

ORDER

AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023 WITHIN THE COUNTY, MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court (the “Court”) of Collin County, Texas (the “County”) hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold a bond election in the County for the purpose of submitting certain propositions pertaining to the issuance of bonds for the purposes hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds and determines that said election shall be held on a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended, as required by Texas law; and

WHEREAS, the Court finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; therefore,

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

Section 1. **Findings.** The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. **Election Ordered; Date; Proposition.** An election (the “Election”) shall be held in and throughout the County on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 (“Election Day”), a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code, as amended (the “Code”). At the Election the following propositions (each individually a “Proposition” and collectively, the “Propositions”) shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the County in accordance with law:

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION A

“Shall the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas be authorized to issue the bonds of said County, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$275,225,000 for the purpose of designing, developing, constructing, renovating, improving, expanding, and equipping court facilities and juvenile and adult detention facilities, including juvenile probation facilities; said bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially over a period of not to exceed twenty (20) years

from their date, and to be sold at such price or prices and bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court at the time of issuance; and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds by levying and collecting annual ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the County in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds when due and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay said bonds as they become due?”

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION B

“Shall the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the County, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,700,000 for the purpose of designing, developing, constructing, renovating, improving, expanding, and equipping the existing Collin County animal shelter; said bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially over a period of not to exceed twenty years (20) years from their date, and to be sold at such price or prices and bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court at the time of issuance; and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds by levying and collecting annual ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the County in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds when due and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay said bonds as they become due?”

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION C

“Shall the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the County, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$13,365,000 for the purpose of designing, developing, constructing, renovating, improving, expanding, and equipping the Collin County Medical Examiner’s Office facilities; said bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially over a period of not to exceed twenty years (20) years from their date, and to be sold at such price or prices and bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court at the time of issuance; and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds by levying and collecting annual ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the County in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds when due and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay said bonds as they become due?”

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION D

“Shall the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the County, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$22,450,000 for the purpose of acquiring, developing, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping land for park and open space purposes, and including joint county-city projects; said bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially over a period of not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, and to be sold at such price or prices and bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court at the time of issuance, and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds by levying and collecting annual ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the County in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds when due and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay said bonds as they become due?”

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION E

“Shall the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, be authorized to issue bonds of the County, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$376,625,000 for the purpose of designing, developing, constructing, renovating, improving, extending, expanding and maintaining roads and bridges within Collin County, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor; and including participating in the cost of joint county-state and county-city projects; said bonds of each series or issue, respectively, to mature serially over a period of not to exceed twenty (20) years from their date, and to be issued in such installments and sold at such price or prices and to bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court under laws in effect at the time of issuance; and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds by levying and collecting annual ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the County in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay said bonds as they become due?”

Section 3. **Official Ballot.**

(a) Voting at the Election and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved County voting systems and ballots.

(b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Propositions which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION A

- FOR "THE ISSUANCE OF \$275,225,000 BONDS FOR DESIGNING, DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING, EXPANDING, AND EQUIPPING COURT FACILITIES AND JUVENILE AND ADULT DENTION FACILITIES, AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."
 AGAINST

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION B

- FOR "THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,700,000 BONDS FOR DESIGNING, DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING, EXPANDING, AND EQUIPPING THE EXISTING COLLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER, AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."
 AGAINST

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION C

- FOR "THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,365,000 BONDS FOR DESIGNING, DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING, EXPANDING, AND EQUIPPING COLLIN COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINTER'S OFFICE FACILITIES, AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."
 AGAINST

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION D

- FOR "THE ISSUANCE OF \$22,450,000 BONDS FOR ACQUIRING, DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING, AND EQUIPPING LAND FOR PARK AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN JOINT COUNTY-CITY PROJECTS, AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."
 AGAINST

COLLIN COUNTY - PROPOSITION E

- FOR "THE ISSUANCE OF \$367,625,000 BONDS FOR DESIGNING, DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING, EXTENDING, EXPANDING, AND MAINTAINING ROADS AND BRIDGES WITHIN THE COUNTY, AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."
 AGAINST

Section 4. **Multilingual Election Materials.** All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in English, and Spanish in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (the “Voting Rights Act”), and the Code, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 5. **Persons Qualified to Vote.** All resident, qualified voters of the County shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. **Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day.** The polling places for the Election are hereby designated to be those locations identified by the Elections Administrator (as defined herein). Voting on Election Day shall be conducted at the polling locations designated on Exhibit A attached hereto, with such locations being incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes; provided, however, such locations may be changed if so directed by the Elections Administrator without further action of the Court. The Court and/or the Elections Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in polling locations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election, without further action by the Court, and the Elections Administrator or his/her designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit A to reflect the locations designated by the Court of the Elections Administrator, which locations are hereby approved. Each polling place shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Section 7. **Early Voting Locations Dates and Times.**

(a) Bruce Sherbet, the Collin County Elections Administrator (the “Elections Administrator”) is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for purposes of this Election (the “Early Voting Clerk”) and appointed Elections Administrator for the County and agent for the custodian of voted ballots in the jurisdiction.

(b) The address for the Early Voting Clerk of Collin County is 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069 and the Early Voting Clerk may be reached at the following: (i) Telephone: 972-547-1990, (ii) Email: absenteemailballoting@collincountytx.gov and (iii) Website: <https://www.collincountytx.gov/Elections>.

(c) Applications for early voting by mail shall be submitted to the Elections Administrator by regular mail to Bruce Sherbet, Collin County Elections Administrator, Attn: Elections Division, 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102, McKinney, Texas 75069

(d) The main early voting polling place for Collin County is hereby designated to be the location identified as such in Exhibit B.

(e) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein, or at such other locations, times, and days as hereafter may be designated by the Elections Administrator without further action by the Court. The County Clerk or his/her designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B to reflect the locations and times designated by the Elections Administrator, and such locations are hereby approved.

(f) The Elections Administrator and/or Early Voting Clerk are hereby authorized to appoint the members of the early voting ballot board and the presiding judges and alternate judges for each polling location in accordance with the requirements of the Code. Each of the presiding judges shall be authorized to approve the necessary election clerks to assist in conducting the Elections.

(g) Voting times may be changed if so directed by the Elections Administrator without further action of the Court. The Elections Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in voting hours as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election.

Section 8. **Appointment of Election Officers.** The Election shall be conducted under the jurisdiction of the Elections Administrator.

Section 9. **Notice of Election.** Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, two (2) times on the same day in consecutive weeks, with the first publishing not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the fourteenth (14th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the County (or that otherwise complies with applicable law), (ii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Document (as hereinafter defined), in English and Spanish, in the County courthouse on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Court and in at least three (3) other public places within the boundaries of the Court, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election, and (iii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Documents, in English and Spanish on the County's website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election, the contents of the Propositions and any sample ballot prepared for the election, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order and the Voter Information Documents shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall be posted to the County's internet website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, in compliance with Section 4.009, Texas Election Code, as amended. The website for the County can be found at <https://www.collincountytx.gov/Elections>.

Section 10. **Conduct of Election.**

(a) The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, the Texas Government Code, and the Voting Rights Act, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

(b) Election judges, alternate judges and clerks shall be paid, as determined by the County Clerk, for their service in the Election.

(c) The holding of the election shall be in compliance with the Code except as modified by other applicable provisions of law.

(d) The election officers shall make returns for the Election in the manner required by law, and the ballots that are properly marked in conformance with the provisions of the Code for

votes cast both during the period of early voting and on the day of the Election shall be counted in the manner required by law.

Section 11. **Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Election Code.**

(a) As of the date of this Order, the County's aggregate principal amount of outstanding tax-supported debt was \$721,825,000 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on such tax-supported debt was \$264,021,796. As of the date of this Order, the County's total ad valorem tax rate is \$0.152443 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is made up of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.108172 per \$100 of assessed valuation and a debt service tax rate of \$0.044271 per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the County.

(b) The County intends to issue the bonds authorized by the Propositions 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 of property in the County, the use of variable rate debt and management of the County's short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics and assessed valuations of property vary based upon a number of factors beyond the County's control. Therefore, the County cannot and does not guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the Propositions. 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 estimates that, based on the County's current taxable assessed valuation, current market conditions as of the date of this Order, and estimated future growth in the County's taxable assessed valuation, if all of the Propositions were approved and all of the bonds authorized by the Propositions were issued in accordance with the County's current projected plan of finance, the maximum interest rate on the bonds is not expected to exceed 5.000%.

(c) Additional information required by Section 3.009 of the Code is contained in Sections 2 and 3 of this Order.

Section 12. **Voter Information Document.** The Court hereby approves a voter information document for each Proposition (collectively, the "Voter Information Documents"), in substantially the forms presented to the Commissioners Court, with such changes as may be approved by the County Judge, the County Auditor, the County Clerk or their designees, acting on behalf of the County, in consultation with the County Attorney, the County's bond counsel, and financial advisor, as prescribed by Section 1251.052(b), Texas Government Code.

Section 13. **Necessary Actions.** The County Judge, the County Auditor and the County Clerk and other officials of the County, in consultation with the County Attorney and the County's bond counsel is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent required or desirable as determined by the Elections Administrator.

Section 14. **Severability.** If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Court in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 15. **Effect Date.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

The foregoing Order was read and adopted on August __, 2023.

County Judge
Collin County, Texas

ATTEST:

County Clerk
Collin County, Texas

EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS*

Collin County utilizes countywide vote centers. County voters may vote at any of the following locations on Election Day:

VOTING LOCATION	ROOM	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

* Subject to change. To verify, please go to the Collin County Elections Administrator website, <https://www.collincountytx.gov/Elections> .

EXHIBIT B
Collin County Early Voting Schedule – November 7, 2023 General Election*

Early Voting Schedule		
DATE	DAY	TIME
October ___ - ___, 2023		7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
_____, 2023		
_____, 2023		

Early Voting Locations*

Polling Place	Address	City
Collin County Elections (Main Early Voting Location) voting Location)	2010 Redbud Blvd. St 102	McKinney

Important Note: *Eligible* Collin County registered voters (with an effective date of registration on or before November 7, 2023) may vote at any of the above early voting locations. (Nota importante: El Condado de Collin elegible votantes (con una fecha efectiva de registro en o antes del 07 de noviembre de 2023) registrados pueden votar en cualquiera de los anteriores lugares de votación anticipada.)

If qualified, voters may request an application by mail, by calling (972) 424-1460 or by written request to:

Collin County Early Voting Clerk
 2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102
 McKinney, TX 75069