NOTICE OF ELECTION

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COUNTY OF MCLENNAN §

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TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF

MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS

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TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the County of McLennan Texas on November 5, 2019, CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $14,545,000 FOR ZOO FACILITIES AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF, ALL in obedience to an order duly entered by the Commissioners Court of McLennan County, Texas on August 13, 2019, which order reads substantially as follows:

This Notice is Being Posted
at Waco City Hall on the
25th Day of September, 2019
at 11:00 AM/ PM

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

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court (the *Court*) of McLENNAN 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, the Court hereby finds and determines that the necessity to construct various capital improvements within the County necessitates 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 McLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The Election shall be held in the COUNTY OF McLENNAN, TEXAS on the 5th day of November 2019 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is not more than 90 nor fewer than 78 days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the qualified voters of the County:

McLENNAN COUNTY PROPOSITION A

"Shall the Commissioners Court of McLennan County, Texas be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the County in the principal amount of $14,545,000 for the purpose of making permanent public improvements or other public purposes, to wit: designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping zoo facilities (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities), with priority given to an education and veterinary complex, penguin exhibit, hoof stock barn, and commissary remodel, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with the law; and any issue or series of such 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, within the limitations prescribed by law, on 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. 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 the scheduled Election Day, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the County will appoint the Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for this Election, together with any other necessary changes to election precincts and procedures and can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Order based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by the County.

A. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two qualified voters of the County to act as clerks in order to properly conduct the Election. To the extent required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, or other applicable law, the appointment of these clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on Election Day. If the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge of the election precinct.

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, as amended, Texas Election 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 office or place 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 provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended.

Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained in accordance with the Texas Election 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 shall be determined by the County's Elections Administrator (the *Administrator*), as 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, as amended, Texas Election 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 Texas 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 shall also utilize a Central Counting Station (the Station) as provided by Section 127.001, et seq., as amended, Texas Election Code. The Administrator, or the designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager and Presiding Judge of the Station and may appoint Station clerks and establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Court hereby appoints the Administrator, or the designee thereof, as the Tabulation Supervisor and the Administrator, or the designee thereof, as the Programmer for the Station. Lastly, the Administrator will publish notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5. The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition(s) which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

"THE ISSUANCE OF $14,545,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY McLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS FOR ZOO FACILITIES 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 provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Government Code, 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 Order, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) at the County Courthouse not less than 21 days prior to Election Day; (ii) at three additional public places within the City not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and

during early voting, and (iv) in a prominent location on the County's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day. A sample ballot, if available, will be posted on the District'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 Texas Election Code, the County, as of its fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to $23,250,000; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such County debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled $632,510; and the County levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of $ 0.0243 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 4.00% (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 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, or the designee thereof, to negotiate and enter into a joint election agreement or agreements with any other political subdivisions with territory within the County who are also conducting elections on Election Day in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, as determined to be necessary or desirable, and 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 is 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// Andy Harwell, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of McLennan County, Texas

Exhibit A

ELECTION DAY

Election Day: November 5, 2019.
Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Presiding Judge(s) and Alternate(s): to be named by the Administrator.

McLennan 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 below:

Axtell School Athletic Meeting Room, 312 W. Seley, Axtell
Bellmead Civic Center, 3900 Parrish Street, Waco
Bruceville-Eddy ISD Special Events Center, 1 Eagle Drive, Eddy
Carver Park Baptist Church, 1020 E. Herring Avenue, Waco
Cesar Chavez Middle School, 700 S. 15th Street, Waco
Chalk Bluff Baptist Church, 5993 Gholson Road, Waco
China Spring ISD Administration Bldg., 12166 Yankie Road, China Spring
Crawford High School, 200 Pirate Drive, Crawford
Dewey Community Center, 925 N. 9th Street, Waco
Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 1624 Wooded Acres Drive, Waco
Fellowship Bible Church, 5200 Speegleville Road, McGregor
First Assembly of God Church, 6701 Bosque Boulevard, Waco
Heart of Texas Council of Governments, 1514 S. New Road, Waco
Hewitt First Baptist Church, 301 S. 1st Street, Hewitt
Hewitt Public Safety Facility, 100 Patriot Court, Hewitt
H. G. Isbill Junior High, 305 S. Van Buren Street, McGregor
Lacy Lakeview Civic Center, 505 E. Craven Avenue, Waco
Lake Shore United Methodist Church, 3311 Park Lake Drive, Waco
Lorena First Baptist Church, 307 E. Center Street, Lorena
Mart Community Center, 804 E. Bowie Avenue, Mart
MCC Conference Center, 4601 N. 19th Street, Waco
Moody First United Methodist Church, 500 6th Street, Moody
Riesel Junior High/High School, 600 E. Frederick Street, Riesel
Robinson Community Center, 106 W. Lyndale Avenue, Robinson
South Waco Library, 2737 S. 18th Street, Waco
Speegleville Baptist Church, 469 Speegle Road, Waco
Tennyson Middle School, 6100 Tennyson Drive, Waco
University High School, 3201 S. New Road, Waco
Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue, Waco
Waco Multi-Purpose Community Center, 1020 Elm Street, Waco
West Community Center, 200 Tokio Road, West
Woodway City Hall, 922 Estates Drive, Woodway
Woodway First Baptist Church, 13000 Woodway Drive, Woodway

Exhibit B

EARLY VOTING

Early voting starts Monday, October 21, 2019 and ends on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Early Voting Clerk: Kathy E. Van Wolfe, 214 North 4th Street, Suite 300, Waco, Texas 76701.
Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be named by the Administrator.

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site.

McLennan County Elections Administration Office (main location)
Records Building Basement
214 North 4th Street, Suite 300, Waco, Texas 76701

Robinson Community Center
106 W. Lyndale, Robinson, Texas 76706

Waco Multi-Purpose Community Center
1020 Elm St., Waco, Texas 76704

First Assembly of God Church
6701 Bosque Blvd., Waco, Texas 76710

Hewitt Public Safety Facility
100 Patriot Court, Hewitt, Texas 76643

Monday, October 21, 2019 through Friday, October 25, 2019	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 28, 2019 through Wednesday, October 30, 2019	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 31, 2019 through Friday, November 1, 2019	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting By Mail

Applications for voting by mail should be mailed to be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 25, 2019. Applications should be sent to:

Kathy E. Van Wolfe
McLennan County Elections Administrator
P.O. Box 2450
Waco, Texas 76703-2450
fax: (254) 757-5041
email: ballotbymail@co.mclennan.tx.us

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.