

AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE WHITESBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the Whitesboro Independent School District (the *District*), located in Grayson and Cooke Counties, Texas (individually, the *County* and together, the *Counties*), hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the District shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amounts and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the *Election*); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract (individually, the *Election Contract* and together, the *Election Contracts*) with the elections administrators (individually, the *Administrator* and together, the *Administrators*) of each County to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements referenced in Proposition A may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single proposition as authorized by Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code (the *Code*) because these capital improvements will be used predominantly for teaching required curriculum and/or administrative purposes and are not the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1-6); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that it is in the public interest to call and hold the Election at the earliest possible date to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purposes hereinafter identified; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WHITESBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: The Election shall be held in the Whitesboro Independent School District on the 4th day of May, 2024 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following propositions to the qualified voters of the District:

PROPOSITION A

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the Whitesboro Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$100,000,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping school facilities (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities) and the purchase of new school buses, such

bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 30 years from their date of issuance) in accordance with law; any issue or series of such bonds to bear interest per annum at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable, or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, provided that such rate or rates of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of such bonds; and shall the Board of Trustees of the District be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?"

PROPOSITION B

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the Whitesboro Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$18,000,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping a multipurpose activity center, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 30 years from their date of issuance) in accordance with law; any issue or series of such bonds to bear interest per annum at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable, or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, provided that such rate or rates of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of such bonds; and shall the Board of Trustees of the District be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?"

SECTION 2: On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations designated by the Elections Administrators in accordance with the Election Contracts. The locations of such polling places on Election Day are set forth in **Exhibit A** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places designated by the Elections Administrators and to conform to the Election Contracts.

Grayson County participates in the Countywide Polling Place Program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code, meaning that any District voter registered in Grayson County can vote in the Election at any polling place identified in **Exhibit A** for Grayson County.

SECTION 3: Early voting shall be administered by each Elections Administrator. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the locations and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law on the dates and at the times set forth in **Exhibit B** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes. **Exhibit B** shall be modified to include additional or different early voting locations designated by the Elections Administrators and to conform to the Election Contracts.

SECTION 4: A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting and for election day voting. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that is equipped for disabled individuals. Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the Elections Administrators shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election.

SECTION 5: The Elections Administrators will appoint the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election.

An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of an Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by each of the Elections Administrators for their respective County. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District to serve as members of each such Early Voting Ballot Board.

The District shall utilize a Central Counting Station (individually, the *Station*, and together the *Stations*) as provided by Section 127.001, *et seq.*, as amended, Texas Election Code. The Administrators, or the designees thereof, are hereby appointed as the Manager of each respective Station who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Board authorizes the Administrators, or the designees thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judge, the Tabulation Supervisor, and the Programmer of their respective Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Administrators will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to their respective Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 6: The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid propositions which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

“THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE WHITESBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE PURCHASE OF BUSES AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.”

PROPOSITION B

“THE ISSUANCE OF \$18,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE WHITESBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A MULTIPURPOSE ACTIVITY CENTER AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.”

SECTION 7: All resident, qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to vote at the Election.

SECTION 8: Notice of election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. A substantial copy of this Order and the voter information, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) in three additional public places within the District's boundaries not later than 21 days prior to Election Day, (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting, and (iv) in a prominent location on the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day. A sample ballot shall be posted on the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 9: In accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, the District, as of the date of the adoption of this Order, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$3,655,218.00, which includes \$2,245,000 of I&S Debt; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such District debt obligations, through the respective maturities, totaled \$153,936.50, which includes \$77,094.50 of I&S Debt; and the District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.1950 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Based on the bond market conditions on the date of the Board's adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 5.00% (expressed as a net effective interest rate applicable to any such series of bonds). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 30 years from their date of issuance), and the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue. The foregoing estimated maximum net effective interest rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance; they do not serve as a cap on the per annum interest rate at which any series of bonds authorized at the Election may be sold, or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of the Election.

SECTION 10: The Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent, or the respective designee of either of such parties to make such modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 11: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 12: All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 13: This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 14: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 15: This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

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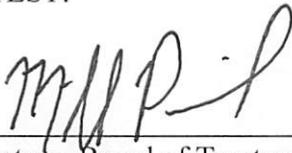
PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 12th day of February, 2024.

WHITESBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT



President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)



[Signature Page to Whitesboro Independent School District Bond Election Order]

Exhibit A

GRAYSON COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING INFORMATION

Election Day: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Presiding Judges and Alternates: to be appointed by the Administrator

Countywide Polling Place <i>Lugar de Votación del Condado</i>	Address <i>Dirección</i>	City and Zip <i>Ciudad y Código</i>
Bells City Hall - Council Chambers	203 S. Broadway	Bells 75414
Collinsville Community Center - main doors	117 N. Main	Collinsville 76233
Grayson County Sub-Courthouse - JP Courtroom	101 W. Woodard	Denison 75021
Parkside Baptist Church, South Entrance	301 N. Lillis Lane	Denison 75020
Mt. Olive Baptist Church - Gym	1131 S. Scullin	Denison 75020
Southside Baptist Church - main hall	3500 S. Park	Denison 75020
Grayson College-Baptist Student Ministry (BSM)	6101 Grayson Drive	Denison 75020
First Baptist Church-Educational Building - east doors	187 Gordonville Rd.	Gordonville 76245
First Baptist Church - Foyer	99 Gentle Creek Lane	Gunter 75058
Howe Community Center - main doors	700 W. Haning	Howe 75459
St. John the Apostle Episcopal Church - main doors	760 W. FM 120	Pottsboro 75076
Sadler Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall	419 S. Main	Sadler 76264
Election Administration Building - Main Location	115 W. Houston Street	Sherman 75090
Faith Church - west entrance	1800 N. FM 1417	Sherman 75092
Luella First Baptist Church, Main Entrance	3162 Hwy. 11	Sherman 75090
Texoma Council of Governments, Eisenhower Room	1117 Gallagher Dr.	Sherman 75090
United Way of Grayson County - Main Entrance	713 E. Brockett	Sherman 75090
Municipal Building - Ballroom	405 N. Rusk	Sherman 75090
Progressive Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall	1101 E. Houston	Sherman 75090
Tioga Fire Department Meeting Room	601 E. Main St.	Tioga 76271
Tom Bean First National Bank - Edwards Room	109 S. Britton	Tom Bean 75489
Grayson College South Campus, Room SB 113	1455 W. Van Alstyne Pkwy.	Van Alstyne 75495
Whitesboro City Hall - Council Chambers	111 W. Main	Whitesboro 76273
Whitewright Church of Christ - Fellowship Hall	606 S. Carter	Whitewright 75491

* Grayson County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the polling places identified above and on Grayson County's website at: <https://www.co.grayson.tx.us/page/elec.home>. Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the Grayson County elections website.

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COOKE COUNTY ELECTION DAY PRECINCT AND POLLING INFORMATION

Election Day: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Presiding Judges and Alternates: to be appointed by the Administrator

Voting Pct.	Election Day
1 -1C	Cooke County Courthouse Annex 112 South Dixon St. Gainesville, Texas 76240
2	First Christian Church 401 N. Dixon Street Gainesville, Texas 76240
3	Crossroads Baptist Church 2201 W. California St. Gainesville, Texas 76240
4-4C	Hillcrest Church of Christ 1712 E. O'Neal Street Gainesville, Texas 76240
6	Callisburg Community Club 92 McDaniel Street Whitesboro, Texas 76273
7	Tabernacle Baptist Church 305 CR 194 Gainesville, Texas 76240
8	Woodbine Baptist Church 245 CR 211 Gainesville, Texas 76240
10	Cross Timbers Church 6134 FM 922 Valley View, Texas 76272
11	Valley View Baptist Church 504 North Lee Valley View, Texas 76272
12	Era Community Center 102 Malone Street Era, Texas 76238
17	Muenster VFW 136 Ash Street Muenster, Texas 76252
18	First Baptist Church 121 North Pecan Street Muenster, Texas 76252
21	Conrad Hall 431 Ash Street Lindsay, Texas 76250
22	Lake Kiowa Lodge 905 West Kiowa Drive Lake Kiowa, Texas 76240

33	Moss Lake Fire Station 160 FM 1201 EXT Gainesville, Texas 76240
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Exhibit B

GRAYSON COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND HOURS

Early voting begins Monday, April 22, 2024 and ends on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site in their County of registration.

Days/Dates	Times
Monday, April 22, 2024 – Friday, April 26, 2024	
Saturday, April 27, 2024	
Sunday, April 28, 2024	
Monday, April 29, 2024 – Tuesday, April 30, 2024	

	Location <i>(Ubicación)</i>	Address <i>(Dirección)</i>	City <i>(Ciudad)</i>	Zip Code <i>(Código postal)</i>
1	Bells City Hall - Council Chambers	203 S. Broadway	Bells	75414
2	Collinsville ISO Admin. Building - Boardroom	503 Reeves Street	Collinsville	76233
3	Grayson County Sub-Courthouse - JP Courtroom	101 W. Woodard	Denison	75021
4	St. John the Apostle Episcopal Church - main doors	760 W. FM 120	Pottsboro	75076
5	Election Administration Building - Main Location	115 W. Houston Street	Sherman	75090
6	Grayson College South Campus, Room SB 113	1455 W. Van Alstyne Pkwy.	Van Alstyne	75495
8	Whitesboro City Hall - Council Chambers	111 W. Main	Whitesboro	76273

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Early Voting By Mail

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.

[Early Voting Clerk
Elections Administration Building
115 W. Houston
Sherman, Texas 75090
fax: (903) 891-4370
email: votegrayson@co.grayson.tx.us]

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Polling Place	Location
Cooke County Courthouse Annex	112 South Dixon St. Gainesville, TX 76240

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[County Clerk
101 S. Dixon St.
Gainesville, Texas 76240
fax: (940) 668-5522
email: pam.harrison@co.cooke.tx.us]

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