

NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
HUNT AND DELTA COUNTIES
COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in said District as provided in an ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said District, which Order is substantially as follows:

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
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COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees of Commerce Independent School District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Election is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, and the District is contracting with Hunt County, Texas ("Hunt County") and Delta County, Texas ("Delta County", and together with Hunt County, the "Contracting Counties") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the Contracting Counties (the "Election Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Hunt County, acting through the Hunt County Elections Administrator and Delta County, acting through the Delta County Elections Administrator (together, the "Elections Administrator") in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially 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 the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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

Section 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 2, 2021 ("Election Day"). The Election is to be conducted by the Contracting County, as provided by Chapters 31 and 271, Texas Election Code (the "Code") and the Election Contract. Voting for the Election on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Code and the Election Contract.

Section 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the Contracting County. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 18, 2021 and conclude on October 29, 2021, and will be conducted at the designated Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit A attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 4. Election Officials. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and any other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrator in accordance with the Election Contract and the Code. The Elections Administrator may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the Contracting County.

Section 5. Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed or emailed to the applicable addresses below by October 22, 2021.

(a) Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be sent as follows:

By Mail, Personal Delivery or Email
in Hunt County:

Jeannie Ash
Elections Administrator
2217A Washington Street
Greenville, TX 75401
Phone: (903) 454-5467
Fax: (903) 454-7905
E-mail: jash@huntcounty.net

By Mail, Personal Delivery or Email
in Delta County:

Jane Jones
Elections Administrator
200 W. Dallas Ave.
Cooper, Texas 75432
Ph. 903.395.4400 x 222
Fax. 903.395.4260
E-mail: deltaclerk@deltacountytx.com

Section 6. Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. Propositions. At the Election the following PROPOSITIONS shall be submitted in accordance with law:

COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$62,500,000 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring and equipping school buildings in the District, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees 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?

COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,500,000 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, and equipping a multipurpose facility, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees 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?

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

COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR	_____	)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$62,500,000 OF BONDS BY THE COMMERCE
		)	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
		)	CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL
AGAINST	_____	)	BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND LEVYING TAXES IN PAYMENT
		)	THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
)	

COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B

FOR _____) THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,500,000 OF BONDS BY THE COMMERCE
AGAINST _____) INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
) CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING AND EQUIPPING A MULTIPURPOSE
) FACILITY AND LEVYING TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS
) A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Section 10. Compliance with Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the 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 District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Contracting Counties in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 11. Debt Obligations. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

(a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.

(b) The purposes 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 \$62,500,000 for Proposition A and \$5,500,000 for Proposition B.

(d) 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 is estimated to be 3.50%. 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, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.

(f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a period not to exceed 40 years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds.

(g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District’s debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$19,940,000.00.

(h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District’s debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$5,292,950.00.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0.3489 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

(j) The websites at which additional information pertaining to the election may be found are:

for the District - <https://www.commerceisd.org>;

for the Hunt County - <https://www.huntcounty.net/page/hunt.election>; and

for Delta County - <https://www.deltacountytx.com>.

EXHIBIT A

POLLING LOCATIONS, DATES AND HOURS

HUNT COUNTY

Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times:

Fechas y horarios de ubicación del día de la elección:

MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Commerce City Hall,	1119 Alamo, Commerce TX	October 18	8am – 5pm
		October 19	7am – 7pm
		October 20-October 27	8am – 5pm
		October 28	7am – 7pm
		October 29	8am – 5pm

Election Day Locations Dates and Times:

Fechas y horarios de ubicación del día de la elección:

November 2, 2021 7:00AM – 7:00PM

Pcts 426 & 432	Cross Trails Cowboy Church, 4761 FM 1563, Commerce TX
Pcts 427,428,429	Commerce City Hall, 1119 Alamo, Commerce TX
Pcts 430, 431	Reecy Davis Rec Center, 4320 Lee, Greenville TX
Pct 434	Campbell Community Center, 111 W Main Street, Campbell TX

DELTA COUNTY

Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times:

Fechas y horarios de ubicación del día de la elección:

MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Delta County Clerk's Office	200 W. Dallas Ave. Cooper, Texas 75432	October 18	8am – 5pm
		October 19	7am – 7pm
		October 20-October 27	8am – 5pm
		October 28	7am – 7pm
		October 29	8am – 5pm

Election Day Locations Dates and Times:

Fechas y horarios de ubicación del día de la elección:

November 2, 2021, 7:00 AM- 7:00 PM;

Klondike Community Center
5518 Farm Road 1528
Klondike, Texas 75448

Voter Information Document – Commerce Independent School District Special Election
Proposition A

The following information is prepared to comply with Section 1251.052(b), Texas Government Code.

At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
 COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR	_____	)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$62,500,000 OF BONDS BY THE COMMERCE
		)	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AGAINST	_____	)	CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL
		)	BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND LEVYING TAXES IN PAYMENT
		)	THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition A passes, and all outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal Amount of Bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Principal of District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/21)	Remaining interest on District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/21)	Combined Principal and Interest to timely pay District's Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/21)
\$62,500,000	\$51,684,600	\$114,184,600	\$19,940,000	\$5,292,950	\$25,232,950

⁽¹⁾ The interest on the proposed bonds was estimated at a rate of 3.50% (which the District believes is a conservative estimate) based on market conditions as of August 9, 2021, 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 to be authorized under Proposition A.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with a taxable appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds, if approved, is \$113.33 That estimate assumes (i) the bonds issued under Proposition A will be issued in calendar year 2022, (ii) that the bonds that may be approved under Proposition A would be sold with an annual amortization that does not exceed 31 years, (iii) annual growth of District's taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 8.5% through tax year 2026/27 for Proposition A only and 10.0% through tax year 2026/27 for Proposition A and Proposition B combined and (iv) an interest rate that does not exceed 3.50%.

Reference is made to the Voter Information Document for the District's Proposition B, which follows this Document, for additional information pertaining to other potential new debt of the District.

Voter Information Document – Commerce Independent School District Special Election
Proposition B

The following information is prepared to comply with Section 1251.052(b), Texas Government Code.

At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B

FOR _____)
AGAINST _____)

) THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,500,000 OF BONDS BY THE COMMERCE
) INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
) CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING AND EQUIPPING A MULTIPURPOSE
) FACILITY AND LEVYING TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS
) A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
)

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition B passes, and all outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal Amount of Bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the Bonds to be authorized ⁽¹⁾	Principal of District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/21)	Remaining interest on District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/21)	Combined Principal and Interest to timely pay District's Outstanding Debt (as of 8/9/21)
\$5,500,000	\$4,186,400	\$9,686,400	\$19,940,000	\$5,292,950	\$25,232,950

⁽¹⁾ The interest on the proposed bonds was estimated at a rate of 3.50% (which the District believes is a conservative estimate) based on market conditions as of August 9, 2021, 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 to be authorized under Proposition B.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with a taxable appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds, if approved, is \$0. That estimate assumes (i) the bonds issued under Proposition B will be issued in calendar year 2022, (ii) that the bonds that may be approved under Proposition B would be sold with an annual amortization that does not exceed 31 years, (iii) annual growth of the District's taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 0.0% for Proposition B only and 10.0% through tax year 2026/27 for Proposition A and Proposition B combined and (iv) an interest rate that does not exceed 3.50%.

Reference is made to the Voter Information Document for the District's Proposition A, which precedes this Document, for additional information pertaining to other potential new debt of the District.