

## ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
SMITH COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court (the "*Court*") of Smith County, Texas (the "*County*") is authorized to call an election in order to submit to the voters of the County a proposition regarding the issuance of bonds for a new county courthouse and ancillary parking structure in the vicinity of the county-owner courthouse, and the purchase of land necessary therefor, all in accordance with Chapters 1301 and 1473, Texas Government Code, as amended and which is hereby found to be in best interest of the County and the County's residents; and

WHEREAS, after independent review by the Court, the Court deems it advisable to call a bond election for the proposition hereinafter stated; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order (this "*Order*") is being adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

**Section 1.** The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

**Section 2.** *Election Ordered; Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the County between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 8, 2022 ("*Election Day*"). The Election is to be conducted and administered by the County as provided by the Texas Election Code (the "*Code*"). Voting on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. The locations on Exhibit A are hereby designated at the voting locations. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Code.

**Section 3.** *Early Voting.* Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 24, 2022, and conclude on November 4, 2022 and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and which locations are hereby designated as the early voting locations. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the County at such voting place. Exhibit "A" shall be changed to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Code.

**Section 4.** *Election Officials.* The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Smith County Elections Administrator.

**Section 5.** *Voting by Mail.* Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the County shall submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed to the address below prior to the deadline prescribed by law:

Postal Mail and  
Commercial Carrier or  
Personal Delivery

Michelle Allcon  
Smith County Election Administrator  
302 E. Ferguson  
Tyler, Texas 75702

Telephone (903) 590-4774  
Fax (903) 590-4778  
Email sselections@smith-county.com

**Section 6.** *Early Voting Ballots.* An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election, and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Smith County Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

**Section 7.** *Qualified Voters.* All qualified electors of and residing in the County, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

**Section 8.** *Proposition.* At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

SMITH COUNTY  
SMITH COUNTY PROPOSITION A

Shall the Commissioners Court of Smith County, Texas be authorized to issue bonds of the County in one or more series in the principal amount not to exceed \$179,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, improving and equipping a new county courthouse, and ancillary parking structure near and in the vicinity of the courthouse, and the purchase of land necessary therefor, with such bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than twenty-five (25) years from their date; and any issue or series of bonds to bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, provided that such rate 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 the bonds; and shall the Commissioners Court of the County be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in said County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay bonds at maturity?

**Section 9. Ballots.** The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:



(j) The website for the County (as the authority conducting and administering the election) is <https://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections>.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Early Voting Locations Dates and Hours**

LOCATIONS (SITIO)

Heritage Building: 1900 Bellwood Road, Tyler, TX 75701  
Lindale Masonic Lodge: 200 W. Margaret Street, Lindale, TX 75771  
Main Location The HUB: 304 E. Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX 75702  
Noonday Community Center: 16662 CR 196, Tyler, TX 75703  
Whitehouse United Methodist Church: 405 W. Main Street, Whitehouse, TX 75791  
Winona Community Center: 520 Dallas Street, Winona, TX 75792

Dates and Hours (FECHA Y HORAS)

Monday - Friday, October 24-28 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 29 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 30 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Monday-Friday, October 31-November 4 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Election Day Voting Location and Hours**

November 8, 2022  
7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Arp First Baptist Church: 304 W. Front St., Arp, TX 75750  
Bell Elementary: 1409 E. Hankerson St., Tyler, TX 75701  
Bethel Bible Church: 17121 Hwy 69 S, Tyler, TX 75703  
Bullard Southern Baptist Church: 716 N. Houston St., Bullard, TX 75757  
Cameron J Jarvis Library: 102 S. Georgia St., Troup, TX 75789  
Chapel Hill Fire Department: 13801 CR 220, Tyler, TX 75707  
Clarkston Elementary: 2915 Williamsburg Dr., Tyler, TX 75701  
Crossbrand Cowboy Church: 11915 FM 2015, Tyler, TX 75708  
Dover Baptist Church: 21166 FM 1995, Tyler, TX 75704  
First Baptist Gresham: 16844 CR 165, Tyler, TX 75703  
First Christian Church: Christian Life Center: 4202 S Broadway Ave, Tyler, TX 75701  
Flint Baptist Church: 11131 FM 2868 W, Flint, TX 75762  
Glass Recreation Center: 501 W. 32nd St., Tyler, TX 75702  
Heritage Building: 1900 Bellwood Rd., Tyler, TX 75701  
Hideaway Members Svcs Building: 101 Hide-A-Way Ln, Hideaway, TX 75771  
Hill Creek Baptist Church: 14749 Hwy 110 S, Whitehouse, TX 75791  
**Main Location** The HUB, 304 E. Ferguson St., Tyler, TX 75702  
Jones-Boshears Elementary School: 3450 Chandler Hwy, Tyler, TX 75702  
Lanes Chapel UMC: Family Center: 8720 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703  
Lindale Masonic Lodge: 200 W. Margaret St., Lindale, TX 75771  
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church: 10519 FM 344 E, Whitehouse, TX 75791  
New Harmony Baptist Church: 10251 FM 724, Tyler, TX 75704  
Noonday Community Center: 16662 CR 196, Tyler, TX 75703  
Old Tyler Airport: 150 Airport Dr., Tyler, TX 75704  
Red Springs Fire Department: 16759 FM 14, Tyler, TX 75706

Shiloh Road Church of Christ: 1801 Shiloh Rd., Tyler, TX 75703  
 Smith County Juvenile Svcs: 2630 Morningside Dr., Tyler, TX 75708  
 St. Louis Baptist Church: 4000 Frankston Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701  
 St. Violet Baptist Church: 14129 FM 2767, Tyler, TX 75708  
 Starrville Church of the Living God: 18396 Hwy 271, Winona, TX 75792  
 T J Austin Elementary: 1105 W. Franklin St., Tyler, TX 75702  
 Three Lakes Middle: 2445 Three Lakes Pkwy., Tyler, TX 75703  
 Tyler Senior Center: 1915 Garden Valley Rd., Tyler, TX 75702  
 Victor Kay Gymnasium: 605 Wildcat Dr., Winona, TX 75792  
 Whitehouse UMC: 405 W. Main St., Whitehouse, TX 75791

**Voter Information Document – Smith County Special Election**  
**Proposition A**

The following information is prepared to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86<sup>th</sup> Leg., R.S. (2019) and is for illustration purposes only. The information is not a part of the proposition to be voted on and does not create a contract with the voters.

At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

SMITH COUNTY  
 SMITH COUNTY PROPOSITION A

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) THE ISSUANCE OF \$179,000,000 TAX BONDS FOR A NEW COUNTY  
 ) COURTHOUSE AND PARKING STRUCTURE AND LEVYING THE TAX  
 AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ) IN PAYMENT FOR SUCH BONDS.  
 )

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition A passes, and all outstanding obligations of the County secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal Amount of Bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for Bonds to be authorized <sup>(1)</sup>	Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the Bonds to be authorized <sup>(1)</sup>	Principal of County's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/22)	Remaining interest on County's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/22)	Combined Principal and Interest to timely pay County's Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/22)
\$179,000,000	\$124,669,934	\$303,669,934	\$38,125,000	\$4,455,300	\$42,580,300

<sup>(1)</sup> The interest on the proposed bonds was estimated at a rate of 4.42% based on market conditions as of August 9, 2022, and therefore, the interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the County with a

taxable appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds, if approved, is \$49.30. This estimate assumes average annual growth of County's taxable assessed valuation of 5% per year through Fiscal Year 2028, 3% per year in Fiscal Years 2029-30, and neutral growth thereafter. The County assumes that the proposed bonds will be issued in an amortization that will produce relatively overall consistent levels of debt service in each year while taking into account the County's existing debt amortization schedule.

SMITH COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION  
(ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL CONDADO DE SMITH)

November 8, 2022 (8 de noviembre de 2022)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETAS ELECTORALES OFICIALES)

Place an "x" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.  
(Coloque una "x" en el cuadro al lado de la declaración indicando en qué forma usted quiere votar.)

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FOR	_____	)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$179,000,000 TAX BONDS FOR A NEW COUNTY
		)	COURTHOUSE AND PARKING STRUCTURE AND LEVYING THE TAX
AGAINST	_____	)	IN PAYMENT FOR SUCH BONDS.
		)	

CONDADO DE SMITH  
PROPOSICIÓN A DEL CONDADO DE SMITH

A FAVOR	)	LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS CUBIERTOS POR IMPUESTOS POR EL
		IMPORTE DE \$179,000,000 PARA NUEVO JUZGADO DEL CONDADO
EN CONTRA	)	Y ESTRUCTURA DE ESTACIONAMIENTO Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DEL
		IMPUESTO PARA EL PAGO DE ESTOS.