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Additional time is needed for the parties to complete discovery.

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Further, the Town Clerk for Cullen, Untracy Brittentine, and Mayor Terry Hoof have both resigned or intend to resign from their respective positions.

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Undersigned counsel conferred on July 24, 2026, with Ms. F. Pearlette Gipson ("Ms. Gipson"), counsel for Chief Rankin, who initially agreed to continue the trial pending available dates from this Honorable Court. However, upon undersigned counsel providing Ms. Gipson with the available trial dates of February 24 and 25, 2027—dates upon which undersigned counsel understands that the Court is available—Ms. Gipson's client objected to continuing the trial into another calendar year and ultimately withdrew consent to continue this matter for trial. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is email correspondence memorializing the agreement to continue the trial and then the sudden withdrawal of that agreement Monday, July 27, 2026.

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Accordingly, the Town of Cullen respectfully requests that the Court continue the trial of this matter to February 24 and 25, 2027. In the alternative, undersigned respectfully requests the Court to reset this matter for trial at a date of its choosing.

WHEREFORE, the Town of Cullen respectfully prays that this *Contested Motion to Continue Trial and Incorporated Memorandum in Support* be granted, and that this Honorable Court issue an order continuing the trial, currently set for August 5, 2026, until February 24 and 25, 2027, or alternatively, at another date of this Court's choosing.

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