AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

TO BE HELD BY THE HICO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF A JOINT ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTIES OF HAMILTON, BOSQUE, ERATH AND COMANCHE	§
HICO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	Ş

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 45.001, Texas Education Code, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the HICO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "District"), located in Hamilton, Bosque, Erath, and Comanche Counties, Texas (the "Counties" or individually, "County"), is authorized to issue bonds for various purposes, including the construction, acquisition, and equipping of school buildings in the District, and to levy, assess, pledge and collect annual ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on such bonds as the principal and interest become due, if the issuance of such bonds is approved by the voters of the District at an election held in accordance with Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, and the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the District shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract ("Election Contract") with the Election Administrators/County Clerks of Hamilton, Bosque, Comanche, and Erath Counties (the "Election Officials") to conduct all aspects of the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Election will be conducted by the Counties and held with other political subdivisions for which the respective County is also conducting their elections (such other political subdivisions, collectively, the "Participants"), as provided pursuant to the provisions of an election agreement and/or a joint election or similar agreement between or among (as applicable) the District, respective County, and/or any Participants, entered into in accordance with the provisions of Section 271.002, as amended, of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary to construct various capital improvements within the District and it is necessary to hold an election for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance the construction, capital improvements, acquisition, and equipping of schools in the District, including any necessary or related removal of existing facilities and the purchase of the necessary sites for school facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board finds 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 Board hereby finds and determines that the actions herein described are in the best interests of the residents of the District;

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HICO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

- 1. <u>TIME</u>. An election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on *Tuesday, November 4, 2025,* ("Election Day") in the District, which date is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order (the "Order"), for the purpose of submitting the propositions set out below to the qualified voters of this District.
- 2. PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE. The District shall hold the election on *Tuesday, November 4, 2025*, in the precincts and polling places, as determined by the Election Officials, in accordance with the provisions of the Election Contract(s). When so determined, such precincts and polling places shall be attached hereto as *Exhibit A*. Erath and Comanche Counties participate in the Countywide Polling Place Program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code, meaning that any District voter registered in Erath or Comanche County can vote in the Election at any polling place identified in *Exhibit A* for their respective County.
- **3. PRESIDING JUDGES**. The Presiding Judge and the Alternate Presiding Judge for each of the election precincts and polling places shall be appointed by the Election Officials and in accordance with the Election Contract(s).

At least 79 days prior to the scheduled Election Day, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the District's President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designees thereof, in coordination with the Election Officials, will identify and formally approve the appointment of the Presiding Judge, 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 agreed upon by the District, the Election Officials, and the Participants, if any and as applicable, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

4. ELECTION CLERKS. The Election Clerks shall be appointed by the respective Presiding Judges in accordance with the provisions of the Election Contract(s).

The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District 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.

5. <u>EARLY VOTING</u>. Electors may cast their early votes by mail or by personal appearance at the times and places determined by the Election Officials in accordance with the Election Contract(s).

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 Election Officials, as identified in Exhibit B hereto.

- 6. <u>EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD</u>. The District authorizes the Election Officials to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of an Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the indicated Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District to serve as members of each such Early Voting Ballot Board.
- 7. <u>ELECTORS</u>. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled and permitted to vote at the Election, and on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling place. 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 Education code, as amended, and as may be required by law. To the extent required by law, all election materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.
- **8. OFFICIAL PROPOSITION.** At said election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

HICO I.S.D. PROPOSITION A

PROPOSITION A

"Shall the Board of Trustees of the Hico Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$22,100,000 for the design, construction,

rehabilitation, renovation, expansion, improvement, acquisition, and equipment of school facilities (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities) and the purchase of necessary sites for school facilities, with priority given to renovations and additions to the elementary and secondary schools and such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with law; any issue or series of such bonds to bear interest per annum at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable, or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, provided that such rate or rates 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 such bonds; and shall the Board of Trustees of the District be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?"

9. FORM OF BALLOT. The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION, with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings, and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

HICO I.S.D. PROPOSITION A

__ FOR

AGAINST

"THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. The issuance of \$22,100,000 of bonds by the Hico Independent School District for the design, construction, rehabilitation, renovation, expansion, improvement, acquisition, and equipment of school facilities and the necessary sites for school facilities, with priority given to renovations and additions to the elementary and secondary schools, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds."

10. <u>ELECTION CODE AND HAVA</u>. In all respects the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to enter into any necessary agreements required to comply with this section.

- 11. <u>BILINGUAL ELECTION MATERIALS</u>. All election materials (including notice of the election, ballots, instruction cards, affidavits, and other forms which voters may be required to sign) and all early voting materials shall be printed in both English and Spanish, or Spanish translations thereof, and/or other assistance shall be provided, as required by the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, each as amended.
- 12. <u>ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES.</u> 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 District 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.
- Officials to utilize a Central Counting Station (the "Station") as provided by Section 127.001, et seq., as amended, Texas Election Code. The Election Officials, or designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager of the Station who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Board authorizes the Election Officials, or the designee thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judges, the Tabulation Supervisors, and the Programmers of the Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Election Officials 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 in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.
- **14. GENERAL STATEMENTS.** In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code, it is hereby found and determined that:
 - (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.
 - (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is set forth in Sections 8 and 9 hereof.
- (d) As set forth in Sections 8 and 9 hereof, if the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.
- (e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds authorized at the Election is estimated to be

5% (expressed as a net effective interest rate applicable to any such series of bonds) as calculated in accordance with applicable law. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information and for Texas statutory compliance, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.

- (f) As set forth in Section 8 hereof, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially, over a period not to exceed 40 years, though the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue. The District estimates an ad valorem debt service tax rate of \$0.376 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation if the bonds that are the subject of the Election are approved and are issued (taking into account the outstanding District bonds and bonds that are the subject of this Election, but not future bond authorizations of the District). The foregoing estimated tax rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance, and do not serve as a cap on any District ad valorem tax rate or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.
- (g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations, through respective maturity, (all of which are secured by an unlimited tax levied for debt service purposes) as of the date of this order in the District's 2025-26 fiscal year is \$1,695,000.00.
- (h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations, through respective date of issue (all of which are secured by an unlimited tax levied for debt service purposes), as of the date of this Order in the District's 2025-26 fiscal year is \$213,782.96.
- (i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District for the 2025-26 fiscal year is \$0.10 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.
- 15. NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice of election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. Moreover, a substantial copy of this Order and the voter information document attached as Exhibit C, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) in three additional public places within the District's boundaries not later 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 District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day. The Superintendent is authorized to correct, complete and revise the Notice to conform to changes that occur subsequent to the passage of this Order.
- 16. <u>AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND APPROVE TECHNICAL</u> <u>CHANGES TO ORDER</u>. The Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either of such parties, to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, and/or similar

contracts or agreements with the County, acting by and through the Election Officials, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law, as permitted and in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended. In addition, the Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either of such parties to make such technical modifications to this Order, upon consultation with the District's Bond Counsel, that are necessary to correct any ambiguity or mistake or that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board of Trustees.

The District is authorized to pay the fees charged by the County for services rendered in connection with the Election.

- 17. 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 Board.
- 18. 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.
- 19. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.
- **20.** 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.
- 21. 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 Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.
- **22.** <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201.028, Texas Government Code, this Order shall become effective immediately upon adoption thereof.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 11th day of August 2025.

HICO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jeff Serratt,

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Keith Davis,

Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

[Signature Page to Hico Independent School District Bond Election Order]

Exhibit A (Anexo A)

ELECTION DAY PRECINCT AND POLLING INFORMATION INFORMACIÓN DE PRECINTOS Y LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN DEL DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Día de la Elección: martes, 4 de noviembre de 2025

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.

Presiding Judges and Alternates: to be determined by the Election Official. Jueces Titulares y Suplentes: a ser determinados por el Funcionario Electoral.

District's website (Sitio web del Distrito): https://www.hico-isd.net/

Counties' websites (Sitio web del Condado):

https://www.hamiltoncountytx.gov/page/hamilton.elections

https://www.co.erath.tx.us/184/Elections-Administration

https://www.bosquecounty.gov/194/Elections-Administrator

https://www.co.comanche.tx.us/page/comanche.Elections

<u>Hamilton County (Condado del Hamilton):</u>

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES* (UBICACIÓN DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN*):

Precinct (Precinto)	Location (Ubicación)	Address (Dirreción)
15	Hamilton County Courthouse	102 North Rice Street Hamilton, Texas 76531
7	Hico Community Center	101 Railroad Hico, Texas 76531

^{*}Subject to change. For additional polling locations, please visit:

Sujeto a cambio. Para ver otros lugares de votación, por favor consulte el sitio web del Condado de Hamilton: https://www.hamiltoncountytx.gov/page/hamilton.elections

Earth County (Condado del Erath):

Erath County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters of Erath County will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified on Erath County's website.

(El Condado de Erath participa en el Programa de Lugares de Votación del Condado bajo la Sección 43.007, según enmendada, del Código Electoral de Texas. Los votantes registrados del Condado de Erath podrán votar el Día de la Elección en cualquiera de los Centros de Votación identificados en el sitio web del Condado de Erath.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES* (UBICACIÓN DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN*):

Location	Address	
(Lugar)	(Dirección)	
Erath CountyAnnex	222 East College St. Stephenville, Texas 76401	
Dublin Annex	219 S. Grafton Dublin, Texas 76446	
Texas A&M Agrilife Research & Extension Center	1229 N. US Hwy 281 Stephenville, Texas 76401	
Texas Bank	988 Wolfe Nursery Rd. Stephenville, Texas 76401	

^{*}Subject to change. For additional polling locations, please visit:

Sujeto a cambio. Para ver otros lugares de votación, por favor consulte el sitio web del Condado de Erath: https://www.co.erath.tx.us/184/Elections-Administration

Bosque County (Condado del Bosque):

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES* (UBICACIÓN DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN*):

Precinct (Precinto)	Location (Ubicación)	Address (Dirreción)
1	Iredell Community Center	227 South Eastland St. Iredell, Texas 76649
2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Meridian Civic Center	309 West River St. Meridian, Texas 76665
7, 8, 9	Clifton Civic Center	403 West 3 rd St. Clifton, Texas 76634
10, 11	Old City Hall	107 South 4 th St. Valley Mills, Texas 76689

^{*}Subject to change. For additional polling locations, please visit:

Sujeto a cambio. Para ver otros lugares de votación, por favor consulte el sitio web del Condado de Bosque: https://www.bosquecounty.gov/194/Elections-Administrator

Comanche County (Condado del Comanche):

Comanche County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters of Comanche County will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified on Comanche County's website. (El Condado de Comanche participa en el Programa de Lugares de Votación del Condado bajo la Sección 43.007, según enmendada, del Código Electoral de Texas. Los votantes registrados del Condado de Comanche podrán votar el Día de la Elección en cualquiera de los Centros de Votación identificados en el sitio web del Condado de Comanche.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES* (UBICACIÓN DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN*):

Location (Ubicación)	Address (Dirreción)
Comanche County Annex (Old Ranger Building)	215 N. Houston St. Comanche, Texas 76442
Gustine City Hall	201 E. Main St. Gustine, Texas 76455
DeLeon City Hall	125 S. Texas St. DeLeon, Texas 76444
Beattie Community Center	2151 Hwy 588 Comanche, Texas 76442

*Subject to change. For additional polling locations, please visit the Comanche County website: Sujeto a cambio. Para ver otros lugares de votación, por favor consulte el sitio web del Condado de Comanche: https://www.co.comanche.tx.us/page/comanche.Elections

Exhibit B (Anexo B)

EARLY VOTING VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA

Early voting begins Monday, October 20, 2025 and ends on Friday, October 31, 2025.

(La votación anticipada comienza el lunes 20 de octubre de 2025 y termina el viernes 31 de octubre de 2025.)

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site in the County of their voter registration.

(Los votantes con derecho a voto en una votación anticipada en persona lo pueden hacer en el sitio de Votación Anticipada del Condado donde estén registrados como votantes.)

Applications for voting by mail (ABBM) and applications for Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, October 24, 2025. 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.

(Las solicitudes para votar por correo (ABBM) y los pedidos de la Solicitud de Tarjeta Postal Federal (FPCA) deben ser recibidos a más tardar al cierre del día útil (5:00 p. m.) del viernes 24 de octubre de 2025. Si una solicitud de boleta por correo se envía por fax o correo electrónico (o si una solicitud de tarjeta postal federal se envía por fax), el solicitante también debe enviar por correo 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 fax.)

District's website (Sitio web del Distrito): https://www.hico-isd.net/

Hamilton County Voters

County's website (Sitio web del Condado): https://www.hamilton.countytx.gov/page/hamilton.elections

Early Voting Clerk (Secretario de Votación Anticipada): Rachel Lamb Geeslin

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: **To be determined**.

(Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas para la Votación Anticipada: A ser determinado.)

Early Voting Locations* and Times (Lugares y Horario para la Votación Anticipada)

Dates (Fechas)	Times (Horario)
Monday October 20, 2025 – Friday October 23, 2025 lunes 20 de octubre de 2025 – viernes 23 de octubre 2025	7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Monday October 27, 2025 – Wednesday October 29, 2025 lunes 27 de octubre de 2025 – miércoles 29 de octubre de 2025	7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Thursday October 30, 2025 – Friday October 31, 2025	7:00 am – 7:00 pm
jueves 30 de octubre de 2025 – viernes 31 de octubre de 2025	

Main Early Voting Polling Location (Lugar Principal de Votación Anticipada)

Hamilton County Courthouse 101 North Rice Street Hamilton, Texas 76531

Early Voting By Mail (Votación Anticipada por correo)

Applications should be sent to (Las solicitudes deben dirigirse a):

Rachel Lamb Geeslin Hamilton County Clerk

102 N. Rice Street, Suite 107 Hamilton, Texas 76531 Phone: (254) 386-1203

Fax: (254) 386-8727

Email: countyclerk@hamiltoncountytx.org

Erath County Voters

County's website (Sitio web del Condado): https://www.co.erath.tx.us/184/Elections-Administration

Early Voting Clerk (Secretario de Votación Anticipada): Lana Stevens

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: **To be determined**.

(Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas para la Votación Anticipada: A ser determinado.)

Early Voting Locations* and Times (Lugares y Horario para la Votación Anticipada)

Dates (Fechas)	Times (Horario)
Monday October 20, 2025 – Friday October 24, 2025 lunes 20 de octubre de 2025 – viernes 24 de octubre 2025	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monday October 27, 2025 – Wednesday October 29, 2025 lunes 27 de octubre de 2025 – miércoles 29 de octubre de 2025	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday October 30, 2025 – Friday October 31, 2025 lunes 30 de octubre de 2025 – viernes 31 de octubre de 2025	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Main Early Voting Polling Location (Lugar Principal de Votación Anticipada)

^{*}Subject to change. For additional voting locations, please check Hamilton County Elections website

^{*}Sujeto a cambio. Para ver otros lugares de votación, por favor consulte el sitio web del Condado de Hamilton: https://www.hamiltoncountytx.gov/page/hamilton.elections

Erath County Annex 222 East College Stephenville, Texas 76401

Early Voting By Mail (Votación Anticipada por correo)

Applications should be sent to (Las solicitudes deben dirigirse a):

Erath County Elections Administrator Lana Stevens

222 E. College Stephenville, TX 76401 Phone: (254) 965-8990

Email: Ecvote@co.erath.tx.us

Bosque County Voters

County's website (Sitio web del Condado): https://www.bosquecounty.gov/194/Elections-Administrator

Early Voting Clerk (Secretario de Votación Anticipada): Ashley Rupp

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: To be determined.

(Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas para la Votación Anticipada: A ser determinado.)

Early Voting Locations* and Times (Lugares y Horario para la Votación Anticipada)

Dates (Fechas)	Times (Horario)
Monday October 20, 2025 – Friday October 24, 2025 lunes 20 de octubre de 2025 – viernes 24 de octubre 2025	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday October 25, 2025 sábado 25 de octubre de 2025	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday October 27, 2025 – Wednesday October 29, 2025 lunes 27 de octubre de 2025 – miércoles 29 de octubre de 2025	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday October 30, 2025 – Friday October 31, 2025 lunes 30 de octubre de 2025 – viernes 31 de octubre de 2025	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Main Early Voting Polling Location
(Lugar Principal de Votación Anticipada)
Election Administration Building
104 W. Morgan
Meridian, Texas 7665

^{*}Subject to change. For additional voting locations, please check Erath County Elections website:

^{*}Sujeto a cambio. Para ver otros lugares de votación, por favor consulte el sitio web del Condado de Erath: https://www.co.erath.tx.us/184/Elections-Administration

Early Voting Branch Location

(Ubicación de la succursal de votación anticipada)

Old City Hall 107 South 4th St. Valley Mills, Texas 76689

Early Voting By Mail (Votación Anticipada por correo)

Applications should be sent to (Las solicitudes deben dirigirse a):

Ashley Rupp

Bosque County Elections Administrator

104 W. Morgan Street PO Box 411

Meridian, Texas 76665 Phone: (254) 435-6650 Fax: (254) 435-2311

Email: a.rupp@bosquecounty.gov

Comanche County Voters

County's website (Sitio web del Condado):

https://www.co.comanche.tx.us/page/comanche.Elections

Early Voting Clerk (Secretario de Votación Anticipada): Summer Olvera

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: **To be determined**.

(Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas para la Votación Anticipada: A ser determinado.)

Early Voting Locations* and Times (Lugares y Horario para la Votación Anticipada)

Dates (Fechas)	Times (Horario)
Monday October 20, 2025 – Friday October 24, 2025 lunes 20 de octubre de 2025 – viernes 24 de octubre 2025	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monday October 27, 2025 – Wednesday October 29, 2025 lunes 27 de octubre de 2025 – miércoles 29 de octubre de 2025	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday October 30, 2025 – Friday October 31, 2025 lunes 30 de octubre de 2025 – viernes 31 de octubre de 2025	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Main Early Voting Polling Location (Lugar Principal de Votación Anticipada)

Comanche County Annex (Old Ranger Building)

^{*}Subject to change. For additional voting locations, please check Bosque County Elections website

^{*}Sujeto a cambio. Para ver otros lugares de votación, por favor consulte el sitio web del Condado de Bosque: https://www.bosquecounty.gov/194/Elections-Administrator

215 N. Houston St. Comanche, Texas 7642

Early Voting By Mail (Votación Anticipada por correo)

Applications should be sent to (Las solicitudes deben dirigirse a):

Summer Olvera Comanche County Elections Administrator/Early Voting Clerk

215 N. Houston Street Comanche, Texas 76442 Phone: (325) 356-4005 Fax: (325) 356-4006

Email: elections@co.comanche.tx.us

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Exhibit C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Hico Independent School District Proposition A:

□ FOR □ AGAINST	"THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. The issuance of \$22,100,000 of bonds by the Hico Independent School District for the design, construction, rehabilitation, renovation, expansion, improvement, acquisition, and equipment of school facilities, with priority given to		
	renovations to the elementary and secondary schools, and the necessary sites for school facilities, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds."		

Principal of bonds to be authorized	\$22,100,000
Estimated interest for the bonds to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 5% ⁽¹⁾ (1) The interest on the proposed bonds is estimated based on market conditions as of August 19, 2025, and therefore, the interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.	\$21,357,586.81
Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the bonds to be authorized amortized over 30 years ⁽²⁾ (2) The principal and interest on the proposed bonds is estimated based on market conditions as of August 19, 2025, and therefore, the principal and interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.	\$42,832,586.81
As of the date the election was ordered (August 11, 2025), principal of all outstanding bonds	\$1,695,000
As of the date the election was ordered (August 11, 2025), the estimated interest on all outstanding bonds	\$213,782.96
As of the date the election was ordered (August 11, 2025), the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full (including all outstanding bonds and the bonds to be authorized by this bond election order) amortized over 30 years ⁽³⁾ (3) The combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full (including all outstanding bonds and the bonds to be authorized by this bond election order) is estimated based on market conditions as of August 19, 2025, and therefore, the amortization of the bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.	\$44,741,369.77
Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence, with a \$140,000 State homestead exemption, with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized, if approved. This figure assumes the amortization of the District's bonds, including outstanding bonds and the proposed debt obligation; changes in estimated future appraised values within the District; changes in estimated future appraised values within the political subdivision; application of the State mandated homestead exemption on the tax assessed valuation of the District; and the assumed interest rate on the	\$0

proposed bonds. It is also anticipated that taxpayers with frozen rolls (such as those over age 65 who have filed the appropriate exemption) will not see any impact on their taxes unless they make substantial improvements to their homes or change homesteads. However, whenever the District issues bonds, additional property taxes must be levied and collected to pay debt service on the bonds; regardless of whether there is an increase or not in the tax rate.	
Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence, with a \$140,000 State homestead exemption, with an appraised value of \$300,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized, if approved. This figure assumes the amortization of the District's bonds, including outstanding bonds and the proposed debt obligation; changes in estimated future appraised values within the District; changes in estimated future appraised values within the political subdivision; application of the State mandated homestead exemption on the tax assessed valuation of the District; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed bonds. It is also anticipated that taxpayers with frozen rolls (such as those over age 65 who have filed the appropriate exemption) will not see any impact on their taxes unless they make substantial improvements to their homes or change homesteads. However, whenever the District issues bonds, additional property taxes must be levied and collected to pay debt service on the bonds; regardless of whether there is an increase or not in the tax rate.	\$442.20

Major Assumptions for Above:

- (1) Assumes the passage, on November 4, 2025, of the amendments to the Texas Constitution increasing the general residence homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 and increasing the homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.
- (2) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District: 6% for first 5 years, 2% for the next 5 years, and 0% for remaining years
- (3) Assumed tax collection percentage: 98%
- (4) Assumed one potential bond issue series, based upon the following schedule:

Hico ISD Outstanding Debt & Payment Capacity at Current Tax Rate								TAX RATE	Increase
Fiscal Year		U/L Tax Ref Bds Ser 2020	Less ASAHE	New Ser 2025 \$22.1M	Total	Total Assessed Values	Est. Growth	I&S Required	I&S Increase
2025 - 2026	\$47,380	\$194,650	\$33,225		\$208,805	\$423,636,924		\$0.050	
2026 - 2027	\$50,580	\$201,900	\$33,225	\$1,418,750	\$1,638,005	\$449,055,139	6.0%	\$0.372	\$0.272
2027 - 2028	\$49,606	\$193,400	\$33,225	\$1,418,750	\$1,628,531	\$475,998,448	6.0%	\$0.349	\$0.249
2028 - 2029	\$48,555	\$194,900	\$33,225	\$1,416,500	\$1,626,730	\$504,558,355	6.0%	\$0.329	\$0.229
2029 - 2030	\$47,433	\$196,300	\$33,225	\$1,418,500	\$1,629,008	\$534,831,856	6.0%	\$0.311	\$0.211
2030 - 2031	\$46,248	\$192,600	\$33,225	\$1,419,500	\$1,625,123	\$566,921,767	6.0%	\$0.293	\$0.193
2031 - 2032		\$198,900	\$25,000	\$1,419,500	\$1,593,400	\$578,260,203	2.0%	\$0.281	\$0.181
2032 - 2033				\$1,418,500	\$1,418,500	\$589,825,407	2.0%	\$0.245	\$0.145
2033 - 2034				\$1,416,500	\$1,416,500	\$601,621,915	2.0%	\$0.240	\$0.140
2034 - 2035				\$1,418,500	\$1,418,500	\$613,654,353	2.0%	\$0.236	\$0.136
2035 - 2036				\$1,419,250	\$1,419,250	\$625,927,440	2.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2036 - 2037				\$1,418,750	\$1,418,750	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2037 - 2038				\$1,417,000	\$1,417,000	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2038 - 2039				\$1,419,000	\$1,419,000	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2039 - 2040				\$1,419,500	\$1,419,500	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2040 - 2041				\$1,418,500	\$1,418,500	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2041 - 2042				\$1,421,000	\$1,421,000	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.232	\$0.132
2042 - 2043				\$1,416,750	\$1,416,750	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2043 - 2044				\$1,416,000	\$1,416,000	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2044 - 2045				\$1,418,500	\$1,418,500	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2045 - 2046				\$1,419,000	\$1,419,000	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2046 - 2047				\$1,417,500	\$1,417,500	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2047 - 2048				\$1,419,000	\$1,419,000	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2048 - 2049				\$1,418,250	\$1,418,250	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2049 - 2050				\$1,420,250	\$1,420,250	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.232	\$0.132
2050 - 2051				\$1,419,750	\$1,419,750	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2051 - 2052				\$1,416,750	\$1,416,750	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2052 - 2053				\$1,416,250	\$1,416,250	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2053 - 2054				\$1,418,000	\$1,418,000	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
2054 - 2055				\$1,416,750	\$1,416,750	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
				\$1,417,500	\$1,417,500	\$625,927,440	0.0%	\$0.231	\$0.131
	\$338,983	\$1,569,800		\$42,548,250					

^{*}Assumes 6% AV growth for next 5 years, 2% growth for the next 5 years and 0% for remaining years

- (5) Assumed interest rate on the proposed bonds: 5%
- (6) Assumes some potential use of Interest and Sinking Fund balance.
- (7) Assumes the availability of the Permanent School Fund Guarantee for each series of the proposed bonds.
- (8) Assumes no material change in the prevailing market and economic conditions at the times of issuance of the proposed bonds.
- (9) Assumes the proposed bonds are paid on time and in full.

The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to and do not give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the District to issue bonds in accordance with the Propositions submitted by the District's Election Order.

^{* *}Assumes 4.708% Interest Rate

^{***} Assumes 98% collection rate