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.

SECTION 6. 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 interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 5.00% (expressed as a net effective interest rate).

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.

PASSED AND APPROVED, on August 12, 2026.

FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

Lloyd L. Lane
County Judge

ATTEST:

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

(SEAL OF COMMISSIONERS COURT)

FILED FOR RECORD
At 9 o'clock A M
AUG 12 2026
RENEE GREGORY
Clerk County Court, Freestone County, Texas
By

Exhibit A *(Anexo A)*

Polling sites subject to change. *(Sitios de votación sujetos a cambios.)*

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.).

Fairfield Civic Center [Green Barn] (*Centro Civico de Fairfield [Granero Verde]);*
839 E Commerce, Fairfield, Texas 75840 [main location *(ubicación principal)*]

October 19-23, 2026	*(19-23 de octubre de 2026)*	8:00 am-5:00 pm
October 26-30, 2026	*(26-30 de octubre de 2026)*	7:00 am-7:00 pm

Teague Civic Center, 515 Main St, Teague, Texas 75860

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ELECTION DAY *(DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN)*

November 3, 2026 *(3 de noviembre de 2026)*: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

On Election Day, voters must vote in the county precinct where they are registered to vote. *(El día de las elecciones, los votantes deben votar en el precinto del condado donde están registrados para votar.)*

Precinct *(Precinto)*	Polling Place *(Lugar de la votación)*
Fairfield #1	Fairfield Civic Center(Green Barn) 893 E. Commerce, Fairfield, Texas 75840
Fairfield #2	Fairfield #1 Church, 1321 S. Fairway, Fairfield, Texas 75840
Donie #3	Donie Community Center, 215 Main Street, Donie, Texas 75838
Cotton Gin #4	Cotton Gin Voting Building, 795 FM 1366, Teague, Texas 75860
Teague #5	Teague Civic Center, 515 Main St., Teague, Texas 75860
Kirvin #6	Caney Baptist Church, 438 FM 833, Streetman, Texas 75859
Wortham #7	Wortham City Hall, 108 W. Main Ave, Wortham, Texas 76693
St. Elmo #8	St. Elmo Southern Oaks Clubhouse, 111 Southern Oaks Dr., Streetman, Texas 75859
Teague #9	Teague Church Of Christ, 1001 8th Ave., Teague, Texas 75860
Freestone #10	Freestone Community Center 739 Fm 80 South, Freestone, Texas
Butler #11	Butler Community Center, 1684 Fm 489,Fairfield, Texas 75840
Dew #13	Corinth Baptist Church (Dew Area), 121 Fm 489 W., Teague, Texas 75860
Streetman #15	Streetman City Hall, 204 Main Street, Streetman, Texas 75859

Exhibit B *(Anexo B)*

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT *(DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN PARA EL VOTANTE)*

Freestone County, Texas Proposition A: *(Propuesta A del Condado de Freestone, Texas:)*

□ For *(a favor)* □ Against *(en contra)*	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.	ESTE ES UN AUMENTO DE IMPUESTO; la emisión de bonos por un monto de $49,980,000 para el centro de justicia y la cárcel del Condado y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos.

principal of debt obligations to be authorized *(capital de obligaciones de deuda que se autorizará)*	$49,980,000
estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 5% *(interés estimado para las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán asumiendo una tasa de interés del5%)*	$48,021,250
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 30 years *(capital e intereses consolidados estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán amortizar durante 30 años)*	$98,001,250
as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations *(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes)*	$0
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations *(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el interés estimado de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes)*	$0
as of the date the election was ordered, the ad valorem debt service tax rate per $100 of taxable assessed valuation *(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, la tasa impositiva ad valorem de servicio de la deuda por cada $100 de valuación tasada gravable)*	$0.3335
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over 30 years *(capital e intereses consolidados estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda pendientes amortizadas durante 30 años)*	$98,001,250
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 *(aumento anual máximo estimado de la cantidad de impuestos sobre una residencia principal con un valor estimado de $100,000 para saldar las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán, si se aprueba).* This figure assumes application of a homestead exemption of one percent with a minimum of $5,000 *(Esta cifra supone la aplicación de una exención por vivienda principal del uno por ciento, con un mínimo de 5.000 dólares:).* As noted above, this figure makes conservative assumptions about the amortization period of the debt obligations and the estimated interest rate. *(Como se señaló anteriormente, esta cifra hace suposiciones conservadoras sobre el período de amortización de las obligaciones de deuda y la tasa de interés estimada.)* Estimated future appraised values in the County are assumed to increase by 3% each year for the next 5 years and then remain unchanged thereafter. *(Se asume que los valores tasados futuros estimados en el Condado aumentarán un 3% cada año durante los próximos 5 años y permanecerán sin cambios a partir de entonces.)*	$76.04