

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION**

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS:

**AN ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID COUNTY, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Waller County, Texas hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said County in the amount and for the purpose hereinafter identified.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 7th day of November, 2017, in Waller County, Texas, which date is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the "Order") within and throughout the territory of the County at which all resident, qualified electors of the County shall be entitled to vote and is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of the adoption hereof. At such election, the following measures shall be submitted:

**PROPOSITION**

"SHALL the Commissioners Court of Waller County, Texas be authorized to issue bonds of said County in an amount not to exceed \$39,500,000 to pay for the construction and equipping of a new Waller County Law Enforcement Center, including a county jail facility, Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement facilities, courtrooms, and the acquisition of a site therefor and demolition of the existing facility, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date, to be issued and sold in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not exceed the maximum rate prescribed by law) as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?"

SECTION 2: An electronic voting system, as defined and described in Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be utilized for the Election and ballots shall be prepared in accordance

with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

FOR

"THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS NOT TO EXCEED \$39,500,000 TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW WALLER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, INCLUDING A COUNTY JAIL FACILITY, SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES, COURTROOMS, AND THE ACQUISITION OF A SITE THEREFOR AND DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING FACILITY"

AGAINST

SECTION 3: The presently existing boundaries and territory of the respective Waller County Election Precincts shall be utilized for this election. The polling places and officials duly designated by the County for each precinct as well as the duly designated Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Board, the Presiding Judge at the Central Counting Station, the Manager at the Central Counting Station and the Central Counting Station Tabulation Supervisor shall serve for the election.

On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The polling locations for election day are attached to this Order as "EXHIBIT A" and are incorporated by reference as if fully set out in the body of this Order.

SECTION 4: Early Voting. The Early Voting Clerk for all purposes shall be the County Elections Administrator, Christy A. Eason.

**Early Voting by Personal Appearance**

**[See Early Voting Locations as approved in Order Supplementing which is attached to this document.]**

**Early Voting By Mail**

Applications for a ballot for early voting by mail shall be mailed to:

Christy A. Eason, Elections Administrator  
816 Wilkins Street  
Hempstead, TX 77445

An original, signed, complete application for a ballot by mail can be emailed to [vote@wallercounty.us](mailto:vote@wallercounty.us).

The period to apply for a ballot by mail is January 1, 2017 through October 27, 2017. The application must be received by October 27, 2017 (mere postmarking by the deadline is insufficient).

For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the early voting clerk shall provide each voter with a ballot with instructions to mark the ballot indicating his or her vote(s) on the same ballots utilized for early voting by personal appearance at the Election.

SECTION 5: All resident qualified electors of the County shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the county election precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and Chapter 1251, Texas Government Code, and as may otherwise be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 6: The Custodian of Records appointed by the Commissioners Court shall be responsible for the preparation of notices, instructions, orders, ballots and other written material pertaining to the election and shall cause each such document to be translated into and furnished to voters in both the English language and the Spanish language in order to aid and assist voters speaking Spanish as a primary or an alternative language to properly participate in the election process. In addition, the Custodian is hereby authorized and directed to make available to the voters having the need of an individual capable of acting as a translator and speaking both English and Spanish languages who will assist Spanish speaking voters in understanding and participating in the election process.

SECTION 7: The Commissioners Court appoints Christy A. Eason, the Waller County Elections Administrator as the Custodian of Records (“Custodian”) to perform the duties related to the conduct and maintenance of records of the election as required under the Texas Election Code during the period beginning the third (3rd) day after the approval of this Order calling the Bond Election and ending not earlier than the fortieth (40th) day after the day of the Election. In particular, the Custodian accepts and maintains records regarding campaign expenditures that may be filed with the County.

The Custodian shall maintain an office open for election duties for at least three hours each day, during regular office hours, on regular business days during the period designated in this section. This office shall be located at Waller County Elections Office, 816 Wilkins Street, Hempstead, TX 77445.

The Custodian shall post notice of the location and hours of the Waller County Elections Office as required by the Texas Election Code. The Custodian shall maintain in the Elections Office the documents, records and other items relating to the election and shall be the person designated to receive documents on behalf of the County that are required by the Texas Election Code. Christy A. Eason shall also serve as Custodian for the sole purpose of preserving all voted ballots securely in a locked room in the locked ballot boxes for the period for preservation required by the Election Code.

SECTION 8: (a) A substantially complete copy of this Order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said County, the first of said publications to appear in said newspaper not more than thirty (30) days and not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the day of the election.

(b) Notice of the Election, containing a substantial copy of this Order, in both the English and Spanish languages, shall also be posted on the bulletin board used by the County to post notices of Commissioners Court meetings.

(c) A copy of this Order, in both the English and Spanish languages, shall be posted (i) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, (ii) at three (3) other public places within the District, (iii) at the County Courthouse; and (iv) on the County's website, prominently and together with the notice of the election and the contents of the proposition, no later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the Election.

SECTION 9: The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

(a) The Proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 1 hereof.

(b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

(c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$39,500,000.

(d) Taxes sufficient to pay the annual principal of and interest on the general obligation bonds may be imposed.

(e) The County intends to issue the bonds authorized by the Proposition over a period of years in a manner and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Commissioners Court based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the then current needs of the County, demographic changes, prevailing market conditions, assessed valuations in the County and management of the County's short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics and assessed valuations vary based upon a number of factors beyond the County's control, and therefore, the County cannot and does not guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the Proposition. As such, the information contained in this paragraph is provided solely for illustrative purposes and does not establish any limitations or restrictions or create a contract with the voters. The County currently estimates that, if the Proposition were approved and the bonds proposed herein were authorized and issued in accordance with the County's current estimated project plan of finance, the maximum interest rate of the bonds is not expected to exceed five percent (5.00%).

(f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially, over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date of issuance of each series of

bonds.

(g) The County, as of its fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 had outstanding and aggregate ad valorem tax-supported principal amount of debt equal to \$4,093,000.00.

(h) The aggregate amount of the interest owed on such County debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$401,827.30.

(i) The County levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$.0152 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the County voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of the Proposition, then the issuance and sale of the bonds shall be authorized in the maximum respective amount contained therein, and the general obligation bonds shall be issued and sold at the price or prices and in such denominations determined by the Commissioners Court to be in the County's best interests.

SECTION 10. Authority of the County Judge. The County Judge of the County shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions reasonable and necessary to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Court, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 11. Severability. 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 Court hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 12. Notice of Meeting. The Court officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the County's Courthouse for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the County in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

SECTION 13. Authorization to Execute. The County Judge is authorized to execute and the County Clerk is authorized to attest this Order on behalf of the Court; and the County Judge is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of August, 2017.

/s/ Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge  
Waller County, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Hollan  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Commissioners Court of  
Waller County, Texas

**EXHIBIT "A"**

November 7, 2017 Bond Election

Election Day Voting Locations

**[See Election Day Voting Locations as approved in Order Amending which is attached to this document.]**

**ORDER AMENDING AN ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID COUNTY, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION DATED AUGUST 21, 2017; TO AMEND TWO (2) ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES FOR BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2017 the Commissioners Court of Waller County, Texas (the “Court”) ordered a Special Bond Election to be held November 7, 2017 the (“Election”); and

**WHEREAS**, under Chapter 43 of the Texas Election Code the Board has the authority to designate the election day polling locations; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary for the Court to amend said election day polling locations for the Election.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:**

Section 1. Election Day Polling Places. The Court hereby amends the election day polling places for the Election as reflected in Exhibit “A” to this Order, which is incorporated by reference as if fully set out in the body of this Order. This Supplemental Order and Exhibit “A” supersede any prior list of election day polling places for the Election.

Section 2. Authority of the County Judge. The County Judge of the County shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions reasonable and necessary to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Court, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. Severability. 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 Court hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 4. Notice of Meeting. The Court officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the County's Courthouse for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the County in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.



Section 5.     Authorization to Execute. The County Judge is authorized to execute and the County Clerk is authorized to attest this Order on behalf of the Court and the County Judge is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 6.     Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of September, 2017.

/s/ Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge, Waller County, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Hollan  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Commissioners Court of  
Waller County, Texas

EXHIBIT “A”

**Waller County  
November 7, 2017**

Election Day Polling Places

On Election Day, voters are required to vote in the voting precinct in which they are registered.

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Entity</u>
101	St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church	811 14 <sup>th</sup> St., Hempstead	County only
102	Waller County Annex	775 Bus. 290 East, Hempstead	County only
103	Hempstead High School Library	801 Donoho St., Hempstead	County only
104	Waller County Fairgrounds	21988 FM 359, Hempstead	County only
105	Rolling Hills Vol. Fire Dept.	31601 FM 1736, Hempstead	County only
206	Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2	27388 Fieldstore Rd., Waller	County only
207	Turlington Elementary	23400 Hegar Rd., Hockley	County only
208	Waller ISD Admin Bldg.	2214 Waller St., Waller	County + City of Waller
309	Memorial Student Center, Prairie View A & M University	155 L.W. Minor Street, Prairie View	County only
310	Prairie View City Hall	44500 Bus. Hwy. 290 East, Prairie View	County only
311	Monaville County Building JP3	12620 FM 1887, Hempstead	County only
312	Monaville Fire Department	13631 Cochran Rd., Waller	County only
313	Adam’s Flat Building	36249 FM 529, Brookshire	County only
414	Mt. Zion Methodist Church	4998 Mt. Zion Road, Brookshire	County only
415	Pattison VFD	2950 FM 359 North, Pattison	County only
416	Brookshire Convention Center	4027 5 <sup>th</sup> St., Brookshire	County + City of Brookshire
417	Waller Co. Library	3815 6 <sup>th</sup> St., Brookshire	County + City of Brookshire
418	Igloo	777 Igloo Rd., Katy	County + Katy ISD
419/420	Katy Cane Island Event Center	2100 Cane Island Pkwy., Katy	County + Katy ISD

**ORDER SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID COUNTY, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION DATED AUGUST 21, 2017; TO SUPPLEMENT ONE (1) EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE FOR BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2017 the Commissioners Court of Waller County, Texas (the “Court”) ordered a Special Bond Election to be held November 7, 2017 the (“Election”); and

WHEREAS, under Chapter 85 of the Texas Election Code the Court has the authority to designate the early voting polling locations; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Court to supplement said early voting polling locations for the Election by adding one (1) additional early voting location for the Election.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:**

Section 1. Early Voting Polling Places. The Court hereby supplements the early voting polling places for the Election as reflected in Exhibit “A” to this Order, which is incorporated by reference as if fully set out in the body of this Order. This Supplemental Order and Exhibit “A” supersede any prior list of early voting polling places for the Election.

Section 2. Authority of the County Judge. The County Judge of the County shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all actions reasonable and necessary to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Court, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. Severability. 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 Court hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 4. Notice of Meeting. The Court officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the County's Courthouse for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the County in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the

subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

Section 5.     Authorization to Execute. The County Judge is authorized to execute and the County Clerk is authorized to attest this Order on behalf of the Court and the County Judge is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 6.     Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of October, 2017.

/s/ Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III  
County Judge, Waller County, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Hollan  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Commissioners Court of  
Waller County, Texas

EXHIBIT “A”

**Waller County**

Early Voting Polling Places for November 7, 2017

<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Dates and Hours</u>
<b><u>Main Early Voting Polling Place</u></b> – Waller County Courthouse	836 Austin St. Hempstead, TX	Monday through Friday, October 23, 2017 through October 27, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, October 30, 2017 through November 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 2, 2017 through November 3, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Temporary Branch Early Voting Places**

Waller ISD Administration Building	2214 Waller St. Waller, TX	Monday through Friday, October 23, 2017 through October 27, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, October 30, 2017 through November 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 2, 2017 through November 3, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Waller Co. Library Brookshire Branch	3815 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Brookshire, TX	Monday through Friday, October 23, 2017 through October 27, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, October 30, 2017 through November 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 2, 2017 through November 3, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Waller County Community Center	21274 FM 1098 Prairie View, TX 77446	Monday through Friday, October 23, 2017 through October 27, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, October 30, 2017 through November 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 2, 2017 through November 3, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.