

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

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TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Taylor County, Texas, on ~~Tuesday, November 8,~~ ^{Larry G. Bevill} ~~November 8,~~ ^{County Clerk, Court at Law, Taylor C., Texas} 2016, as provided in the order calling the election passed by the Commissioners Court of Taylor County, a substantial copy of which order is printed below:

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, this Commissioners Court finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election within Taylor County, Texas (the "County"), on the proposition hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, it is further found and determined that the meeting at which this order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; Now, Therefore

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

Section 1. Election Ordered; Proposition. An election shall be held in Taylor County, Texas, on November 8, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at which election the following proposition shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Commissioners Court of Taylor County, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said County, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000, with the bonds of each such series or issue, respectively, to mature serially within not to exceed 40 years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, in accordance with law at the time of issuance, for the purpose of purchasing and constructing buildings and other permanent improvements constituting the Taylor County Coliseum and Fair Grounds (Expo Center) to be used for exhibition of livestock or agricultural, horticultural or mineral products of the County and for a coliseum, including a new livestock barn, multi-purpose livestock arena and concession stand facilities, and shall said Commissioners Court be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient, within the limits prescribed by law, to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity; and to use 100% of the revenue derived from such ad valorem tax for the purpose of financing the bonds, which would be in addition to and separate from the hotel occupancy tax previously approved for and dedicated to the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District which is not pledged to the payment of the bonds?

Section 2. Polling Places. The election shall be held on election day at the polling places set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different election day polling places designated by the Taylor County Elections Administrator.

Section 3. Early Voting. The Main Early Voting Polling Place, the Branch Early Voting Polling Places for conducting early voting by personal appearance, the dates and hours for early voting by personal appearance and the address for early voting by mail for said election are hereby designated as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places designated by the Elections Administrator.

Section 4. Election Officers. The persons to serve as officers to conduct said election on election day and for early voting shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Freda Ragan, Taylor County Elections Administrator, shall serve as early voting clerk for the election.

Section 5. Ballots. 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:

PROPOSITION

FOR)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$55,000,000 TAYLOR COUNTY COLISEUM AND FAIR GROUNDS (EXPO CENTER) IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF; AND TO USE 100% OF THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM SUCH AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE BONDS, WHICH WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO AND SEPARATE FROM THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR AND DEDICATED TO THE ABILENE-TAYLOR COUNTY EVENTS VENUE DISTRICT WHICH IS NOT PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS

AGAINST)

Section 6. Conduct of Election.

- (a) All resident qualified electors of said County shall be permitted to vote in said election.
- (b) The election materials enumerated in Secs. 272.001, et seq., V.T.C.A. Election Code, shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at the polling place on election day and for early voting.
- (c) In all respects said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act and the Texas Election Code, each polling place shall be provided at least one voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities. Sufficient voting equipment to accommodate the voters shall be provided for early voting and at each of the polling places on election day.

Section 7. Notice of Election; Notice of Early Voting Schedule.

- (a) Notice of said election shall be given by posting substantial copies of this Order in both English and Spanish on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Commissioners Court of said County, and at three (3) other public places in said County not later than the 21st day before election day; and substantial copies of this Order in both English and Spanish shall be published on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said County, the date of the first publication to be not more than thirty (30) or less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for said election.
- (b) Such notice, as posted and published, shall include and constitute a schedule stating (i) the location of each temporary branch early voting polling place for said election, the election precincts served by each branch polling place and the dates and hours that temporary branch voting will be conducted and (ii) the locations, dates and hours for any extended time for early voting by personal appearance.

8. 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 5 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 1 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the bonds to be authorized is set forth in Sections 1 and 5 hereof.
- (d) As set forth in Sections 1 and 5 hereof, if the bonds are approved by the voters, the Commissioners Court will be authorized to impose and levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the County, sufficient, within the limits prescribed by law, to pay the principal of and interest on 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 is estimated to be 5.00% as calculated in accordance with applicable law. Such estimate is based on advice received from the County's financial advisor, which advice 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, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.
- (f) As set forth in Section 1 hereof, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a period not to exceed 40 years.

(g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the County's debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxes, as of the beginning of the County's 2015-2016 fiscal year, was \$630,000.

(h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest on the County's debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxes, as of the beginning of the County's 2015-2016 fiscal year, was \$12,600.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the County for the 2015-2016 fiscal year is \$0.0055 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

Section 9. Effective Date. In accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 1201.028, this Order shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Commissioners Court.

EXHIBIT A

**Taylor County, Texas
Bond Election
November 8, 2016**

Election Day Vote Centers

Hours for voting: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Abilene City Hall	555 Walnut Street	Abilene, TX 79601
Buffalo Gap City Hall	709 Litel Street	Buffalo Gap, TX 79508
Church of Christ - So. 11th & Willis	3333 South 11th Street	Abilene, TX 79605
Elm Valley Community Church	142 CR 675	Tuscola, TX 79562
FBC Family Life Center - Merkel	301 Locust Street	Merkel, TX 79536
First Baptist Church - Tuscola	632 Kent Street	Tuscola, TX 79562
First Financial Bank at Trent	117 N. Main	Trent, TX 79561
Hillcrest Church of Christ	650 E. Ambler Avenue	Abilene, TX 79601
Kmart	4565 South 1st Street	Abilene, TX 79605
Lawn Baptist Church	518 Avenue D	Lawn, TX 79530
Lytle South Baptist Church	1125 E. Industrial Blvd.	Abilene, TX 79602
New Beginnings United Pentecostal Church	5535 Buffalo Gap Road	Abilene, TX 79606
River of Life Church	539 Hwy 83/84	Abilene, TX 79606
Sears Park Recreation Center	2250 Ambler Avenue	Abilene, TX 79603
Southern Hills Church of Christ	3666 Buffalo Gap Road	Abilene, TX 79605
Taylor County Plaza	400 Oak Street	Abilene, TX 79602
Thomas Elementary School	1240 Lakeside Drive	Abilene, TX 79602
Trinity Baptist Church	3100 State Street	Abilene, TX 79603
Tye Community Center	103 Scott Street	Tye, TX 79563
View Baptist Church	250 Boynton Road	Abilene, TX 79606
Westminster Presbyterian Church	4515 South 14th Street	Abilene, TX 79605
Zion Lutheran Church	2801 Antilley Road	Abilene, TX 79606

County Voters may vote at any of the Election Day Vote Centers.

Early Voting

Any voter who is entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting Polling Place listed below.

October 24th - October 28th (Monday - Friday)

Taylor County Plaza - 400 Oak Street	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
United Supermarket - 920 North Willis Street	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
United Supermarket - 1095 North Judge Ely Boulevard	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Kmart - 4565 South 1st Street	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mall of Abilene - 4310 Buffalo Gap Road	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 29th (Saturday)

Taylor County Plaza - 400 Oak Street	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
United Supermarket - 920 North Willis Street	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
United Supermarket - 1095 North Judge Ely Boulevard	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Kmart - 4565 South 1st Street	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Mall of Abilene - 4310 Buffalo Gap Road	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

October 30th (Sunday)

Taylor County Plaza - 400 Oak Street	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
United Supermarket - 920 North Willis Street	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
United Supermarket - 1095 North Judge Ely Boulevard	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Kmart - 4565 South 1st Street	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mall of Abilene - 4310 Buffalo Gap Road	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 31st - November 4th (Monday-Friday)

Taylor County Plaza - 400 Oak Street	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
United Supermarket - 920 North Willis Street	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
United Supermarket - 1095 North Judge Ely Boulevard	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Kmart - 4565 South 1st Street	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Mall of Abilene - 4310 Buffalo Gap Road	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Address for Early Voting by Mail

Applications for mail ballots must be received by 5:00 pm, October 28, 2016, addressed to Freda Ragan, Taylor County Election Administrator, P. O. Box 3318, Abilene, Texas 79604.