CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CLERK

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
FREESTONE COUNTY §

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES that:

On August 12, 2026 the Commissioners Court (the *Court*) of Freestone County, Texas (the *County*) convened in a Special session at its usual meeting place in the County (the *Meeting*). The duly constituted members of the Court are:

Lloyd L. Lane	County Judge
Andy Bonner	Commissioner, Precinct 1
Will McSwane	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Richard McGowan	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Clyde ridge Jr.	Commissioner, Precinct 4

All were present except: _____, thus constituting a quorum. Among other business considered at the Meeting, the attached order (the *Order*) entitled:

AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

was introduced for the Court's consideration. After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner McGowan that the Order be passed and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote as shown in the official Minutes of the Court:

4 voted "For" _____voted "Against" _____ abstained

The attached Order is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the official records of the County. Each member of the Court was given actual notice of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting and had actual notice that the Order would be considered. The Meeting and deliberation of the aforesaid public business was open to the public, and written notice of the Meeting, including the subject of the Order, was posted in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SIGNED AND SEALED ON August 12, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS COURT FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

(SEAL OF COMMISSIONERS COURT)

Renee Gregory
Renee Gregory
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners Court of Freestone County, Texas

FILED FOR RECORD
At 9 ,o'clock A M

AUG 12 2026

RENEE GREGORY
Clerk, County Court, Freestone County, Texas
By Renee Gregory

PASSED AND APPROVED, on August 12, 2026.

FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

Lloyd L. Lane
County Judge

ATTEST:

Renee Gregory
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ORDER NO. CC-BE001

AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court (the *Court*) of FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS (the *County*) hereby finds that a special election (the *Election*) should be held to determine whether the County will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount and for the purposes identified in this order (the *Order*); and

WHEREAS, the County, through its Election Official, will conduct the Election according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*), and other applicable state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds that the actions described above are in the best interests of the County's residents; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Election Ordered; Purpose; Amount. The Election shall be held in FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS on November 3, 2026 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Code and not less than 78 days nor more than 90 days from the date of the adoption of this Order, for the purpose of submitting the following legal question to the eligible voters of the County:

FREESTONE COUNTY MEASURE A

Should the Commissioners Court of Freestone County, Texas, be authorized to issue and sell bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed $49,980,000, for the public purpose of constructing, rehabilitating, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, expanding, enlarging, and equipping the County's justice center, which will include the jail, the sheriff's office, courtrooms, and other related infrastructure, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold as permitted by law, and should the Commissioners Court be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the County sufficient, within the limits provided by law, to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?

SECTION 2. Method of Voting; Ballots. The Court authorizes voting electronically, by paper, or any combination thereof. Voters will vote on the official ballots by marking "FOR" or "AGAINST" the measure above with the following ballot language:

FREESTONE COUNTY PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A TAX INCREASE; the issuance of bonds in an amount of $49,980,000 for the County's justice center and jail, and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

SECTION 3. Polling Details.

A. One or more County election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Court action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Court action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election. Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on October 23, 2026. Applications should be sent to the Early Voting Clerk named below. 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.

SECTION 4. Election Officials.

A. The Election Official will appoint poll workers in compliance with legal requirements, including access to Spanish translators and any other applicable languages.

B. The Early Voting Clerk is the Administrator, Renee McBay—mailing address: P.O. Box 1150 Fairfield, Texas 75840; physical address: 444 E. Main St. Fairfield, Texas 75840; phone: (903) 389-0469; fax: (903) 389-3839; email: election.administrator@co.freestone.tx.us, and website: https://www.co.freestone.tx.us/page/freestone.elections. The Early Voting Clerk will appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks.

C. The Election Official is authorized to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board and to designate the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board and, if needed, the members of Signature Verification Committee.

D. The Election Official is authorized to use a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) if needed. The Election Official or the Election Official's designee is appointed as the Manager of the Station with the authority to appoint the Tabulation Supervisor, the Programmer, and any Clerks.

SECTION 5. Legal Compliance. The Election and notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials relating to the Election will be printed in English, Spanish, and any other required language.

SECTION6. Debt Obligations. The following information is calculated based on bond market conditions as of the date of the adoption of this Order; is further explained in one or more voter information documents attached to this Order as exhibits; and is not intended to serve as a cap or other restriction should the bonds be authorized at the Election.

A. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the County's debt totaled $0 (including maintenance tax debt, if any).

B. The aggregate amount of the interest owed on the County's debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled $0.

C. The County levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of $0 per $100 of taxable assessed valuation.

D. The maturity date of the proposed bonds will not exceed the maximum number of years authorized by law.

E. The maximum maturity of the bonds that are the subject of this Election will not exceed the maximum number of years authorized by Texas law.

SECTION 7. Modifications. The Court acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibits to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the Court therefore authorizes the County Judge, the Election Official, or their designees to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to the extent permitted by applicable law. Additionally, the Court authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the intent of the Court as evidenced in this Order.

SECTION 8. Findings. The recitals contained in this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 9. Conflicts. 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 will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 10. Controlling Law. This Order will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 11. Open Meetings. It is found 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.

SECTION 12. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, on August 12, 2026.

FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

Lloyd L. Lane
County Judge

ATTEST:

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