

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the County of Medina, Texas on May 1, 2021, concerning the issuance of bonds, all in accordance with an order that reads substantially as follows:

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

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court (the *Court*) of MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS (the *County*) hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the County shall be authorized to issue bonds of the County in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the *Election*); and

WHEREAS, through its Elections Administrator (the *Administrator*), the County 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 and determines that the necessity to construct various capital improvements within the County dictates 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; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the County; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The Election shall be held in MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS on May 1, 2021 (*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 (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the County:

MEASURE A

“Shall the Commissioners Court of Medina County, Texas be authorized to issue and sell one or more series of general obligation bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$10,000,000 for the purpose of

designing, acquiring, constructing, purchasing, and equipping a multipurpose facility to be used as a coliseum, auditorium, and exhibit building, purchasing land and other real property interests necessary therefor or incidental thereto, and completing related landscaping, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with law; and any issue or series of said bonds to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) 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 said 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 the County sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?"

SECTION 2. One or more County election precincts are hereby established for the purpose of holding the Election, and one or more polling places are hereby designated for holding the Election in the County election precincts as identified in Exhibit A to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). At least 79 days prior to Election Day, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the County will appoint Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election, together with any other necessary changes to election practices and procedures and can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Order based upon the final locations and times.

A. To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations must include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

B. On Election Day, the polls shall be open as designated on Exhibit A.

The County participates in the Countywide Polling Place Program under Section 43.007 of the Code, meaning that any County voter can vote in the Election at any polling place identified in Exhibit A.

C. The main early voting location is designated in Exhibit B to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). The individual named as the Early Voting Clerk as designated in Exhibit B is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct such early voting in the Election. The Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks. This main early voting location shall remain open to permit early voting on the days and at the times as stated in Exhibit B. Early voting shall commence as provided on Exhibit B and continue through the date set forth on Exhibit B, all as provided by the Code.

Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained according to the Code. In the event such permanent and/or temporary branch locations are established, information regarding the locations, dates, and hours of operation for early voting at these offices will be identified in Exhibit B hereto.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the County to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 3. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). Pursuant to Section 61.012 of the Code, the County shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with state and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Any legally permissible voting method may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail.

SECTION 4. The County is authorized to utilize a Central Counting Station (the Station) as provided by Section 127.001, *et seq.*, of the Code. The Administrator, or the designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager of the Station, who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station according to the Code. The Court hereby authorizes the Administrator, or the designee thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judge of the Station, the Tabulation Supervisor, and the Programmer for the Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Administrator will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station according to the Code.

SECTION 5. The official ballot shall be prepared according to the Code so as to permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

“THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 OF MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR A MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.”

SECTION 6. All resident, qualified voters of the County shall be permitted to vote at the Election, and, on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling places. The Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Texas Election and Government Codes, as amended, and as may be required by law. To the extent required by law, all Election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 7. Notice of election, 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 the County, the first of these publications to appear in such newspaper not more than 30 days,

and not less than 14 days, prior to Election Day. Moreover, a substantial copy of this Ordinance and the voter information attached as Exhibit C, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (a) not less than 21 days prior to Election Day (1) on the bulletin board at the County Courthouse used for posting notices of Council meetings, (2) in three additional public places within the County's boundaries, (3) in a prominent location on the County's internet website, and (b) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting. A sample ballot shall be posted on the County's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 8. As required by and in accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Code, the County, as of the date of this order, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$29,375,000; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such County debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$8,590,052; and the County levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.0616 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 3% (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 40 years from their date), as prescribed by applicable Texas law, though the County 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 this Election.

SECTION 9. The Court authorizes the County Judge, the Administrator, or the respective designee of either, to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election service contracts, and/or similar contracts or agreements with any other political subdivisions with territory within the County who are also conducting elections on Election Day according to the Code, as determined to be necessary or desirable. In addition, the Court authorizes the County Judge, the Administrator, or the respective designee of either, to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Court as evidenced herein.

SECTION 10. 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 Court.

SECTION 11. 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 12. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 13. 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 14. 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 15. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after the date of its adoption, and it is so ordered.

YOU WILL, THEREFORE, take notice of all the matters and facts set out in the foregoing Notice of Election.

//s// Chris Schuchart, County Judge

Exhibit A
(Anexo A)

ELECTION DAY SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021
(DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN SÁBADO 1 DE MAYO DE 2021)

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.*
(Lugares de votación del Día de la Elección abiertos de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.)*

Hondo Public Library
(Biblioteca Pública Hondo)
2003 Ave. K, Hondo, Texas 78861

South Texas Regional Training Center
(Centro de Entrenamiento Regional de Sur de Texas)
402 Carter, Hondo, Texas 78861

D'Hanis Community Center
(Centro Comunitario D'Hanis)
191 CR 526, D'Hanis, Texas 78850

First Baptist Church-Natalia
(Primera Iglesia Baptista-Natalia)
301 Pearson Natalia, Texas 78059

Medina County Pct. 2 Annex Bldg.
(Edificio del Condado de Medina Pct. 2)
8366 FM 471 S Castroville, Texas 78009

Dr. George S. Woods Community Center
(Centro Comunitario Dr. George S. Woods)
200 E. Hondo, Devine, Texas 78016

Mico Volunteer Fire Department
(Departamento de Bomberos Voluntarios)
7121 CR 271, Mico, Texas 78056

*Medina 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 Vote Centers identified above.

*(*Condado de Medina participa en el programa de Lugar de Votación del Condado bajo la Sección 43.007, según enmendada, el Código Electoral de Texas. Los votantes registrados podrán emitir sus boletas el día de las elecciones en cualquiera de los centros de votación identificados arriba .)*

Presiding Judges and Alternates: to be determined by the Administrator.
(Jueces Presidentes y Suplentes: a determinar por el Administrador)

Exhibit B
(Anexo B)

EARLY VOTING
(VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site.
(Los votantes con derecho a votar una boleta temprana por comparecencia personal pueden hacerlo en cualquier sitio de votación temprana).

Medina County Elections Office – main location
(Oficina De Elecciones del Condado de Medina – ubicación principal)
1202 14th St. Hondo, Texas 78861

Medina County Pct. 2 Annex Bldg.
(Condado de Medina Pct.)
8366 FM 471 S Castroville, Texas 78009

Dr. George S. Woods Community Center
(Centro Comunitario Dr. George S.)
200 E. Hondo, Devine, Texas 78016

April 19, 20, 22, 23 & 26, 2021 <i>(19, 20, 22, 23 & 26 de abril de 2021)</i>	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
April 24, 2021 <i>(24 de abril de 2021)</i>	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
April 21 & 27, 2021 <i>(21 & 27 de abril de 2021)</i>	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be determined by the Administrator.
(Juez Presidente del Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada: a determinar por el Administrador)

Early Voting By Mail *(Votación Anticipada por Correo)*

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 pm) on April 20, 2021. Applications should be sent to:
(Las solicitudes de votación por correo deben ser recibidas a más tardar al cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del 20 de abril de 2021. Se deben enviar las solicitudes a:)

Lupe Torres, 1202 14th Street, Hondo, Texas 78861
fax *(fax)*: (830) 741-6007, email *(correo electrónico)*: elections@medinacountytexas.org

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.
(Si se envía por fax o correo electrónico una solicitud de boleta por correo (o si se envía por fax una solicitud postal federal), el solicitante también debe enviar la solicitud original para que el secretario de votación anticipada reciba el original a más tardar cuatro días después de recibir la copia enviada por correo electrónico o por fax.)

Exhibit C (Anexo C)

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT (DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN PARA EL VOTANTE)

County of Medina, Texas Proposition A:
(Propuesta A del Condado de Medina, Texas:)

<input type="checkbox"/> FOR (a favor) <input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST (en contra)	“THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 OF MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR A MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.”	“LA EMISIÓN QUE NO EXCEDERÁ DE \$10,000,000 DE BONOS DE OBLIGACIÓN GENERAL DEL CONDADO DE MEDINA, TEXAS PARA UNA INSTALACIÓN DE USOS MÚLTIPLES, Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO PARA EL PAGO DE LO ANTERIOR.”
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principal of debt obligations to be authorized (<i>capital de obligaciones de deuda que se autorizará</i>)	\$10,000,000
estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 3% (<i>interés estimado para las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán asumiendo una tasa de interés del 3</i>)	\$3,444,150
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 20 years (<i>capital e intereses juntos estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán amortizar durante 20 años</i>)	\$13,444,150
as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations (<i>a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes</i>)	\$29,375,000
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations (<i>a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el interés estimado de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes</i>)	\$8,590,052
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over 20 years (<i>capital e intereses juntos estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda pendientes amortizadas durante 20 años</i>)	\$37,965,052
estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved (<i>aumento anual máximo estimado de la cantidad de impuestos en una residencia principal con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para pagar las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán, si se aprueba</i>)	\$10

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