County Magistrates, and the Honorable Mike Lane, in his official capacity as the Sheriff of Caldwell County, (hereinafter "Parties") file this joint motion to extend the stay.

During the stay extension, the Parties have made progress towards a possible settlement, with several significant terms agreed. The Parties respectfully request that the Court permit the

Parties to conduct necessary discussions between undersigned counsel and their respective clients regarding a further key term of the proposed settlement.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Court permit them to continue settlement negotiations and file either dismissal papers or an agreed motion to extend the stay on or before March 13, 2026.

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