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Honorable James W. (Bill) Gooden
Kendall County Judge
204 East San Antonio Street, Suite 1
Boerne, Texas 78006

OR94-689

Dear Judge Gooden:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, Government Code chapter 552. We assigned your request ID# 28593.

Kendall County (the "county") has received a request for a document listing the names and addresses of county citizens. Specifically, the requestor seeks "the names and addresses of the citizens of Kendall County which can be found upon a list entitled '911 Addresses.'" You seek to withhold the requested information pursuant to a confidentiality provision included in an agreement that the county, as part of the Alamo Area Council of Governments, entered into with the Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. A governmental body may not enter into an agreement to keep information confidential except where specifically authorized to do so by statute. *See, e.g.*, Open Records Decision Nos. 444, 437 (1986). You do not cite, nor are we aware of, any statute that permits the county to enter into an agreement to keep the names and addresses of its citizens confidential. Accordingly, we conclude that the county must promptly make the requested information in its entirety available to the requestor.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact this office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta R. DeHay".

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