

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF POLK §

DATE: August 11, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
ALL PRESENT

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2026 - 022**

Call to Order. * Invocation * Pledges of Allegiance

Be it remembered on this the 11th day of August, 2026, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in "REGULAR" called meeting with the following officers and members present, to wit;

Honorable Sydney Murphy – County Judge presiding,
Guylene Robertson – Commissioner Pct #1,
Mark DuBose – Commissioner Pct #2,
Milton Purvis – Commissioner Pct #3,
Jerry Cassity - Commissioner Pct #4,
Marjorie West – Deputy County Clerk and
Louis Ploth – County Auditor.

WELCOMED & CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY JUDGE SYDNEY MURPHY.

- INVOCATION LED BY LINDELL MITCHELL OF LIVINGSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST.
- PLEDGES TO U.S. & TEXAS FLAGS LED BY MARJORIE WEST.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026 TAX RATE.
A TAX RATE OF \$0.6300 PER \$100 VALUATION HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF POLK COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.6300 PER \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.595467 PER \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.635125 PER \$100

THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE IS THE TAX RATE FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR THAT WILL RAISE THE SAME AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR POLK COUNTY FROM THE SAME PROPERTIES IN BOTH THE 2025 TAX YEAR AND THE 2026 TAX YEAR.

THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE THAT POLK COUNTY MAY ADOPT WITHOUT HOLDING AN ELECTION TO SEEK VOTER APPROVAL OF THE RATE.

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS GREATER THAN THE NO-NEW-REVENUE RATE. THIS MEANS THAT POLK COUNTY IS PROPOSING TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR.

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS NOT GREATER THAN THE VOTER-APPROVAL RATE. AS A RESULT, POLK COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO HOLD AN ELECTION AT WHICH THE VOTERS MAY ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PROPOSED TAX RATE.

HOWEVER, YOU MAY EXPRESS YOUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TAX RATE BY CONTACTING THE MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AT THEIR OFFICES, OR BY ATTENDING THIS PUBLIC MEETING.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{PROPERTY TAX AMOUNTS} = (\text{RATE}) \times (\text{TAXABLE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY}) / 100$$

FOR ASSISTANCE OR DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT TAX CALCULATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

TATUM WHITE
POLK COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
416 N. WASHINGTON, LIVINGSTON, TX 77351
(936) 327-6801

Judge Murphy opened the hearing at 10:02 and, there being no comments, closed it at 10:05 AM.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET.
NOTICE OF HEARING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE POLK COUNTY ENTERPRISE ON AUGUST 9, 2026.
A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION ON JULY 30, 2026, AND POSTED TO THE COUNTY WEBSITE AT POLKTX.GOV.
THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$2,248,176 OR 7.65 PERCENT, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$929,533 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.
Judge Murphy opened the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. and reviewed the changes made to the proposed budget since it was filed with the County Clerk for public inspection on July 30, 2026.

Judge Murphy stated that at its meeting of August 4, 2026, the Court approved the distribution of funds to elected officials and department heads for the following purposes: a one-step increase for employees affected by compression under the new pay scale, being those employees who received an increase but whose placement resulted in a loss of steps; additional discretionary funds to the Jail sufficient to provide a one-step increase for forty-two (42) corrections officers; and distribution of the remaining funds then available, approximately \$16,000, to the County Auditor's Office and the District Attorney's Office for unclassified employees. Judge Murphy stated that these changes were incorporated into the budget book presented for adoption, together with a one-step increase for those employees who had received an increase of less than one percent and who had not otherwise been addressed by the actions of August 4, 2026.

Commissioner Cassity and Commissioner DuBose stated their objections to the compensation analysis and to the changes to the pay scale previously approved by the Court, and stated their desire that the pay scale be rescinded. Commissioner Cassity and Commissioner DuBose further requested that the funds distributed pursuant to the actions of August 4, 2026, be

withdrawn and redistributed equally.

Commissioner Cassity moved to table that portion of the proposed FY2027 budget addressing the distribution of funds under the employee salary study until the meeting of August 25, 2026. Commissioner DuBose seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of five (5) ayes and no (0) nays.

Judge Murphy closed the public hearing at 10:29 a.m.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET ADOPTION

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR FY2027.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE ORDER.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
4. VOTE TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED FY2027 BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED.
ROLL-CALL VOTE:
MILT PURVIS - YES
JERRY CASSITY - YES
MARK DUBOSE - YES
GUYLENE ROBERTSON - YES
SYDNEY MURPHY - YES
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PURCHASE PROJECTION LISTING FOR THE FY2027 BUDGET.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVAL.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
6. RECEIVE AND RECORD THE APPROVED FY2027 PAY SCALE.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TABLE UNTIL AUGUST 25, 2026 MEETING.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
7. ADOPT THE FY2027 BUDGET.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO TABLE UNTIL THE AUGUST 25, 2026 MEETING.
VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER SETTING 2026 TAX RATE FOR POLK COUNTY (FY2027).

MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF 0.6300, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 5.16 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.

ROLL-CALL VOTE:

MILT PURVIS - YES

JERRY CASSITY - YES

MARK DUBOSE - YES

GUYLENE ROBERTSON - YES

SYDNEY MURPHY - YES

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

Public Comments

RECEIVED GOOSE REPORT FROM BILLY LAMBETH (NO GEESE).

Informational Reports

9. PROCLAMATION FOR POLK COUNTY JURY APPRECIATION DAY - AUGUST 24, 2026.

Old Business

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REVISION TO FIRE MARSHAL FEE SCHEDULES, TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026, AS FOLLOWS: AMEND THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE TO ADD A TEMPORARY (FOOD TRUCK) VENDOR 10-DAY PERMIT FEE OF \$50.00, AND TO ADD WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY AS A LISTED USE UNDER THE \$200.00 INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES PERMIT FEE CATEGORY.

MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, TO APPROVE.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO DECLINE/RETURN THE FY2026 IMPROVEMENT GRANT (GRANT NO. 212-26-C17) AWARDED BY THE TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, BASED ON THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISTRICT JUDGES AND COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE OF POLK COUNTY, AND TO RESCIND THE COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 14, 2025 ACCEPTING SAID GRANT.

MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, TO DELETE AND CONSIDER REAPPLICATION IN OCTOBER IF SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT JUDGES AND COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE.

VOTES NO: 0

VOTES YES: 5

VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

New Business - Consent Agenda

JUDGE MURPHY NOTED AN ADDENDUM TO ITEM 13 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$452,124.04. MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: (ALL VOTING YES)
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

12. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: July 28, 2026 And August 4, 2026
(Regular/Special Sessions)

13. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS.

DATE	AMOUNT	FUND	CHECK #
6/18/2026	323,780.72	General	ACH 5299,5308,5318,5324
7/22/2026	3,500.00	Grants	ACH 035/1582
7/22/2026	7,111.92	Grants	ACH 035/1583
7/23/2026	76,520.55	Grants	ACH 035/1587
7/29/2026	500,821.00	Grants	ACH 035/1590
7/29/2026	38,399.00	General	317474
7/29/2026	152.77	General	317475-317476
7/29/2026	1,000.00	General	317477
7/31/2026	177,624.03	General	ACH 5381,5372,5373,5374, 5376,5377,5378,5386,5387, 5388,5382,5384,5385
7/31/2026	11,082.29	General	317490-317498
7/31/2026	42,227.50	Grants	1591
8/11/2026	564,481.53	Grants	ACH 035/1605-1607/ ACH 010/317499-317601
TOTAL:	1,746,701.31		

14. RECEIVE AND RECORD PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE LAST MEETING.

15. APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BRADLEY BASS TO RESERVE DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL.

16. APPROVE "NO CHANGE" IN COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FEE (\$10) AND CHILD SAFETY FEE (\$1.50) AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, SEC. 502.401 – 502.403.

17. RECEIVE AND RECORD DISTRICT JUDGES' ORDERS SETTING FY2027 COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITORS AND (258TH &

411TH) DISTRICT COURT REPORTERS, COURT COORDINATORS, BAILIFFS
PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

18. APPROVE JOINT CONTRACTS FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH LEGGETT I.S.D. AND LIVINGSTON I.S.D FOR THE COUNTY'S PROVISION OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
19. APPROVAL OF ELECTION JUDGES & ALTERNATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION.
20. APPROVE ORDER ASSIGNING SPACE IN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS.
21. APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE TO THE LOWER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN THE POLK COUNTY OFFICE ANNEX, WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFICE LOCATION AT THE BEATTY BUILDING IF RELOCATION BECOMES NECESSARY DUE TO COUNTY RENOVATIONS, REPAIRS OR IMPROVEMENTS.
22. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF FY2027 RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SHERIFF AND CONSTABLES' OFFICES.
23. ACCEPT AWARD OF SB224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY (MVCPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 FOR THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZE \$9,000 EXPENDITURE FROM THE SHERIFF'S ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR THE REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH.

New Business - Regular Agenda

24. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. PERSONNEL ACTION FORM REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS SINCE LAST MEETING AND REVIEW OF ANY AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY HIRING. MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE REQUESTS INCLUDING ONE EMERGENCY HIRE IN THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
 - B. PAYMENT OF VACATION TIME ACCRUED BY DETECTIVE FRANCISCO (JAVIER) SEGURA.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE PAYMENT.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
25. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET, AS

FOLLOWS:

- A. FY2026 BUDGET REVISIONS, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE;
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVAL OF REVISIONS #2026-23.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
26. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE SAVE AMERICA ACT, AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY CLERK.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TABLE TO A FUTURE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY CLERK.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
27. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SCORING COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING AND RATING PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS RECEIVED FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL.
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MILT PURVIS, TO APPOINT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, THE GRANTS/CONTRACTS OFFICE & JERRY CASSITY TO THE SCORING COMMITTEE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
28. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDED BID #2026-18 FOR LANDSCAPING OF THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, APPROVAL TO AWARD BID TO SOUTHERN LAWN & LANDSCAPE IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$75,133.10 FOR LANDSCAPING AND \$15,159.40 FOR THE IRRIGATION AT THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AS PER THE BID PACKET.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
29. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY CLERK TO MODIFY THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CAPITAL PURCHASE FOR CABINETS AND SHELVING FOR THE LAND RECORDS OFFICE, BASED ON AN UPDATED PROPOSAL FROM DATUM STORAGE SOLUTIONS AND A NEW PROPOSAL FROM SOUTHWEST FILING & STORAGE, INCREASING THE APPROVED AMOUNT BY \$50,266.10 FOR A REVISED TOTAL OF \$119,782.10, TO BE FUNDED FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES AND REIMBURSED BY 2026 SERIES TAX NOTES.
MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE REQUEST.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

30. CONSIDER ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “POLK COUNTY, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2026”; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID NOTES AND TO CREATE A SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION THEREOF AND THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES; AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF’ ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTES. MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS STATED IN THE ORDER AND THE FINANCIAL TERMS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY’S FINANCIAL ADVISOR.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

Adjourn

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ADJOURN AT 11:07 A.M.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK

BY: _____
MARJORIE WEST, DEPUTY CLERK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.630000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of POLK COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.630000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.595467 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.635125 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for POLK COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that POLK COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that POLK COUNTY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 11, 2026 AT 10:00 AM AT Commissioners Courtroom, 410 E. Church Street, Suite A, Livingston, Texas 77351.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, POLK COUNTY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioner's Court of POLK COUNTY at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal: Sydney Murphy, Guylene Robertson, Mark DuBose, Milt Purvis, Jerry Cassity

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by POLK COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by POLK COUNTY this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.598600	\$0.630000	increase of 0.031400 per \$100, or 5.25%
Average homestead taxable value	\$166,792	\$174,948	increase of 4.89%
Tax on average homestead	\$998.42	\$1,102.17	increase of 103.75, or 10.39%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$29,370,468	\$31,618,644	increase of 2,248,176, or 7.65%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for POLK COUNTY at 936-327-6801 or Tatum.White@co.polk.tx.us, or visit polktx.gov for more information.



**NOTICE BY THE POLK COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

In accordance with Local Government Code §111.0075, the Polk County Commissioners Court hereby gives notice of a public hearing relating to the budget proposed for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in Suite A of the Polk County Regional Health Building, 410 E. Church, Livingston, Texas. The proposed budget has been filed with the County Clerk for public inspection and posted on the County's website at www.polktx.gov. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,248,176, or 7.65 percent, and of that amount, \$929,533 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.



ORDER OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Setting salaries, personal expenses and allowances of Elected County and Precinct Officers

WHEREAS, On this 11TH day of August, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas met in a regular meeting, with a quorum of the Court established and pursuant to statutory notice hereby sets the salaries, personal expenses and allowances of elected County and Precinct Officers who are paid wholly from County funds, as required under Local Government Code, Chapter 152, Section 152.011 through 152.013 and upon a motion duly made and seconded, this Order setting the aforementioned compensations for the FY2027 Budget beginning October 1, 2026 was adopted as follows;

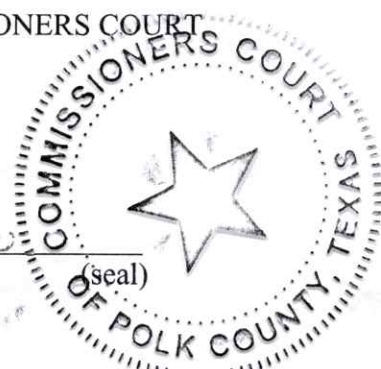
OFFICIAL	POSITION		FY2025	LONGEVITY
Sydney Murphy	County Judge	Salary	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
		State Supplement	27,501.31	
		Juvenile Board	7,350.00	
		Vehicle Allowance	20,000.00	
Guylene Robertson	Commissioner, Pct. 1	Salary	65,000.00	1,000.00
		Vehicle Allowance	20,000.00	
Mark DuBose	Commissioner, Pct. 2	Salary	65,000.00	500.00
		Vehicle Allowance	20,000.00	
Milton Purvis	Commissioner, Pct. 3	Salary	65,000.00	2,500.00
		Vehicle Allowance	20,000.00	
Jerry Cassity	Commissioner, Pct. 4	Salary	65,000.00	500.00
		Vehicle Allowance	20,000.00	
Tom Brown	Judge, County Court at Law	Salary	216,086.16	2,000.00
		Juvenile Board	7,350.00	
Monica Goodson	District Clerk	Salary	70,000.00	2,000.00
Schelana Hock	County Clerk	Salary	70,000.00	3,500.00
Tatum White	Tax Assessor Collector	Salary	70,000.00	2,500.00
Terri Williams	County Treasurer	Salary	70,000.00	2,500.00
Byron Lyons	Sheriff	Salary	85,000.00	3,500.00
		Certificate Pay	1,800.00	
Terri Mayer	Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1	Salary	67,000.00	3,000.00
Sarah Rasberry	Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2	Salary	67,000.00	1,000.00
Robert Johnson	Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3	Salary	67,000.00	1,000.00
Jamie Richardson	Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4	Salary	67,000.00	2,000.00
Scott Hughes	Constable, Pct. 1	Salary	46,500.00	2,000.00
Bill Cunningham	Constable, Pct. 2	Salary	46,500.00	3,500.00
Kevin Burman	Constable, Pct. 3	Salary	46,500.00	500.00
		Certificate Pay	1,800.00	
Darwon Evans	Constable, Pct. 4	Salary	46,500.00	1,000.00
		Certificate Pay	1,800.00	

APPROVED AND ORDERED BY THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
on this 11th day of August 2026.

ATTEST:


Sydney Murphy, County Judge


Schelana Hock, County Clerk



Capital Expense Plan

Capital Expenses refer to those purchases and projects treated as an amortizable investment in capital assets, rather than as an ordinary operating expense. The County does not adopt a separate budget for capital expenses, opting to include the revenues and expenditures for capital spending within the associated department or fund when funds are available within the budget, unless otherwise directed by law for state or federal funds granted to such a project.

Each year, however, Departments are asked to identify and discuss capital needs within their respective budget request. During budget workshops, the Commissioner Court balances the needs identified against available and projected funding sources. Capital expenses with an expected cost exceeding that which can reasonably be included in the annual budget are included in a listing of Capital Purchase Projections, rather than adopted within the fiscal year budget. Through a Reimbursement Resolution approved at the beginning of each fiscal year, the Commissioners Court considers each listed purchase request or project individually and may approve payment from available fund balance, which is then reimbursed by proceeds of legally authorized debt (tax notes) issued at fiscal year-end.

Description of Expenses Included in the Plan

Categories of expenses considered for a Reimbursement Resolution have been developed in response to and in accordance with the County's Strategic and Capital Plan, and in support of the Overarching County Goals and Objectives outlined in Polk County's Roadmap to Success.

Goal: Manage Growth Objective: Use planning processes and infrastructure investment to accommodate growth while maintaining a safe, functional environment for all citizens.

- Construction and improvement of roads and bridges
- Acquisition of road right-of-way and real property
- Purchase of road maintenance and public safety equipment
- Infrastructure improvements that support economic development and predictable growth

Goals: Improve Efficiency & Productivity | Foster a Supportive Employee Environment Objective: Address increased usage, need, and functionality of County facilities; reduce repair and maintenance costs for buildings and vehicles; and provide staff with the tools and environment needed to serve the public effectively.

- Construction of and improvements to County buildings and facilities
- Acquisition of vehicles and after-market equipment
- Purchase of equipment and tools that support departmental operations and employee productivity

Goals: Increase Communication & Services to Citizens | Improve Efficiency & Productivity | Maximize the Use of Technology Objective: Modernize County systems and leverage technology to improve service delivery, expand public access to County records and services, and strengthen data security and operational efficiency.

- Acquisition of computer equipment and software
- Acquisition of office furnishings and equipment
- Scanning, organization, and digital imaging of County records
- Expansion of online services and electronic public access to applicable County data and records
- Cybersecurity infrastructure and data protection improvements

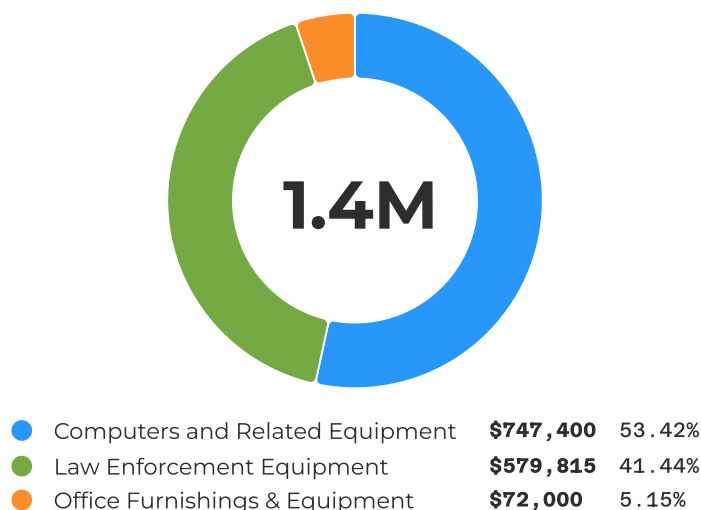
Goal: Enhance Revenues & Financial Stability Objective: Pursue capital investments and cost-recovery strategies that reduce long-term costs, support grant eligibility, and contribute to the County's overall financial sustainability.

- Capital projects supporting grant match requirements or reimbursement eligibility
- Asset acquisition or improvement that reduces ongoing maintenance or operational costs
- Investments that support economic development and revenue diversification efforts

FY2027 Capital Purchase Requests

The following capital purchase requests, if approved, will be funded from General Fund reserves and may be reimbursed through the Court's issuance of seven-year tax notes, should sufficient alternative funding not be available. The Court's most recent tax note issuance occurred in FY2022, with final payoff anticipated in FY2029. In subsequent years, elevated interest rates allowed the Court to certify surplus depository interest revenues in lieu of issuing debt. When capital requests are modest in scale, the Court has the option to absorb them within the operating budget — as was done in FY2026.

FY2027 Capital Costs By Project Type



Computers and Related Equipment

Category	FY2027
County Clerk - Election Equipment	\$644,000
IT - Annual Technology Rotation	\$46,400
IT - Southern Software Server Replacement	\$43,000
Emergency Management - 3 Computers for EOC AV System	\$14,000
Total Computers and Related Equipment	\$747,400

Law Enforcement Equipment

Category	FY2027
Sheriff - Aftermarket Vehicle Equipment	\$226,795
Sheriff / Jail / Constables - Axon Cameras	\$150,000
Jail - Kitchen Equipment	\$56,000
Pct. 4 Constable - Aftermarket Vehicle Equipment	\$49,565
Pct. 3 Constable - Aftermarket Vehicle Equipment	\$49,565
Courthouse Security - Metal Detector	\$27,500
Pct. 1 - Constable Aftermarket Vehicle Equipment	\$20,390
Total Law Enforcement Equipment	\$579,815

Office Furnishings & Equipment

Category	FY2027
Multi-Department - Courthouse Furnishings & Equipment	\$72,000
Total Office Furnishings & Equipment	\$72,000

Polk County New Pay Scale — Hourly (20 grades)

Hourly = Annual ÷ 2080, rounded to the cent.

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12	Step 13	Step 14	Step 15	Step 16
105	\$15.16	\$15.54	\$15.93	\$16.33	\$16.74	\$17.16	\$17.59	\$18.03	\$18.48	\$18.94	\$19.41	\$19.90	\$20.40	\$20.91	\$21.43	\$21.96
106	\$15.92	\$16.32	\$16.73	\$17.15	\$17.58	\$18.02	\$18.47	\$18.93	\$19.40	\$19.89	\$20.38	\$20.89	\$21.41	\$21.95	\$22.50	\$23.06
107	\$16.72	\$17.14	\$17.57	\$18.00	\$18.45	\$18.92	\$19.39	\$19.87	\$20.37	\$20.88	\$21.40	\$21.94	\$22.49	\$23.05	\$23.62	\$24.21
108	\$17.56	\$17.99	\$18.44	\$18.91	\$19.38	\$19.86	\$20.36	\$20.87	\$21.39	\$21.92	\$22.47	\$23.03	\$23.61	\$24.20	\$24.81	\$25.43
109	\$18.43	\$18.89	\$19.37	\$19.85	\$20.35	\$20.86	\$21.38	\$21.91	\$22.46	\$23.02	\$23.60	\$24.19	\$24.79	\$25.41	\$26.05	\$26.70
110	\$19.35	\$19.84	\$20.33	\$20.84	\$21.36	\$21.90	\$22.45	\$23.01	\$23.58	\$24.17	\$24.78	\$25.39	\$26.03	\$26.68	\$27.35	\$28.03
111	\$20.32	\$20.83	\$21.35	\$21.89	\$22.43	\$22.99	\$23.57	\$24.16	\$24.76	\$25.38	\$26.01	\$26.67	\$27.33	\$28.02	\$28.72	\$29.43
112	\$21.34	\$21.87	\$22.42	\$22.98	\$23.55	\$24.14	\$24.75	\$25.37	\$26.00	\$26.65	\$27.32	\$28.00	\$28.70	\$29.42	\$30.15	\$30.91
113	\$22.41	\$22.97	\$23.54	\$24.13	\$24.73	\$25.35	\$25.98	\$26.63	\$27.30	\$27.98	\$28.68	\$29.40	\$30.13	\$30.89	\$31.66	\$32.45
114	\$23.53	\$24.11	\$24.72	\$25.33	\$25.97	\$26.62	\$27.28	\$27.96	\$28.66	\$29.38	\$30.11	\$30.87	\$31.64	\$32.43	\$33.24	\$34.07
115	\$24.70	\$25.32	\$25.95	\$26.60	\$27.27	\$27.95	\$28.65	\$29.36	\$30.10	\$30.85	\$31.62	\$32.41	\$33.22	\$34.05	\$34.90	\$35.78
116	\$25.94	\$26.59	\$27.25	\$27.93	\$28.63	\$29.35	\$30.08	\$30.83	\$31.60	\$32.39	\$33.20	\$34.03	\$34.88	\$35.75	\$36.65	\$37.56
117	\$27.23	\$27.92	\$28.61	\$29.33	\$30.06	\$30.81	\$31.58	\$32.37	\$33.18	\$34.01	\$34.86	\$35.73	\$36.63	\$37.54	\$38.48	\$39.44
118	\$28.60	\$29.31	\$30.04	\$30.79	\$31.56	\$32.35	\$33.16	\$33.99	\$34.84	\$35.71	\$36.60	\$37.52	\$38.46	\$39.42	\$40.40	\$41.41
119	\$30.03	\$30.78	\$31.55	\$32.33	\$33.14	\$33.97	\$34.82	\$35.69	\$36.58	\$37.50	\$38.43	\$39.40	\$40.38	\$41.39	\$42.43	\$43.49
120	\$31.53	\$32.32	\$33.12	\$33.95	\$34.80	\$35.67	\$36.56	\$37.48	\$38.41	\$39.37	\$40.36	\$41.37	\$42.40	\$43.46	\$44.55	\$45.66
121	\$33.10	\$33.93	\$34.78	\$35.65	\$36.54	\$37.45	\$38.39	\$39.35	\$40.33	\$41.34	\$42.38	\$43.44	\$44.52	\$45.63	\$46.78	\$47.94
122	\$34.76	\$35.63	\$36.52	\$37.43	\$38.37	\$39.33	\$40.31	\$41.32	\$42.35	\$43.41	\$44.49	\$45.61	\$46.75	\$47.92	\$49.11	\$50.34
123	\$36.50	\$37.41	\$38.34	\$39.30	\$40.29	\$41.29	\$42.33	\$43.38	\$44.47	\$45.58	\$46.72	\$47.89	\$49.08	\$50.31	\$51.57	\$52.86
124	\$38.32	\$39.28	\$40.26	\$41.27	\$42.30	\$43.36	\$44.44	\$45.55	\$46.69	\$47.86	\$49.06	\$50.28	\$51.54	\$52.83	\$54.15	\$55.50

Polk County New Pay Scale — Annual (20 grades)

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12	Step 13	Step 14	Step 15	Step 16
105	\$31,543	\$32,332	\$33,140	\$33,969	\$34,818	\$35,688	\$36,580	\$37,495	\$38,432	\$39,393	\$40,378	\$41,387	\$42,422	\$43,483	\$44,570	\$45,684
106	\$33,120	\$33,948	\$34,797	\$35,667	\$36,559	\$37,473	\$38,410	\$39,370	\$40,354	\$41,363	\$42,397	\$43,457	\$44,543	\$45,657	\$46,798	\$47,968
107	\$34,776	\$35,645	\$36,536	\$37,449	\$38,385	\$39,345	\$40,329	\$41,337	\$42,370	\$43,429	\$44,515	\$45,628	\$46,769	\$47,938	\$49,136	\$50,364
108	\$36,515	\$37,428	\$38,364	\$39,323	\$40,306	\$41,314	\$42,347	\$43,406	\$44,491	\$45,603	\$46,743	\$47,912	\$49,110	\$50,338	\$51,596	\$52,886
109	\$38,341	\$39,300	\$40,283	\$41,290	\$42,322	\$43,380	\$44,465	\$45,577	\$46,716	\$47,884	\$49,081	\$50,308	\$51,566	\$52,855	\$54,176	\$55,530
110	\$40,258	\$41,264	\$42,296	\$43,353	\$44,437	\$45,548	\$46,687	\$47,854	\$49,050	\$50,276	\$51,533	\$52,821	\$54,142	\$55,496	\$56,883	\$58,305
111	\$42,271	\$43,328	\$44,411	\$45,521	\$46,659	\$47,825	\$49,021	\$50,247	\$51,503	\$52,791	\$54,111	\$55,464	\$56,851	\$58,272	\$59,729	\$61,222
112	\$44,385	\$45,495	\$46,632	\$47,798	\$48,993	\$50,218	\$51,473	\$52,760	\$54,079	\$55,431	\$56,817	\$58,237	\$59,693	\$61,185	\$62,715	\$64,283
113	\$46,604	\$47,769	\$48,963	\$50,187	\$51,442	\$52,728	\$54,046	\$55,397	\$56,782	\$58,202	\$59,657	\$61,148	\$62,677	\$64,244	\$65,850	\$67,496
114	\$48,934	\$50,157	\$51,411	\$52,696	\$54,013	\$55,363	\$56,747	\$58,166	\$59,620	\$61,111	\$62,639	\$64,205	\$65,810	\$67,455	\$69,141	\$70,870
115	\$51,381	\$52,666	\$53,983	\$55,333	\$56,716	\$58,134	\$59,587	\$61,077	\$62,604	\$64,169	\$65,773	\$67,417	\$69,102	\$70,830	\$72,601	\$74,416
116	\$53,950	\$55,299	\$56,681	\$58,098	\$59,550	\$61,039	\$62,565	\$64,129	\$65,732	\$67,375	\$69,059	\$70,785	\$72,555	\$74,369	\$76,228	\$78,134
117	\$56,648	\$58,064	\$59,516	\$61,004	\$62,529	\$64,092	\$65,694	\$67,336	\$69,019	\$70,744	\$72,513	\$74,326	\$76,184	\$78,089	\$80,041	\$82,042
118	\$59,480	\$60,967	\$62,491	\$64,053	\$65,654	\$67,295	\$68,977	\$70,701	\$72,469	\$74,281	\$76,138	\$78,041	\$79,992	\$81,992	\$84,042	\$86,143
119	\$62,454	\$64,015	\$65,615	\$67,255	\$68,936	\$70,659	\$72,425	\$74,236	\$76,092	\$77,994	\$79,944	\$81,943	\$83,992	\$86,092	\$88,244	\$90,450
120	\$65,577	\$67,216	\$68,896	\$70,618	\$72,383	\$74,193	\$76,048	\$77,949	\$79,898	\$81,895	\$83,942	\$86,041	\$88,192	\$90,397	\$92,657	\$94,973
121	\$68,856	\$70,577	\$72,341	\$74,150	\$76,004	\$77,904	\$79,852	\$81,848	\$83,894	\$85,991	\$88,141	\$90,345	\$92,604	\$94,919	\$97,292	\$99,724
122	\$72,299	\$74,106	\$75,959	\$77,858	\$79,804	\$81,799	\$83,844	\$85,940	\$88,089	\$90,291	\$92,548	\$94,862	\$97,234	\$99,665	\$102,157	\$104,711
123	\$75,914	\$77,812	\$79,757	\$81,751	\$83,795	\$85,890	\$88,037	\$90,238	\$92,494	\$94,806	\$97,176	\$99,605	\$102,095	\$104,647	\$107,263	\$109,945
124	\$79,710	\$81,703	\$83,746	\$85,840	\$87,986	\$90,186	\$92,441	\$94,752	\$97,121	\$99,549	\$102,038	\$104,589	\$107,204	\$109,884	\$112,631	\$115,447

Polk County New Pay Scale — Annual (20 grades) — Scheduled 2,184 hours per year

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12	Step 13	Step 14	Step 15	Step 16
105	\$33,120	\$33,949	\$34,797	\$35,667	\$36,559	\$37,472	\$38,409	\$39,370	\$40,354	\$41,363	\$42,397	\$43,456	\$44,543	\$45,657	\$46,799	\$47,968
106	\$34,776	\$35,645	\$36,537	\$37,450	\$38,387	\$39,347	\$40,331	\$41,339	\$42,372	\$43,431	\$44,517	\$45,630	\$46,770	\$47,940	\$49,138	\$50,366
107	\$36,515	\$37,427	\$38,363	\$39,321	\$40,304	\$41,312	\$42,345	\$43,404	\$44,489	\$45,600	\$46,741	\$47,909	\$49,107	\$50,335	\$51,593	\$52,882
108	\$38,341	\$39,299	\$40,282	\$41,289	\$42,321	\$43,380	\$44,464	\$45,576	\$46,716	\$47,883	\$49,080	\$50,308	\$51,566	\$52,855	\$54,176	\$55,530
109	\$40,258	\$41,265	\$42,297	\$43,355	\$44,438	\$45,549	\$46,688	\$47,856	\$49,052	\$50,278	\$51,535	\$52,823	\$54,144	\$55,498	\$56,885	\$58,307
110	\$42,271	\$43,327	\$44,411	\$45,521	\$46,659	\$47,825	\$49,021	\$50,247	\$51,503	\$52,790	\$54,110	\$55,462	\$56,849	\$58,271	\$59,727	\$61,220
111	\$44,385	\$45,494	\$46,632	\$47,797	\$48,992	\$50,216	\$51,472	\$52,759	\$54,078	\$55,431	\$56,817	\$58,237	\$59,694	\$61,186	\$62,715	\$64,283
112	\$46,604	\$47,770	\$48,964	\$50,188	\$51,443	\$52,729	\$54,047	\$55,398	\$56,783	\$58,203	\$59,658	\$61,149	\$62,678	\$64,244	\$65,851	\$67,497
113	\$48,934	\$50,157	\$51,411	\$52,696	\$54,014	\$55,364	\$56,748	\$58,167	\$59,621	\$61,112	\$62,640	\$64,205	\$65,811	\$67,456	\$69,143	\$70,871
114	\$51,381	\$52,665	\$53,982	\$55,331	\$56,714	\$58,131	\$59,584	\$61,074	\$62,601	\$64,167	\$65,771	\$67,415	\$69,101	\$70,828	\$72,598	\$74,414
115	\$53,950	\$55,299	\$56,682	\$58,100	\$59,552	\$61,041	\$62,566	\$64,131	\$65,734	\$67,377	\$69,062	\$70,788	\$72,557	\$74,372	\$76,231	\$78,137
116	\$56,648	\$58,064	\$59,515	\$61,003	\$62,528	\$64,091	\$65,693	\$67,335	\$69,019	\$70,744	\$72,512	\$74,324	\$76,183	\$78,087	\$80,039	\$82,041
117	\$59,480	\$60,967	\$62,492	\$64,054	\$65,655	\$67,297	\$68,979	\$70,703	\$72,470	\$74,281	\$76,139	\$78,042	\$79,993	\$81,993	\$84,043	\$86,144
118	\$62,454	\$64,015	\$65,616	\$67,256	\$68,937	\$70,660	\$72,426	\$74,236	\$76,092	\$77,995	\$79,945	\$81,943	\$83,992	\$86,092	\$88,244	\$90,450
119	\$65,577	\$67,216	\$68,896	\$70,618	\$72,383	\$74,192	\$76,046	\$77,948	\$79,897	\$81,894	\$83,941	\$86,040	\$88,192	\$90,397	\$92,656	\$94,973
120	\$68,856	\$70,577	\$72,341	\$74,149	\$76,002	\$77,903	\$79,850	\$81,846	\$83,893	\$85,990	\$88,139	\$90,343	\$92,602	\$94,917	\$97,290	\$99,722
121	\$72,299	\$74,106	\$75,958	\$77,858	\$79,804	\$81,799	\$83,845	\$85,940	\$88,089	\$90,291	\$92,548	\$94,862	\$97,234	\$99,665	\$102,157	\$104,710
122	\$75,914	\$77,811	\$79,757	\$81,751	\$83,794	\$85,889	\$88,036	\$90,237	\$92,493	\$94,806	\$97,175	\$99,605	\$102,096	\$104,648	\$107,265	\$109,947
123	\$79,710	\$81,703	\$83,745	\$85,839	\$87,985	\$90,185	\$92,439	\$94,750	\$97,119	\$99,546	\$102,035	\$104,585	\$107,200	\$109,879	\$112,626	\$115,442
124	\$83,696	\$85,788	\$87,933	\$90,132	\$92,385	\$94,695	\$97,063	\$99,490	\$101,977	\$104,526	\$107,140	\$109,818	\$112,564	\$115,378	\$118,263	\$121,219



OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
Setting the 2026 Tax Rate (to fund the FY2027 Budget)

WE, the undersigned, being the membership of the Commissioners Court of Polk County, do hereby acknowledge that all statutory requirements related to the setting of the 2026 Tax Rate have been satisfied;

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, meeting on this the 11th day of August 2026, in a properly called session with the following Members present:

Sydney Murphy	County Judge
Guylene Robertson	Commissioner, Precinct 1
Mark DuBose	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Milton Purvis	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Jerry Cassity	Commissioner, Precinct 4

And the following Members absent: NONE

considered a motion made by _____, Commissioner Precinct ____, and second by _____, Commissioner Precinct ____, that the 2026 property tax rate be adopted as 0.6300, which is greater than the 2026 No New Revenue Tax Rate of 0.595467.

IN FAVOR: _____
OPPOSED: _____

The aforementioned vote representing the (60%) majority of the Court voting in favor of the motion, as required by law;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Polk County 2026 Tax Rate is set as follows:

General Fund	0.410846
Road & Bridge (combined)	<u>0.166200</u>
Maintenance & Operation Rate	0.577046
Debt (Service) Rate	<u>0.052954</u>
TOTAL COUNTY TAX RATE	0.630000

This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year’s tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 5.16 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$32.12.

APPROVED AND ORDERED BY THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT on this 11th day of August 2026.

Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas

Attest
BY: _____
Schelana Hock, County Clerk
Date: August 11, 2026

(SEAL)



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
Designating Jury Appreciation Day in Polk County, Texas**

WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship with the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror recognized as being as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, our courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors and all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service; and

WHEREAS, Polk County wished to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions our judicial system can take is to show appreciation for the citizens who give their time and talents to serve on Polk County juries; and

WHEREAS, Polk County and its courts are committed to educating the public the importance of jury service; applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly; supporting county employees who are called upon to serve as jurors; ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome; providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Polk County does hereby proclaim that the day of August 24, 2026, be designated "Jury Appreciation Day" in Polk County, Texas, to recognize the important contribution of citizens who serve.

Proclaimed on this 11th day August of 2026.

Sydney Murphy
County Judge
Polk County, Texas

Attest:

Schelana Hock, County Clerk

(Seal)





POLK COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE



Vendor **\$50.00**

- Temp. Vendor 10 Day Permit

Licensed facility **\$75.00**

- Licensed child or adult daycare
- Licensed foster home with less than 7 children

Licensed facility **\$100.00**

- Licensed nursing home,
- assisted living, or board
- care facility
- School,
- Educational or Head Start facility.
- Licensed foster group home with 7 or more children

Commercial Businesses **\$150.00**

- Apartment, hotel, motel, lodging or rooming house
- Assembly occupancy
- Business or Mercantile

Industrial Facilities **\$200.00**

- Industrial facility
- Storage facility
- City, county, or private prison / jail
- Hospital
- Wireless Communication Facility

Industrial Facilities **\$300.00**

- Other building 50,000 sq. ft. or larger

Solar Farms **\$500.00**

- Solar Farm sites up to 1,000 acres.

Sites over 1000 acres will be assessed a fee of:

- \$25 for each additional 50 acres.



Imposition of Optional Fees Calendar Year (CY) 2027

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete and return this form (including a court order, if required) to the TxDMV via email at: DMV_OptionalCountyFeeUpdates@TxDMV.gov

Please submit at your earliest convenience, but no later than **Wednesday, September 2, 2026.**

COUNTY NAME: Polk County

SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION BELOW:

☒ **OPTION A – No change. This county will charge the same fees in CY 2027.** 
*Submit this form to TxDMV. A copy of a commissioner's court order is **NOT** required.*

OR

☐ **OPTION B – The commissioners court has approved fee changes for CY 2027.**

Enter the amounts for each fee. For those that did not change, enter zero.

CY 2027 fees to be collected by your county:

Road and Bridge Fee: \$ _____

Child Safety Fee: \$ _____

Transportation Project Fee (applicable to Bexar, Brazos, Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo and Webb counties only): \$ _____

Total fee amount to be collected in CY 2027: \$ _____

For OPTION B, submit this form and a copy of the court order to TxDMV.

We appreciate your response. Thank you.

THE STATE OF TEXAS § IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF
COUNTY OF POLK § POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, John Wells III, Judge of the 411th Judicial District and Travis E. Kitchens, Jr., Judge of the 258th Judicial District in and for Polk County, Texas in accordance with Section 152.031, Title 5, of the Local Government Code, after a public hearing held on August 7, 2026, notice having been duly published in a newspaper of general circulation in Polk County, set the compensation levels, to be paid in twenty-six equal payments, for the following positions in Polk County for the budget and fiscal year commencing October 1, 2026 and closing September 30, 2027.

Such salary for the County Auditor and for the Assistant County Auditors will be increased by the same percentage as any cost of living and travel allowance increases granted to Polk County employees during the fiscal year 2027 budgeting process.

Position

County Auditor – Louis Ploth	\$87,986.00
1 st Assistant County Auditor – Stephanie Dale	\$75,016.00
Assistant County Auditor – Shana Jackson	\$52,113.00
Assistant County Auditor – Charlene Coleman	\$47,534.00
Assistant County Auditor – Sharon Sommers	\$42,086.00
Internal Auditor – John Carter	\$52,450.00

This order shall be recorded in the minutes of the 258th and 411th Judicial District Courts of Polk County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said county, and said clerk shall furnish to the Commissioners Court of said county, a certified copy of this order for its observance and shall be recorded in the minutes of the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas.

WITNESS OUR HANDS THIS 7th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

Travis E. Kitchens, Jr.
Travis E. Kitchens, Jr. District Judge
258th Judicial District of Texas

John Wells III
John Wells III, District Judge
411th Judicial District of Texas

Attest:

Monica Goodson
Monica Goodson, District Clerk

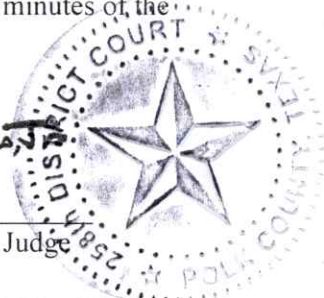
Schelana Hock
Schelana Hock, County Clerk

State of Texas §
County of Polk §

I, MONICA GOODSON, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy as the same appears on file and/or of record in the District Clerk's Office, the legal depository for such records.
SIGNED AND SEALED THIS DATE 8-10-2026

MONICA GOODSON, DISTRICT CLERK OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

by *[Signature]* Deputy Clerk



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MONICA GOODSON
DISTRICT CLERK
POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

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MONICA GOODSON, District Clerk
Polk County, Texas

By *[Signature]* Deputy

STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF POLK }

In accordance with and pursuant to Article 52.051 and 52.054 of the *Government Code of Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated* of the State of Texas, the salary of **Lianne Mueck**, Official Court Coordinator of the 258th Judicial Court of Texas, composed of Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties is hereby ordered to be \$60,011.35 effective with the annual fiscal period beginning October 1, 2026. Such salary is to be spread over twenty-six equal installments and each county is to be billed its respective share on a pro rata basis.

Such salary portion paid by Polk County will be increased by the same percentage should any other increases be granted to Polk County employees during the fiscal year 2027 budgeting process.

This order shall be recorded in the minutes of the 258th Judicial District Court of Polk County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said county, and said clerk shall furnish to the Commissioners Court of said county, a certified copy of this order for its observance and shall be recorded in the minutes of the Commissioners Court of Polk County.

A copy of this order is also to be filed with the District Clerk in each of said counties and it is hereby ordered that this Order be spread upon the minutes of the courts in said counties.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

State of Texas §
County of Polk §

I, MONICA GOODSON, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy as the same appears on file and/or of record in the District Clerk's Office, the legal depository for such records.
SIGNED AND SEALED THIS DATE 8-10-2026

MONICA GOODSON, DISTRICT CLERK OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

by [Signature] Deputy Clerk

[Signature]
Travis E. Kitchens, Jr., District Judge
258th Judicial District of Texas



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MONICA GOODSON, District Clerk
Polk County, Texas
By [Signature] Deputy

STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF POLK }

In accordance with and pursuant to Article 52.051 and 52.054 of the *Government Code of Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated* of the State of Texas, the salary of **John Spillman**, Official Bailiff of the 258th Judicial Court of Texas, composed of Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties is hereby ordered to be \$61,781.65 and annual law enforcement certificate pay of \$1,800 effective with the annual fiscal period beginning October 1, 2026. Such salary is to be spread over twenty-six equal installments and each county is to be billed its respective share on a pro rata basis.

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This order shall be recorded in the minutes of the 258th Judicial District Court of Polk County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said county, and said clerk shall furnish to the Commissioners Court of said county, a certified copy of this order for its observance and shall be recorded in the minutes of the Commissioners Court of Polk County.

A copy of this order is also to be filed with the District Clerk in each of said counties and it is hereby ordered that this Order be spread upon the minutes of the courts in said counties.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

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I, MONICA GOODSON, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy as the same appears on file and/or of record in the District Clerk's Office, the legal depository for such records.
SIGNED AND SEALED THIS DATE 8.10.2026

MONICA GOODSON, DISTRICT CLERK OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

by [Signature] Deputy Clerk

[Signature]
Travis E. Kitchens, Jr., District Judge
258th Judicial District of Texas



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Polk County, Texas
By [Signature] Deputy

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In accordance with and pursuant to Article 52.051 and 52.054 of the *Government Code of Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated* of the State of Texas, the salary of **Larry Pitts**, Official Bailiff of the 411th Judicial Court of Texas, composed of Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties is hereby ordered to be \$52,698.00 and annual law enforcement certificate pay not to exceed \$1,800 effective with the annual fiscal period beginning October 1, 2026. Such salary is to be spread over twenty-six equal installments and each county is to be billed its respective share on a pro rata basis.

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John Wells III, District Judge
411th Judicial District of Texas

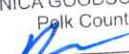
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In accordance with and pursuant to Article 52.051 and 52.054 of the *Government Code of Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated* of the State of Texas, the salary of **Elizabeth Cooksey**, Official Court Coordinator of the 411th Judicial Court of Texas, composed of Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties is hereby ordered to be \$64,736 effective with the annual fiscal period beginning October 1, 2026. Such salary is to be spread over twenty-six equal installments and each county is to be billed its respective share on a pro rata basis.

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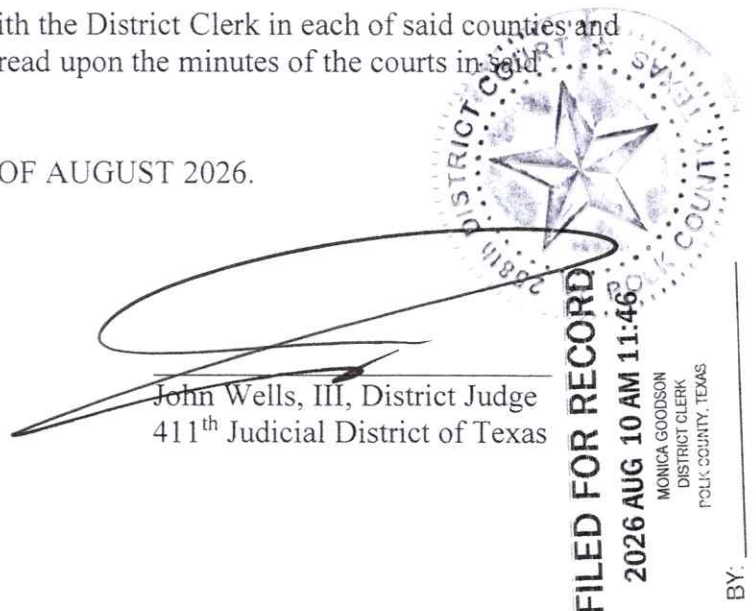
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MONICA GOODSON, DISTRICT CLERK OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

by [Signature] Deputy Clerk



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In accordance with and pursuant to Article 52.051 and 52.054 of the *Government Code of Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated* of the State of Texas, the salary of **Wendy Wilkerson**, Official Court Reporter of the 411th Judicial Court of Texas, composed of Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties is hereby ordered to be \$92,487 effective with the annual fiscal period beginning October 1, 2026. Such salary is to be spread over twenty-six equal installments and each county is to be billed its respective share on a pro rata basis.

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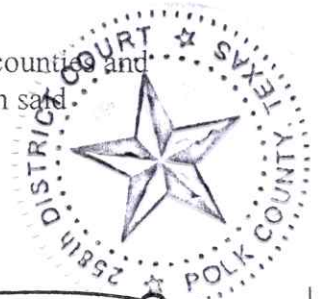
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JOINT CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

THIS CONTRACT (this "Agreement") is made effective as of the Effective Date (as defined below), by and between LEGGETT ISD, acting by and through its governing body, hereinafter referred to as and County Clerk of Polk County, Texas, hereinafter referred to as "County," and by authority of Section 31.092(a), Texas Election Code, and Chapter 791, Texas Local Government Code, for the conduct and supervision of the LEGGETT ISD election to be held on November 3, 2026. LEGGETT ISD and County may be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as "the Parties."

The purpose of this contract is for the performance of election services as authorized by statute. This contract shall serve as the general contract for each election for which the LEGGETT ISD requests the assistance of the County Clerk. Provisions specific to each particular election will be included as an attachment to the original contract. LEGGETT ISD and County Clerk may be referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties."

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The County Clerk has care, custody, and control over the electronic voting system, the Hart InterCivic Verity Duo Voting System (Version 2.7), which has been duly approved by the Secretary of State pursuant to Texas Election Code Chapter 122, as amended, and is compliant with the accessibility requirements set forth by Texas Election Code Section 61.012. LEGGETT ISD desires to use the electronic voting system, to compensate the County Clerk for such use, and to share in certain other expenses connected with joint election in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 31 and 271 of the Texas Election Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements, and benefits to the parties, IT IS AGREED as follows:

I. ADMINISTRATION

The Parties agree to hold a "Joint Election" in accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and this Agreement. The County Clerk shall coordinate, supervise, and handle all aspects of administering the Joint Election as provided in this Agreement. LEGGETT ISD agrees to pay County Clerk for equipment, supplies, services and administrative costs as provided in this Agreement. The County Clerk shall serve as the administrator for the Joint Election; however, the LEGGETT ISD shall remain responsible for the decisions and actions of its officers necessary for the lawful conduct of its election. The County Clerk shall provide advisory services in connection with decisions to be made and actions to be taken by the officers of the LEGGETT ISD.

It is understood that other political subdivisions may wish to participate in the use of the electronic voting system and polling places, and it is agreed that the County Clerk may enter into other joint election agreements and contracts for election services for those purposes on terms and conditions set forth in the Texas Election Code. LEGGETT ISD agrees that County Clerk may enter into joint election agreements with other political subdivisions that may have territory located partially or wholly within the boundaries of LEGGETT ISD, and, in such case, all parties sharing common territory shall share a joint ballot on the electronic voting system at the applicable polling places. In such cases, total costs shall be divided among the participants as determined in section X. ELECTION EXPENSES AND ALLOCATION OF COSTS.

At each polling location, joint participants shall share voting equipment and supplies to the extent possible. The participating parties shall share a mutual ballot in those precincts where jurisdictions overlap. However, in no instance shall a voter be permitted to receive a ballot containing an office or proposition stating a measure on which the voter is ineligible to vote. Multiple ballot styles shall be available in those shared polling places where jurisdictions do not overlap.

II. LEGAL DOCUMENTS

LEGGETT ISD shall be responsible for the preparation, adoption, and publication of all required election orders, resolutions, notices, and any other pertinent documents required by the Texas Election Code or LEGGETT ISD governing body, charter, or ordinances. With reference to publications, the County Clerk will publish the "Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment" and the "Notice of Election". If LEGGETT ISD is holding any type of Special Election, the LEGGETT ISD may have to publish their own "Notice of Election" in order to meet additional requirements. Please advise the County Clerk if the LEGGETT ISD must publish a separate notice so the LEGGETT ISD notice is not included in the Notice published by the County Clerk.

Preparation of the necessary materials for notices and the official ballot shall be the responsibility of each participating authority, including translation to languages other than English. Each participating authority shall provide a copy of their respective election orders and notices to the County Clerk.

III. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

Political subdivisions shall follow all applicable State and Federal laws related to elections, including, but not limited to, Section 52.072 of the Texas Election Code, which states in part, "A proposition shall be printed on the ballot in the form of a single statement..." **Failure to do so may prohibit the political subdivision's participation in a Joint Election.**

IV. VOTING LOCATIONS

The County Clerk shall select and arrange for the use of and payment for all Election Day voting locations. In the event a voting location is not available, the County Clerk will arrange for use of an alternate location with the approval of the LEGGETT ISD.

If polling places for the joint election are different from the polling place(s) used by LEGGETT ISD in its most recent election, LEGGETT ISD agrees to post a notice no later than the date of the election, at the entrance to any previous polling places in the jurisdiction, stating that the polling location has changed, and stating the LEGGETT ISD polling place name(s) and address(s) in effect for the election. The County Clerk's Election Office will post any changes in voting location from those that were used in the most recent COUNTYWIDE JOINT election.

V. ELECTION JUDGES, CLERKS, AND OTHER ELECTION PERSONNEL

The Polk County Commissioners Court shall be responsible for the appointment of the presiding judge and alternate judge for each polling location in accordance with Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code. In the event an emergency appointment is necessary, appointment shall be made in accordance with the Texas Election Code §32.007, which authorizes the presiding officer of the Polk County Commissioners Court to make an emergency appointment. Should that officer not be available, the

County Clerk's office shall make emergency appointments of election officials. Upon request by the County Clerk, LEGGETT ISD agrees to assist in recruiting polling place officials who are bilingual (fluent in both English and Spanish).

The County Clerk shall notify all election judges of the eligibility requirements of Subchapter C of Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code, and will take the necessary steps to ensure that all election judges appointed for the Joint Election are eligible to serve.

The County Clerk shall arrange for the training and compensation of all election judges and clerks. The County Clerk shall arrange for the date, time, and place for the presiding election judge to pick up their election supplies. Each presiding election judge will be sent a letter from the County Clerk notifying him of his appointment, the time and location of training and distribution of election supplies, and the number of election clerks that the presiding judge may appoint.

Each election judge will receive compensation at an hourly rate of \$12.00. Each election clerk will receive compensation at an hourly rate of \$12.00. The election judge will receive an additional sum of \$25.00 for returning the supplies and equipment to the central counting station after the polls close.

All Parties that at all times agree it and for all purposes hereunder, all election judges, clerks, and other personnel involved in this election are a temporary part-time employee subject only to those benefits available to such employees.

VI. PREPARATION OF SUPPLIES AND VOTING EQUIPMENT

The County Clerk shall arrange for all election supplies and voting equipment including, but not limited to, official ballots, sample ballots, voter registration lists, and all forms, signs and other materials used by the election judges at the voting locations. At each polling location, joint participants shall share voting equipment and supplies to the extent possible. The participating parties shall share a mutual ballot in those precincts where jurisdictions overlap. However, in no instance shall a voter be permitted to receive a ballot containing an office or proposition stating a measure on which the voter is ineligible to vote. Multiple ballot styles shall be available in those shared polling places where jurisdictions do not overlap. The County Clerk shall provide the necessary voter registration information, instructions, and other information needed to enable the election judges in the voting locations that have more than one ballot style to conduct a proper election. If special maps are needed for a particular Political Subdivision, the County Clerk will order the maps and pass that charge on to that particular Political Subdivision.

LEGGETT ISD shall furnish the County Clerk a list of candidates and/or propositions showing the order and the exact manner in which the candidate names and/or propositions(s) are to appear on the official ballot (including titles and text in each language in which the authority's ballot is to be printed). **THE LEGGETT ISD SHALL ALSO PROVIDE A COPY OF EACH CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY CLERK ELECTION OFFICE.** This list shall be delivered to the County Clerk as soon as possible after ballot positions have been determined by each of the participating authorities. Each participating authority shall be responsible for proofreading and approving the ballot insofar as it pertains to that authority's candidates and/or propositions.

VII. EARLY VOTING

The Parties agree to conduct joint early voting and to appoint the County Clerk as the Early Voting Clerk in accordance with Sections 31.097 and 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. LEGGETT ISD agrees to appoint the County Clerk's permanent county employees as deputy early voting clerks. The Parties further agree that each Early Voting location will have an "Officer in Charge" who will receive

compensation at an hourly rate of \$12.00. The clerks at each location will receive compensation at an hourly rate of \$12.00. Any qualified voter of the Joint Election may vote early by personal appearance at any one of the joint early voting locations.

As Early Voting Clerk, the County Clerk shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with Chapter 86 of the Texas Election Code. Any requests for early voting ballots to be voted by mail received by the LEGGETT ISD shall be forwarded immediately by fax, email or courier to the County Clerk for processing.

The County Clerk shall, upon request, provide the LEGGETT ISD a copy of the early voting report on a daily basis and a cumulative final early voting report following the election. The list will be posted to the Secretary of State's website by 11 am each day in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

VIII. EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD

The County Clerk shall appoint an Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) to process early voting MAIL BALLOTS from the Joint Election. The Presiding Judge, with the assistance of the County Clerk, shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the EVBB. The County Clerk shall determine the number of EVBB members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

IX. CENTRAL COUNTING STATION AND ELECTION RETURNS

The County shall be responsible for establishing and operating the central counting station to receive and tabulate the voted ballots in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and of this agreement. The participating authorities hereby, in accordance with Section 127.002, 127.003, and 127.005 of the Texas Election Code, appoint the following central counting station officials:

Counting Station Manager: Schelana Hock, Polk County Clerk

Tabulation Supervisor: Jasmin Zuniga, Chief Deputy

Presiding Judge: Paul Laverty

Alternate Presiding Judge: Carol Bischoff

The County Clerk will prepare the unofficial canvass reports after all precincts have been counted, and will deliver a copy of the unofficial canvass to the LEGGETT ISD as soon as possible after all returns have been tabulated. All participating authorities shall be responsible for the official canvass of their respective elections. Results will be immediately posted on the Polk County Website.

The County Clerk shall be responsible for conducting the post-election manual recount required by Section 127.201 of the Texas Election Code unless a waiver is granted by the Secretary of State. Notification and copies of the recount, if waiver is denied, will be provided to each participating authority and the Secretary of State's Office.

The County Clerk shall submit all precinct by precinct returns to the Texas Secretary of State's Office electronically.

X. ELECTION EXPENSES AND ALLOCATION OF COSTS

The Parties agree to share the costs of administering the Joint Election. Allocation of costs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is mutually agreed to be shared.

It is agreed that the LEGGETT ISD and County will split the cost of poll workers and paper ballots evenly for the Early Voting and Election Day polling locations. Each Political Subdivision will be responsible for the payment of programming and the audio programming of their Political Subdivision. The County Clerk will attach a copy of the invoice from Hart, Inc. to the final invoice. The County Clerk will pay the programming charges up front from the vendor, and will receive reimbursement from each Political Subdivision.

Costs for Election Day will be calculated by the number of precincts in each Political Subdivision and divided equally among the Political Subdivisions in the respected precincts for costs associated with Election Day.

Political Subdivision contracting for a runoff is not included in this agreement and each Political Subdivision shall be responsible for all associated costs of holding a runoff election.

XI. WITHDRAWAL FROM CONTRACT DUE TO CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

LIVINGSTON ISD may withdraw from this agreement and the Joint Election should it cancel its election in accordance with Sections 2.051 – 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, or should it be later ruled that the election is not needed. LEGGETT ISD is fully liable for any expenses incurred by County Clerk on behalf of the LEGGETT ISD. Any monies deposited with the county by the withdrawing authority shall be refunded, minus the aforementioned expenses.

XII. RECORDS OF THE ELECTION

The County Clerk is hereby appointed general custodian of the voted ballots and all records of the Joint Election as authorized by Section 271.010 of the Texas Election Code. Access to the election records shall be available to each participating authority, as well as to the public, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Elections Code and the Texas Public Information Act. The election records shall be stored at the offices of the County Clerk or at an alternate facility used for storage of county records. The County Clerk shall ensure that the records are maintained in an orderly manner so that the records are clearly identifiable and retrievable.

Records of the election shall be retained and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 66.058 of the Texas Election Code. If records of the election are involved in any pending election contest, investigation, litigation, or open records request, the County Clerk shall maintain the records until final resolution or until final judgment, whichever is applicable. It is the responsibility of each participating authority to bring to the attention of the County Clerk any notice of pending election contest, investigation, litigation or open records request which may be filed with the participating authority.

XIII. RECOUNTS

A recount may be obtained as provided by Title 13 of the Texas Election Code. LEGGETT ISD agrees that any recount shall take place at the offices of the County Clerk and that the County Clerk shall serve as Recount Supervisor and the LEGGETT ISD official or employee who performs the duties of a secretary under the Texas Election Code shall serve as Recount Coordinator.

The County Clerk agrees to provide advisory services to the LEGGETT ISD as necessary to conduct a proper recount and cost of the recount depends on the size of the election and number of precincts to be recounted.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. It is understood that to the extent space is available, that other districts and political subdivisions may wish to participate in the use of the election equipment and voting places; it is agreed that the County Clerk may contract with such other districts or political subdivisions for such purposes, and that in such event, there may be an adjustment of the pro-rata share to be paid to the County by the participating authorities.
2. The County Clerk shall file copies of this document with the County Treasurer and the County Auditor in accordance with Section 31.099 of the Texas Election Code.
3. In the event that legal action is filed contesting the Political Subdivision's election under Title 14 of the Texas Election Code, Political Subdivision shall choose and provide, at its own expense, legal counsel for the County, the County Clerk, and additional election personnel as necessary.
4. Nothing in this contract prevents any party from taking appropriate legal action against any other party and/or other election personnel for a breach of this contract or a violation of the Texas Election Code; however, any action taken is subject to any immunity provided by statute or common law to governmental entities. For purposes of this contract, the County Clerk's office is acting as a governmental entity covered by any immunity available to Polk County.
5. The parties agree that under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, neither Polk County nor Political Subdivision can enter into an agreement whereby either party agrees to indemnify or hold harmless another party; therefore, all references of any kind, if any, to indemnifying or holding or saving harmless for any reason are hereby deleted.
6. This agreement shall be construed under and in accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Polk County, Texas.
7. In the event of one or more of the provisions contained in the Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
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16. **Funding.** The Parties understand and acknowledge that the funding of this Agreement is contained in each Party's annual budget and is subject to the approval of each Party in each fiscal year. The Parties further agree that should the governing body of any Party fail to approve a budget that includes sufficient funds for the continuation of this Agreement, or should the governing body of any Party fail to certify funds for any reason, then and upon the occurrence of such event, this Agreement shall automatically terminate as to that Party and that Party shall then have no further obligation to the other Party. When the funds budgeted or certified during any fiscal year by a Party to discharge its obligations under this Agreement are expended, the other Party's ***sole and exclusive remedy*** shall be to terminate this Agreement.
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It is estimated that the Political Subdivision's obligation under the terms of this agreement shall be DETERMINED AFTER THE ELECTION. The exact amount of the Political Subdivision's obligation under the terms of this Agreement shall be calculated after the November 3, 2026 election; is due within thirty (30) days after receipt of the final invoice from the County Clerk.

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, this agreement, its multiple originals all of equal force, has been executed on behalf of the parties.

- (1) On the 22nd day of July, 2026 been executed on behalf of the County Clerk by the County Clerk pursuant to the Texas Election Code;

(2) On the 22nd day of July, 2026 been executed on behalf of the LEGGETT ISD by its Superintendent, or authorized representative, pursuant to an action of the LEGGETT ISD.

POLK COUNTY, COUNTY CLERK by

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Schelana Hock, County Clerk

ATTEST:

LEGGETT ISD

By

Jana Louie

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Authorized Representative for LEGGETT ISD

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By

Murphy

Polk County Judge, Sydney Murphy

August 11, 2026

DATE

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At each polling location, joint participants shall share voting equipment and supplies to the extent possible. The participating parties shall share a mutual ballot in those precincts where jurisdictions overlap. However, in no instance shall a voter be permitted to receive a ballot containing an office or proposition stating a measure on which the voter is ineligible to vote. Multiple ballot styles shall be available in those shared polling places where jurisdictions do not overlap.

II. LEGAL DOCUMENTS

LIVINGSTON ISD shall be responsible for the preparation, adoption, and publication of all required election orders, resolutions, notices, and any other pertinent documents required by the Texas Election Code or LIVINGSTON ISD governing body, charter, or ordinances. With reference to publications, the County Clerk will publish the "Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment" and the "Notice of Election". If LIVINGSTON ISD is holding any type of Special Election, the LIVINGSTON ISD may have to publish their own "Notice of Election" in order to meet additional requirements. Please advise the County Clerk if the LIVINGSTON ISD must publish a separate notice so the LIVINGSTON ISD notice is not included in the Notice published by the County Clerk.

Preparation of the necessary materials for notices and the official ballot shall be the responsibility of each participating authority, including translation to languages other than English. Each participating authority shall provide a copy of their respective election orders and notices to the County Clerk.

III. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

Political subdivisions shall follow all applicable State and Federal laws related to elections, including, but not limited to, Section 52.072 of the Texas Election Code, which states in part, "A proposition shall be printed on the ballot in the form of a single statement..." **Failure to do so may prohibit the political subdivision's participation in a Joint Election.**

IV. VOTING LOCATIONS

The County Clerk shall select and arrange for the use of and payment for all Election Day voting locations. In the event a voting location is not available, the County Clerk will arrange for use of an alternate location with the approval of the LIVINGSTON ISD.

If polling places for the joint election are different from the polling place(s) used by LIVINGSTON ISD in its most recent election, LIVINGSTON ISD agrees to post a notice no later than the date of the election, at the entrance to any previous polling places in the jurisdiction, stating that the polling location has changed, and stating the LIVINGSTON ISD polling place name(s) and address(s) in effect for the election. The County Clerk's Election Office will post any changes in voting location from those that were used in the most recent COUNTYWIDE JOINT election.

V. ELECTION JUDGES, CLERKS, AND OTHER ELECTION PERSONNEL

The Polk County Commissioners Court shall be responsible for the appointment of the presiding judge and alternate judge for each polling location in accordance with Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code. In the event an emergency appointment is necessary, appointment shall be made in accordance with the Texas Election Code §32.007, which authorizes the presiding officer of the Polk County Commissioners Court to make an emergency appointment. Should that officer not be available, the County Clerk's office shall make emergency appointments of election officials. Upon request by the

County Clerk, LIVINGSTON ISD agrees to assist in recruiting polling place officials who are bilingual (fluent in both English and Spanish).

The County Clerk shall notify all election judges of the eligibility requirements of Subchapter C of Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code, and will take the necessary steps to ensure that all election judges appointed for the Joint Election are eligible to serve.

The County Clerk shall arrange for the training and compensation of all election judges and clerks. The County Clerk shall arrange for the date, time, and place for the presiding election judge to pick up their election supplies. Each presiding election judge will be sent a letter from the County Clerk notifying him of his appointment, the time and location of training and distribution of election supplies, and the number of election clerks that the presiding judge may appoint.

Each election judge will receive compensation at an hourly rate of \$12.00. Each election clerk will receive compensation at an hourly rate of \$12.00. The election judge will receive an additional sum of \$25.00 for returning the supplies and equipment to the central counting station after the polls close.

All Parties that at all times agree it and for all purposes hereunder, all election judges, clerks, and other personnel involved in this election are a temporary part-time employee subject only to those benefits available to such employees.

VI. PREPARATION OF SUPPLIES AND VOTING EQUIPMENT

The County Clerk shall arrange for all election supplies and voting equipment including, but not limited to, official ballots, sample ballots, voter registration lists, and all forms, signs and other materials used by the election judges at the voting locations. At each polling location, joint participants shall share voting equipment and supplies to the extent possible. The participating parties shall share a mutual ballot in those precincts where jurisdictions overlap. However, in no instance shall a voter be permitted to receive a ballot containing an office or proposition stating a measure on which the voter is ineligible to vote. Multiple ballot styles shall be available in those shared polling places where jurisdictions do not overlap. The County Clerk shall provide the necessary voter registration information, instructions, and other information needed to enable the election judges in the voting locations that have more than one ballot style to conduct a proper election. If special maps are needed for a particular Political Subdivision, the County Clerk will order the maps and pass that charge on to that particular Political Subdivision.

LIVINGSTON ISD shall furnish the County Clerk a list of candidates and/or propositions showing the order and the exact manner in which the candidate names and/or propositions(s) are to appear on the official ballot (including titles and text in each language in which the authority's ballot is to be printed). **THE LIVINGSTON ISD SHALL ALSO PROVIDE A COPY OF EACH CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY CLERK ELECTION OFFICE.** This list shall be delivered to the County Clerk as soon as possible after ballot positions have been determined by each of the participating authorities. Each participating authority shall be responsible for proofreading and approving the ballot insofar as it pertains to that authority's candidates and/or propositions.

VII. EARLY VOTING

The Parties agree to conduct joint early voting and to appoint the County Clerk as the Early Voting Clerk in accordance with Sections 31.097 and 271.006 of the Texas Election Code. LIVINGSTON ISD agrees to appoint the County Clerk's permanent county employees as deputy early voting clerks. The Parties further agree that each Early Voting location will have an "Officer in Charge" who will receive

compensation at an hourly rate of \$12.00. The clerks at each location will receive compensation at an hourly rate of \$12.00. Any qualified voter of the Joint Election may vote early by personal appearance at any one of the joint early voting locations.

As Early Voting Clerk, the County Clerk shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with Chapter 86 of the Texas Election Code. Any requests for early voting ballots to be voted by mail received by the LIVINGSTON ISD shall be forwarded immediately by fax, email or courier to the County Clerk for processing.

The County Clerk shall, upon request, provide the LIVINGSTON ISD a copy of the early voting report on a daily basis and a cumulative final early voting report following the election. The list will be posted to the Secretary of State's website by 11 am each day in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

VIII. EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD

The County Clerk shall appoint an Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) to process early voting MAIL BALLOTS from the Joint Election. The Presiding Judge, with the assistance of the County Clerk, shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the EVBB. The County Clerk shall determine the number of EVBB members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

IX. CENTRAL COUNTING STATION AND ELECTION RETURNS

The County shall be responsible for establishing and operating the central counting station to receive and tabulate the voted ballots in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and of this agreement. The participating authorities hereby, in accordance with Section 127.002, 127.003, and 127.005 of the Texas Election Code, appoint the following central counting station officials:

Counting Station Manager: **Schelana Hock, Polk County Clerk**

Tabulation Supervisor: **Jasmin Zuniga, Chief Deputy**

Presiding Judge: **Paul Laverty**

Alternate Presiding Judge: **Carol Bischoff**

The County Clerk will prepare the unofficial canvass reports after all precincts have been counted, and will deliver a copy of the unofficial canvass to the LIVINGSTON ISD as soon as possible after all returns have been tabulated. All participating authorities shall be responsible for the official canvass of their respective elections. Results will be immediately posted on the Polk County Website.

The County Clerk shall be responsible for conducting the post-election manual recount required by Section 127.201 of the Texas Election Code unless a waiver is granted by the Secretary of State. Notification and copies of the recount, if waiver is denied, will be provided to each participating authority and the Secretary of State's Office.

The County Clerk shall submit all precinct by precinct returns to the Texas Secretary of State's Office electronically.

X. ELECTION EXPENSES AND ALLOCATION OF COSTS

The Parties agree to share the costs of administering the Joint Election. Allocation of costs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is mutually agreed to be shared.

It is agreed that the LIVINGSTON ISD and County will split the cost of poll workers and paper ballots evenly for the Early Voting and Election Day polling locations. Each Political Subdivision will be responsible for the payment of programming and the audio programming of their Political Subdivision. The County Clerk will attach a copy of the invoice from Hart, Inc. to the final invoice. The County Clerk will pay the programming charges up front from the vendor, and will receive reimbursement from each Political Subdivision.

Costs for Election Day will be calculated by the number of precincts in each Political Subdivision and divided equally among the Political Subdivisions in the respected precincts for costs associated with Election Day.

Political Subdivision contracting for a runoff is not included in this agreement and each Political Subdivision shall be responsible for all associated costs of holding a runoff election.

XI. WITHDRAWAL FROM CONTRACT DUE TO CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

LIVINGSTON ISD may withdraw from this agreement and the Joint Election should it cancel its election in accordance with Sections 2.051 – 2.053 of the Texas Election Code, or should it be later ruled that the election is not needed. LIVINGSTON ISD is fully liable for any expenses incurred by County Clerk on behalf of the LIVINGSTON ISD. Any monies deposited with the county by the withdrawing authority shall be refunded, minus the aforementioned expenses.

XII. RECORDS OF THE ELECTION

The County Clerk is hereby appointed general custodian of the voted ballots and all records of the Joint Election as authorized by Section 271.010 of the Texas Election Code. Access to the election records shall be available to each participating authority, as well as to the public, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Elections Code and the Texas Public Information Act. The election records shall be stored at the offices of the County Clerk or at an alternate facility used for storage of county records. The County Clerk shall ensure that the records are maintained in an orderly manner so that the records are clearly identifiable and retrievable.

Records of the election shall be retained and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 66.058 of the Texas Election Code. If records of the election are involved in any pending election contest, investigation, litigation, or open records request, the County Clerk shall maintain the records until final resolution or until final judgment, whichever is applicable. It is the responsibility of each participating authority to bring to the attention of the County Clerk any notice of pending election contest, investigation, litigation or open records request which may be filed with the participating authority.

XIII. RECOUNTS

A recount may be obtained as provided by Title 13 of the Texas Election Code. LIVINGSTON ISD agrees that any recount shall take place at the offices of the County Clerk and that the

County Clerk shall serve as Recount Supervisor and the LIVINGSTON ISD official or employee who performs the duties of a secretary under the Texas Election Code shall serve as Recount Coordinator.

The County Clerk agrees to provide advisory services to the LIVINGSTON ISD as necessary to conduct a proper recount and cost of the recount depends on the size of the election and number of precincts to be recounted.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. It is understood that to the extent space is available, that other districts and political subdivisions may wish to participate in the use of the election equipment and voting places; it is agreed that the County Clerk may contract with such other districts or political subdivisions for such purposes, and that in such event, there may be an adjustment of the pro-rata share to be paid to the County by the participating authorities.
2. The County Clerk shall file copies of this document with the County Treasurer and the County Auditor in accordance with Section 31.099 of the Texas Election Code.
3. In the event that legal action is filed contesting the Political Subdivision's election under Title 14 of the Texas Election Code, Political Subdivision shall choose and provide, at its own expense, legal counsel for the County, the County Clerk, and additional election personnel as necessary.
4. Nothing in this contract prevents any party from taking appropriate legal action against any other party and/or other election personnel for a breach of this contract or a violation of the Texas Election Code; however, any action taken is subject to any immunity provided by statute or common law to governmental entities. For purposes of this contract, the County Clerk's office is acting as a governmental entity covered by any immunity available to Polk County.
5. The parties agree that under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, neither Polk County nor Political Subdivision can enter into an agreement whereby either party agrees to indemnify or hold harmless another party; therefore, all references of any kind, if any, to indemnifying or holding or saving harmless for any reason are hereby deleted.
6. This agreement shall be construed under and in accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Polk County, Texas.
7. In the event of one or more of the provisions contained in the Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
8. All parties shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State of Texas, all local governments, and any other entities with local jurisdiction.
9. The waiver by any party of a breach of any provision of this agreement shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach.
10. Any amendments of this agreement shall be of no effect unless in writing and signed by all parties hereto.
11. **Authorization of Agreement.** This Agreement has been approved and authorized by the governing body of the LIVINGSTON ISD.
12. **Purpose, Terms, Rights and Duties of the Parties.** The purpose, terms, rights, and duties of the Parties shall be as set forth in this agreement.

13. **Payments from Current Revenues.** Each Party paying for the performance of governmental functions or services must make those payments from current revenues available to that paying Party.
14. **Fair Compensation.** The Parties acknowledge and agree that each of the payments contemplated by this Agreement fairly compensate the performing Party.
15. **Termination.** At any time and for any reason, either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the other Party.
16. **Funding.** The Parties understand and acknowledge that the funding of this Agreement is contained in each Party's annual budget and is subject to the approval of each Party in each fiscal year. The Parties further agree that should the governing body of any Party fail to approve a budget that includes sufficient funds for the continuation of this Agreement, or should the governing body of any Party fail to certify funds for any reason, then and upon the occurrence of such event, this Agreement shall automatically terminate as to that Party and that Party shall then have no further obligation to the other Party. When the funds budgeted or certified during any fiscal year by a Party to discharge its obligations under this Agreement are expended, the other Party's ***sole and exclusive remedy*** shall be to terminate this Agreement.
17. **No Joint Enterprise.** The Agreement is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create any joint enterprise between or among the Parties.
18. **Public Information.** This Agreement is public information. To the extent, if any, that any provision of this Agreement is in conflict with Texas Government Code Chapter 552, et seq., as amended (the "Texas Public Information Act"), such provision shall be void and have no force or effect.
19. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is entered solely by and between, and may be enforced only by and among the Parties. Except as set forth herein, this Agreement shall not be deemed to create any rights in, or obligations to, any third parties.
20. **No Personal Liability.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any employee, officer, or agent of any Party to this Agreement.
21. Nothing in this Agreement requires that either the LIVINGSTON ISD or County incur debt, assess or collect funds, or create a sinking fund.
22. **Sovereign Immunity Acknowledged and Retained.** **THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT NO PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS IN ANY WAY INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER BY ANY PARTY OF ANY IMMUNITY FROM SUIT OR LIABILITY THAT A PARTY MAY HAVE BY OPERATION OF LAW. THE CITY AND THE COUNTY RETAIN ALL GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITIES.**

XV. COST ESTIMATES AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

It is estimated that the Political Subdivision's obligation under the terms of this agreement shall be DETERMINED AFTER THE ELECTION. The exact amount of the Political Subdivision's obligation

under the terms of this Agreement shall be calculated after the November 3, 2026 election; is **due within thirty (30) days after receipt of the final invoice from the County Clerk.**

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, this agreement, its multiple originals all of equal force, has been executed on behalf of the parties.

- (1) On the 11 day of August, 2026 been executed on behalf of the County Clerk by the County Clerk pursuant to the Texas Election Code;
- (2) On the _____ day of _____, 2026 been executed on behalf of the LIVINGSTON ISD by its _____, or authorized representative, pursuant to an action of the LIVINGSTON ISD.

POLK COUNTY, COUNTY CLERK by

Schelana Hock

Schelana Hock, County Clerk

ATTEST:

Dr. Jeff Pack

LIVINGSTON ISD

By DR. JEFF PACK, SUPERINTENDENT
or
Authorized Representative for LIVINGSTON ISD

Schelana Hock

By Sydney Murphy
Polk County Judge, Sydney Murphy

August 11, 2026
DATE

August 11, 2026
DATE



Polk County, Texas

ORDER

Authorizing and Assigning space in County-owned Buildings

WHEREAS, Counties are permitted and encouraged to provide space in county-owned buildings to private and other entities which serve as agents of the public and which promote or carry out a county purpose; and,

WHEREAS, such entities have requested office space which is available within certain county-owned buildings and this Court finds that the provision of space to the requesting entities will serve a county purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas hereby authorizes and assigns the use of space located in the county-owned building referenced herein to the following entities:

Main Courthouse – 101 W. Church - Livingston, Texas

Polk County Office Annex – 602 E. Church – Livingston, Texas;
Texas Agri-Life Extension

Polk County Law Enforcement Center – 1733 N. Washington – Livingston, Texas
Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks & Wildlife (Game Wardens), Texas Ranger

Onalaska Sub-Courthouse – 501 E Hwy 190 Onalaska, Texas
Allegiance Ambulance

Precinct 3 (LeBlanc Building) – 912 S. Home Corrigan, Texas
Corrigan Christian Resource Center (Food Distribution)

James J. “Buddy” Purvis Health & Human Services Building – Corrigan, Texas
Corrigan Heritage Society (storage)

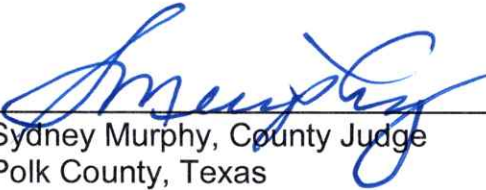
Dunbar Complex – 1112 Dogwood Livingston, Texas
SAAFE House, Texas Department of Emergency Management – County Liaison Officer

321 N. Beatty

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the County shall not charge a fee to the listed entities for the use of said space/s.

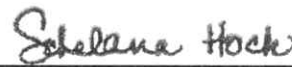
APPROVED and ORDERED on this the 11th day of August, 2026.

This Order replaces any previous Order approved by Polk County for the purpose stated.



Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas

ATTEST:



County Clerk

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF POLK §

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT, made and entered into this the 11 day of August, 2026, by and between the COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF TEXAS, hereinafter referred to as "Lessor", and **LOWER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LTGCD)**, hereinafter referred to as "Lessee":

WITNESSETH:

Lessor does, by these presents, lease and demise unto Lessee, the following property, lying and being situated in the City of Livingston, County of Polk, State of Texas, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being approximately 684 square feet of the County building located at 602 East Church Street in Livingston, Polk County, Texas and more specifically known as the Polk County Office Annex Building Suites 148, 149, 150 and 151. **See Exhibit "A".**

The term of this Lease shall be sixty (60) months beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2031. The Lease may thereafter be renewed annually upon mutual written agreement of the parties. Said premises are to be used and occupied by Lessee for business affairs and for no other purposes whatsoever, without prior written consent of Lessor, for the following considerations and covenants:

1. Lessee shall pay rent at the existing rate of \$0.20 per square foot, or \$136.80 per month (\$1,641.60 annually), with the option to pay monthly or annually.
2. Lessee agrees to accept possession of the demised premises in their present condition, and to maintain said premises throughout the term, with the exception of HVAC, lighting and electrical wiring in place at the time of this agreement to be maintained by Lessor.
3. Lessor agrees that Lessee may have a business telephone line, wifi and/or internet connection installed at Lessee's expense for business purposes. Lessee agrees to furnish all supplies and equipment for Lessee's own personal/business use.
4. Lessor hereby covenants and agrees that Lessee shall and will, upon fully observing and performing the covenants and agreements herein provided, quietly and peaceably possess and enjoy said above demised premises, unless said lease be sooner terminated, under and in accordance with any of the provisions herein elsewhere contained providing for such termination.
5. No waiver by the parties hereto of any default or breach of any term, condition, or covenant of this lease shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach of the same or any other term, condition, or covenant contained herein.
6. In the event Lessor or Lessee breaches any of the terms of this agreement, whereby the party not in default employs attorneys to protect or enforce their rights hereunder and prevails, then the defaulting party agrees to pay to the other party reasonable attorney's fees so incurred by such other party.
7. This lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

8. This agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Polk County, Texas.
9. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this agreement shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
10. This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties.
11. No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms hereof shall be binding, unless the same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof and duly executed by the parties hereto.
12. This contract may be terminated without cause or penalty by either party, provided written notice is given to the other party not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the proposed date of termination. The extended notice period recognizes the substantial time required to relocate a governmental regulatory organization, including securing replacement office space, relocating technology and official records, and maintaining uninterrupted public services.
13. If renovations, repairs, or other improvements require the District to vacate the Original Annex Premises, the County shall relocate the District to the Beatty Building, consisting of Offices 201, 202, and 203, as shown on **Exhibit B**. The rental rate and all other terms of this Lease shall remain unchanged. Such relocation shall not constitute termination of this Lease or require execution of a new lease agreement. If the Original Premises become available following renovations, the parties may mutually agree that the District return.
14. Time is of the essence of this lease.

Exhibit A

Original Premises – Polk County Office Annex Building, Offices 148, 149, 150, and 151.

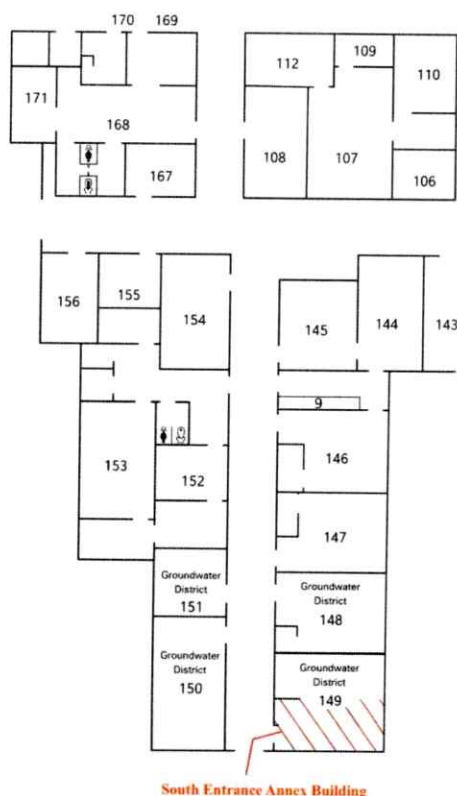
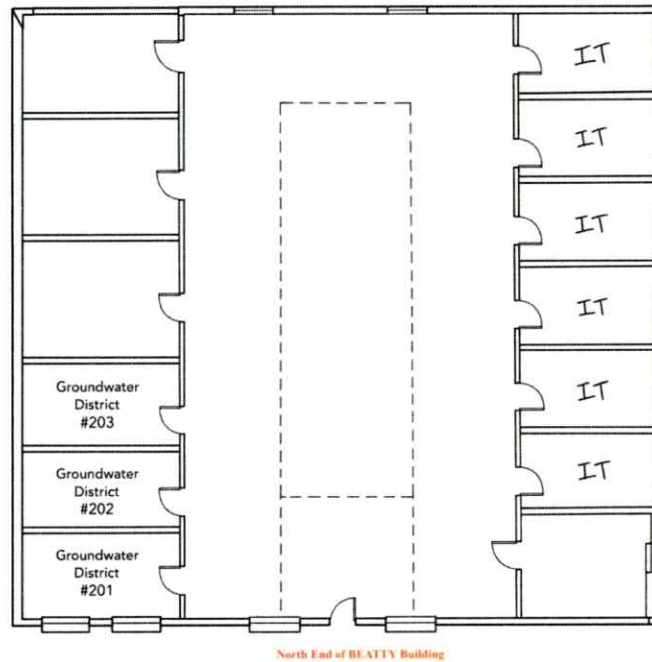


Exhibit B

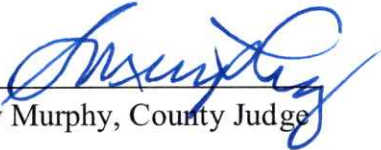
Alternative Office Location – Beatty Building, Offices 201, 202, and 203. These offices shall serve as the substitute premises only if relocation becomes necessary due to County renovations, repairs, or improvements.



APPROVED AND EXECUTED this the 11 day of August, 2026, in a regularly called session of the Polk County Commissioners Court.

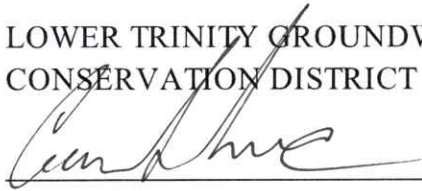
LESSOR:

COUNTY OF POLK


Sydney Murphy, County Judge

LESSEE:

LOWER TRINITY GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT


Gary Ashmore



Polk County, TX

Budget Adjustment Register

Adjustment Detail

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Adjustment Number	Budget Code	Description	Adjustment Date
K26R23	FY2026 General Budget	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	8/11/2026
Summary Description: K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVAL			

Account Number	Account Name	Adjustment Description	Before	Adjustment	After
<u>010-1403-3150</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	15,000.00	-700.00	14,300.00
August: -700.00					
<u>010-1403-3300</u>	FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	800.00	700.00	1,500.00
August: 700.00					
<u>010-1495-3900</u>	SUBSCRIPTIONS	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	50.00	10.00	60.00
August: 10.00					
<u>010-1495-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	4,980.00	-10.00	4,970.00
August: -10.00					
<u>010-1511-3350</u>	PEST CONTROL	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	8,000.00	1,600.00	9,600.00
August: 1,600.00					
<u>010-1511-4890</u>	TIRE DISPOSAL	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	2,500.00	-1,600.00	900.00
August: -1,600.00					
<u>010-2456-4175</u>	BOND CONDITION SUPERVISIO	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	1,065.36	-142.22	923.14
August: -142.22					
<u>010-2456-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	2,745.17	142.22	2,887.39
August: 142.22					
<u>010-2456-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	2,745.17	30.00	2,775.17
August: 30.00					
<u>010-2456-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	2,745.17	71.00	2,816.17
August: 71.00					
<u>010-2456-4800</u>	BONDS	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	0.00	-71.00	-71.00
August: -71.00					
<u>010-2456-4810</u>	DUES	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	160.00	-30.00	130.00
August: -30.00					
<u>010-2512-3000</u>	UNIFORMS	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	6,550.00	5,000.00	11,550.00
August: 5,000.00					
<u>010-2512-3150</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	12,000.00	-5,000.00	7,000.00
August: -5,000.00					
<u>010-2512-4520</u>	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	12,500.00	1,500.00	14,000.00
August: 1,500.00					
<u>010-2512-4905</u>	CORRECTIONAL SECURITY EQU	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	11,500.00	1,000.00	12,500.00
August: 1,000.00					
<u>010-2512-4910</u>	INMATE SUPPLIES	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	32,000.00	-3,500.00	28,500.00
August: -3,500.00					
<u>010-2512-4980</u>	OFFICE FURNISHINGS/EQUIPM	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	1,400.00	1,000.00	2,400.00
August: 1,000.00					
<u>010-3665-3340</u>	OPERATING EXPENSES	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	1,000.00	-500.00	500.00
August: -500.00					
<u>010-3665-4240</u>	CEA-4H SPECIAL TRAVEL	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	4,000.00	995.65	4,995.65
August: 995.65					
<u>010-3665-4250</u>	CEA SPECIAL TRAVEL	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	4,000.00	865.90	4,865.90
August: 865.90					
<u>010-3665-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	180.00	-180.00	0.00

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August:	-180.00					
<u>010-3665-4520</u>		EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	800.00	-800.00	0.00
August:	-800.00					
<u>010-3665-4540</u>		FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	1,500.00	-381.55	1,118.45
August:	-381.55					
<u>010-3698-3000</u>		UNIFORMS	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	750.00	-350.00	400.00
August:	-350.00					
<u>010-3698-3150</u>		OFFICE SUPPLIES	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	2,000.00	4,750.00	6,750.00
August:	4,750.00					
<u>010-3698-3300</u>		FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	4,500.00	-2,500.00	2,000.00
August:	-2,500.00					
<u>010-3698-4270</u>		TRAVEL TRAINING	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	2,000.00	-1,900.00	100.00
August:	-1,900.00					
<u>021-6621-3300</u>		FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	63,600.00	19,000.00	82,600.00
August:	19,000.00					
<u>021-6621-3540</u>		TIRES	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	15,500.00	10,000.00	25,500.00
August:	10,000.00					
<u>021-6621-4560</u>		PARTS & REPAIRS	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	110,397.93	8,000.00	118,397.93
August:	8,000.00					
<u>021-6621-4900</u>		MISCELLANEOUS	K26R23 BUDGET REVISIONS	165,210.77	-37,000.00	128,210.77
August:	-37,000.00					

Budget Code Summary

Budget	Budget Description	Account	Account Description	Before	Adjustment	After
FY2026 General	FY2026 General Budget	<u>010-1403-3150</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	15,000.00	-700.00	14,300.00
		<u>010-1403-3300</u>	FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION	800.00	700.00	1,500.00
		<u>010-1495-3900</u>	SUBSCRIPTIONS	50.00	10.00	60.00
		<u>010-1495-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	4,980.00	-10.00	4,970.00
		<u>010-1511-3350</u>	PEST CONTROL	8,000.00	1,600.00	9,600.00
		<u>010-1511-4890</u>	TIRE DISPOSAL	2,500.00	-1,600.00	900.00
		<u>010-2456-4175</u>	BOND CONDITION SUPERVISION	1,065.36	-142.22	923.14
		<u>010-2456-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	2,745.17	243.22	2,988.39
		<u>010-2456-4800</u>	BONDS	0.00	-71.00	-71.00
		<u>010-2456-4810</u>	DUES	160.00	-30.00	130.00
		<u>010-2512-3000</u>	UNIFORMS	6,550.00	5,000.00	11,550.00
		<u>010-2512-3150</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	12,000.00	-5,000.00	7,000.00
		<u>010-2512-4520</u>	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	12,500.00	1,500.00	14,000.00
		<u>010-2512-4905</u>	CORRECTIONAL SECURITY EQUIP	11,500.00	1,000.00	12,500.00
		<u>010-2512-4910</u>	INMATE SUPPLIES	32,000.00	-3,500.00	28,500.00
		<u>010-2512-4980</u>	OFFICE FURNISHINGS/EQUIPMEN	1,400.00	1,000.00	2,400.00
		<u>010-3665-3340</u>	OPERATING EXPENSES	1,000.00	-500.00	500.00
		<u>010-3665-4240</u>	CEA-4H SPECIAL TRAVEL	4,000.00	995.65	4,995.65
		<u>010-3665-4250</u>	CEA SPECIAL TRAVEL	4,000.00	865.90	4,865.90
		<u>010-3665-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	180.00	-180.00	0.00
		<u>010-3665-4520</u>	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	800.00	-800.00	0.00
		<u>010-3665-4540</u>	FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION	1,500.00	-381.55	1,118.45
		<u>010-3698-3000</u>	UNIFORMS	750.00	-350.00	400.00
		<u>010-3698-3150</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	4,750.00	6,750.00
		<u>010-3698-3300</u>	FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION	4,500.00	-2,500.00	2,000.00
		<u>010-3698-4270</u>	TRAVEL TRAINING	2,000.00	-1,900.00	100.00
		<u>021-6621-3300</u>	FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION	63,600.00	19,000.00	82,600.00
		<u>021-6621-3540</u>	TIRES	15,500.00	10,000.00	25,500.00
		<u>021-6621-4560</u>	PARTS & REPAIRS	110,397.93	8,000.00	118,397.93
		<u>021-6621-4900</u>	MISCELLANEOUS	165,210.77	-37,000.00	128,210.77
			FY2026 General Total:	486,689.23	0.00	486,689.23
			Grand Total:	486,689.23	0.00	486,689.23

Fund Summary

Fund	Before	Adjustment	After
Budget Code: FY2026 General - FY2026 General Budget Fiscal: 2025-2026			
010	131,980.53	0.00	131,980.53
021	354,708.70	0.00	354,708.70
Budget Code FY2026 General Total:	486,689.23	0.00	486,689.23
Grand Total:	486,689.23	0.00	486,689.23



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QUOTE

Quote Nbr.: 003620-6
Quote Date: 8/3/2026
Valid Until: 9/2/2026
Sales Person: Noah Sowers
Customer ID: 102589
Reference:
For: Ben Roach
Contract Nbr: 230301 TIPS FURNITURE CONTRACT

FOR:	SHIP TO:	Description:	Payment Terms:
Southwest Filing & Storage 2 Arabian Court Mansfield TX 76063 United States of America	Southwest Filing & Storage 2 Arabian Ct Mansfield TX 76063-5162 United States of America Attn: BEN ROACH	Polk CC	0.5% 20 NET 30

NO.	ITEM	QTY.	UOM	PRICE	DISC.	AMOUNT
1	3042KS TOP SHELF 30" X 42" W	3.0000	EA	80.0000	35%	156.00
2	1842KS TOP SHELF 18" X 42" W	19.0000	EA	50.5000	35%	623.67
3	3024KS TOP SHELF 30" X 24"	2.0000	EA	70.0000	35%	91.00
4	1824KS TOP SHELF 18" X 24"	1.0000	EA	44.0000	35%	28.60
5	TD42-64 Tambour Door	4.0000	EA	1,591.0000	35%	4,136.60
6	SS-2414 24" DOUBLE RIVET SHELF SUPPORT	110.0000	EA	8.8000	35%	629.20
7	SR30 30" SHELF REINFORCEMENT	10.0000	EA	7.7000	35%	50.05
8	SR18 18" SHELF REINFORCEMENT	40.0000	EA	5.6000	35%	145.60
9	RPX-4297 42" X 97" SECTIONAL BACK PANEL	7.0000	EA	301.0000	35%	1,369.55
10	RPX-4276 42"W X 76"H SECTIONAL STEEL	2.0000	EA	228.0000	35%	296.40
11	RPX-4264 42"W X 64"H SECTIONAL STEEL	4.0000	EA	207.0000	35%	538.20
12	RPX-2497 Rear Mount Sectional Steel Back Panel 24"W x 97"H	1.0000	EA	247.0000	35%	160.55
13	7630TO 30"D X 76"H OPEN "T" UPRIGHT	3.0000	EA	148.0000	35%	288.60
14	9718TO 18"D X 97"H OPEN T UPRIGHT	2.0000	EA	173.0000	35%	224.90
15	7618TO 18"D X 76"H OPEN "T" UPRIGHT	2.0000	EA	126.0000	35%	163.80
16	QB4202 KICK PLATE 2"H X 42"W	44.0000	EA	17.6000	35%	503.36
17	QB2402 KICK PLATE 2"H X 24"W	6.0000	EA	15.4000	35%	60.06
18	MS-4211 42" HEAVY DUTY SHELF SUPPORT	732.0000	EA	13.2000	35%	6,280.56

NO.	ITEM	QTY.	UOM	PRICE	DISC.	AMOUNT
19	FRP-4276 FLAT REAR PANEL 42" X 76-1/4"H	2.0000	EA	237.0000	35%	308.10
20	RPX-4232 Custom Rear Mount Sectional Steel Back Panel 42"W x 32"H	2.0000	EA	180.0000	35%	234.00
21	3218TO OPEN T-UPRIGHT 18"D X 32 3/4"H	1.0000	EA	99.5000	35%	64.67
22	3218LC CLOSED L-UPRIGHT 18"D X 32 3/4"H	2.0000	EA	97.5000	35%	126.75
23	9718TC 18"D X 97"H CLOSED "T" UPRIGHT	2.0000	EA	211.0000	35%	274.30
24	6418TC 18"D X 64"H CLOSED "T" UPRIGHT	2.0000	EA	133.0000	35%	172.90
25	7630LC 30"D X 76"H CLOSED L UPRIGHT	4.0000	EA	170.0000	35%	442.00
26	9718LC 18"D X 97"H CLOSED "L" UPRIGHT	8.0000	EA	179.0000	35%	930.80
27	7618LC 18"D X 76"H CLOSED "L" UPRIGHT	8.0000	EA	123.0000	35%	639.60
28	6418LC 18"D X 64"H CLOSED L UPRIGHT	4.0000	EA	114.0000	35%	296.40
29	ER30D 30" Deep Easy Roller Double Entry	256.0000	EA	94.5000	35%	15,724.80
30	ER18S 18"D EASY ROLLER, SINGLE	1,224.0000	EA	53.7500	35%	42,763.50
31	ER-SB EASY ROLLER STOP BLOCK	256.0000	EA	25.3000	35%	4,209.92
32	DESIGN FEE Design Fee	1.0000	EA	150.0000	0%	150.00
33	INSTALLATION INSTALLATION CHARGE	1.0000	EA	11,070.0000	0%	11,070.00

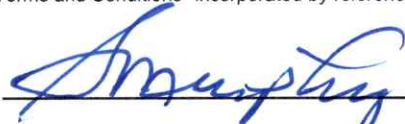
Notes: Product weight 8,209 lbs.

Contract Details: TIPS Furniture Contract #230301
Delivered dock to dock
Order MUST be made out to Datum
Filing Systems, 89 Church Road, Box
355, Emigsville, PA 17318

Quote Subtotal: 137,273.00
Less Product Discount: 44,118.56
Sales Tax: 0.00
Quote Total (USD): 93,154.44

Customer Acceptance:

By signing below, Customer acknowledges that they have reviewed and accept this quotation, including all products, pricing, specifications, delivery terms, and Seller's Terms and Conditions* incorporated by reference. Customer authorizes Seller to proceed with the order in accordance with this quotation.

Signature:**Printed Name:**Sydney Murphy**Date:**August 11, 2026

* Seller's Terms and Conditions are available at: <https://datumstorage.com/commercial-terms-conditions/>

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Quote

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United States

SHIP TO

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QUOTE # 1540**DATE** 08/03/2026**SHIP VIA**

Inside Delivery / White Glove

PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Larson Metal Roller Shelving	Larson Metal Mfg. - Record Desk (RD-513-SFF) - Single face - Flat top - Extra depth roller shelves - 13 tiers - 8 roller shelves per tier - Standard color (Specify color on color guide attached) - Laminate countertop with metal edging. (specify laminate design at WilsonArt.com/laminate/design-library) Roller shelf clearances: - 19-3/16" width x 17" depth x 3-3/4" height - 104 openings total Desk dimensions: - 265-1/16" width x 25" depth x 42" height Installation Included	1	24,596.85	24,596.85

Please send check to our new address:

Southwest Filing & Storage
P.O. Box 210023
Bedford, TX 76095

SUBTOTAL	24,596.85
TAX	0.00
SHIPPING	2,030.81
TOTAL	\$26,627.66

Accepted By



Accepted Date

Polk County, Texas

Results of Competitive Bond Sale:

\$1,610,000
Tax Notes,
Series 2026

August 11th, 2026

James F. Gilley, Jr.
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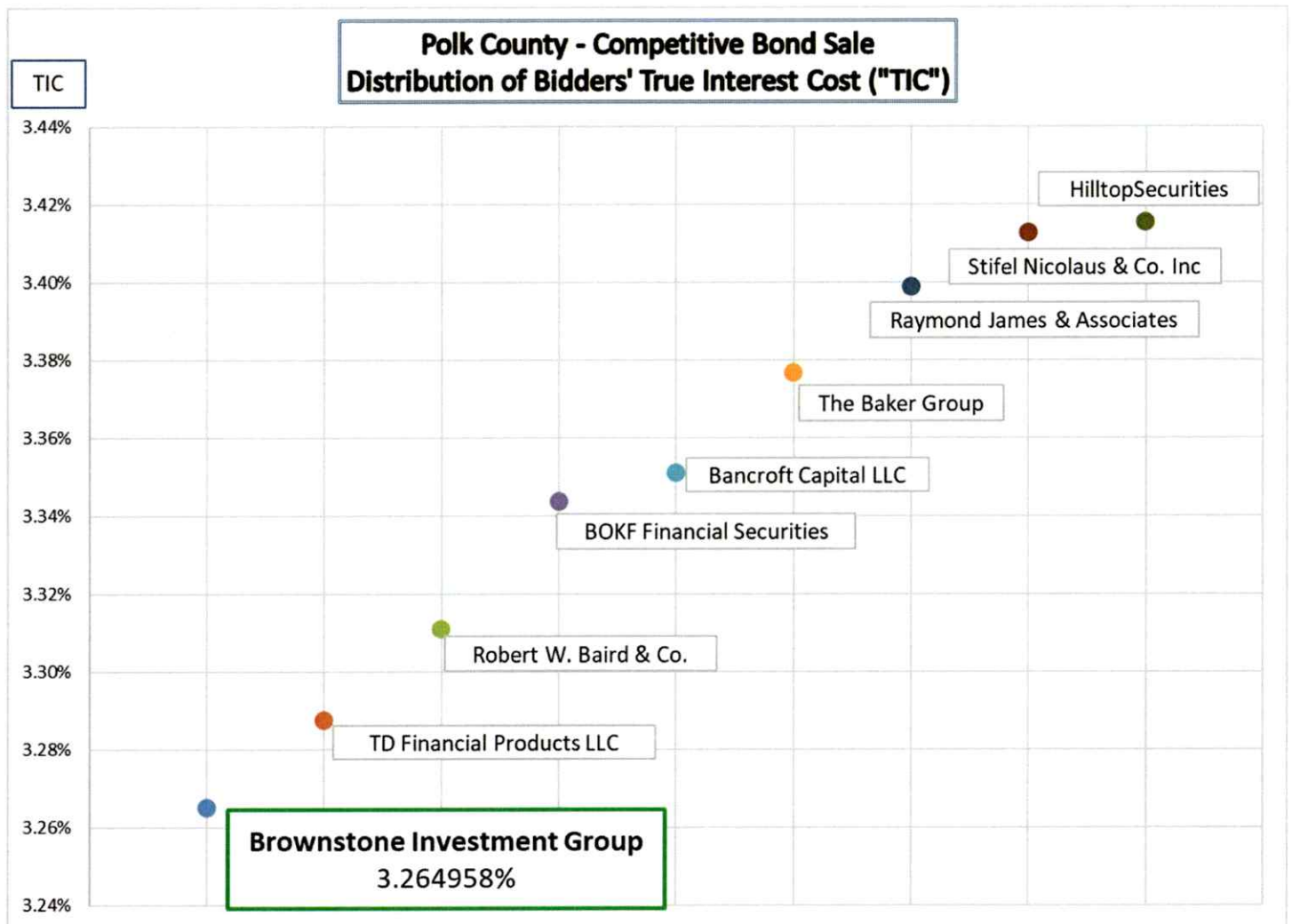
US Capital Advisors

Summary of Bids Received:

Best bid went to Brownstone Investment Group LLC out of New York City

Underwriter	Location	True Interest Cost ("TIC")
Brownstone Investment Grp.	New York, NY	3.264958%
TD Financial Products LLC	New York, NY	3.287426%
Robert W. Baird & Co.	Milwaukee, WI	3.310872%
BOK Financial Securities	Dallas, TX	3.343580%
Bancroft Capital LLC	Fort Washington, PA	3.350758%
The Baker Group	Oklahoma City, OK	3.376553%
Raymond James & Assc.	Dallas, TX	3.398805%
Stifel, Nicolaus & Co.	Birmingham, AL	3.412545%
HilltopSecurities	Dallas, TX	3.415128%

*TIC after adjustment: 3.264916%



- Competitive bond sale offered in public market
- Received a total of **9 bids**
- Two best bids separated by 0.022468%
- High and low bids separated by 0.150170%
- Polk County received national attention with investors located in financial centers across 6 different states

*TIC after adjustment: 3.264916%

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

Polk County, Texas
Tax Notes, Series 2026

FINAL NUMBERS

Sources:

Bond Proceeds:	
Par Amount	1,610,000.00
Premium	110,445.70
	1,720,445.70

Uses:

Project Fund Deposits:	
Project Fund	1,650,000.00
Delivery Date Expenses:	
Cost of Issuance	59,175.70
Underwriter's Discount	11,270.00
	70,445.70
	1,720,445.70

BOND SUMMARY STATISTICS

Polk County, Texas
Tax Notes, Series 2026

FINAL NUMBERS

Dated Date	09/01/2026
Delivery Date	09/10/2026
Last Maturity	02/15/2033
Arbitrage Yield	3.076732%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.264916%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	3.403789%
All-In TIC	4.282885%
Average Coupon	5.000000%
Average Life (years)	3.859
Weighted Average Maturity (years)	3.909
Duration of Issue (years)	3.544
Par Amount	1,610,000.00
Bond Proceeds	1,720,445.70
Total Interest	310,659.72
Net Interest	211,484.02
Total Debt Service	1,920,659.72
Maximum Annual Debt Service	294,250.00
Average Annual Debt Service	298,677.11
Underwriter's Fees (per \$1000)	
Average Takedown	
Other Fee	7.000000
Total Underwriter's Discount	7.000000
Bid Price	106.159981

Bond Component	Par Value	Price	Average Coupon	Average Life	PV of 1 bp change
Tax Notes, Series 2026	1,610,000.00	106.860	5.000%	3.859	606.15
	1,610,000.00			3.859	606.15

	TIC	All-In TIC	Arbitrage Yield
Par Value	1,610,000.00	1,610,000.00	1,610,000.00
+ Accrued Interest			
+ Premium (Discount)	110,445.70	110,445.70	110,445.70
- Underwriter's Discount	-11,270.00	-11,270.00	
- Cost of Issuance Expense		-59,175.70	
- Other Amounts			
Target Value	1,709,175.70	1,650,000.00	1,720,445.70
Target Date	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	09/10/2026
Yield	3.264916%	4.282885%	3.076732%

BOND PRICING

Polk County, Texas
Tax Notes, Series 2026

FINAL NUMBERS

Bond Component	Maturity Date	Amount	Rate	Yield	Price	Premium (-Discount)
Tax Notes, Series 2026:						
	02/15/2027	100,000	5.000%	2.820%	100.923	923.00
	02/15/2028	215,000	5.000%	2.870%	102.962	6,368.30
	02/15/2029	235,000	5.000%	2.900%	104.892	11,496.20
	02/15/2030	245,000	5.000%	2.970%	106.572	16,101.40
	02/15/2031	260,000	5.000%	3.050%	108.022	20,857.20
	02/15/2032	270,000	5.000%	3.100%	109.427	25,452.90
	02/15/2033	285,000	5.000%	3.220%	110.262	29,246.70
1,610,000						110,445.70

Dated Date	09/01/2026	
Delivery Date	09/10/2026	
First Coupon	02/15/2027	
Par Amount	1,610,000.00	
Premium	110,445.70	
Production	1,720,445.70	106.859981%
Underwriter's Discount	-11,270.00	-0.700000%
Purchase Price	1,709,175.70	106.159981%
Accrued Interest		
Net Proceeds	1,709,175.70	

BOND DEBT SERVICE

Polk County, Texas
Tax Notes, Series 2026

FINAL NUMBERS

Period Ending	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Debt Service
09/30/2027	100,000	5.000%	72,409.72	172,409.72
09/30/2028	215,000	5.000%	70,125.00	285,125.00
09/30/2029	235,000	5.000%	58,875.00	293,875.00
09/30/2030	245,000	5.000%	46,875.00	291,875.00
09/30/2031	260,000	5.000%	34,250.00	294,250.00
09/30/2032	270,000	5.000%	21,000.00	291,000.00
09/30/2033	285,000	5.000%	7,125.00	292,125.00
	1,610,000		310,659.72	1,920,659.72

BOND DEBT SERVICE

Polk County, Texas
Tax Notes, Series 2026

FINAL NUMBERS

Period Ending	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Debt Service	Annual Debt Service
02/15/2027	100,000	5.000%	34,659.72	134,659.72	
08/15/2027			37,750.00	37,750.00	
09/30/2027					172,409.72
02/15/2028	215,000	5.000%	37,750.00	252,750.00	
08/15/2028			32,375.00	32,375.00	
09/30/2028					285,125.00
02/15/2029	235,000	5.000%	32,375.00	267,375.00	
08/15/2029			26,500.00	26,500.00	
09/30/2029					293,875.00
02/15/2030	245,000	5.000%	26,500.00	271,500.00	
08/15/2030			20,375.00	20,375.00	
09/30/2030					291,875.00
02/15/2031	260,000	5.000%	20,375.00	280,375.00	
08/15/2031			13,875.00	13,875.00	
09/30/2031					294,250.00
02/15/2032	270,000	5.000%	13,875.00	283,875.00	
08/15/2032			7,125.00	7,125.00	
09/30/2032					291,000.00
02/15/2033	285,000	5.000%	7,125.00	292,125.00	
09/30/2033					292,125.00
	1,610,000		310,659.72	1,920,659.72	1,920,659.72

Research Update:

Polk County, TX Series 2026 Tax Notes Assigned 'AA-' Rating

July 16, 2026

Overview

- S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'AA-' long-term rating to [Polk County](#), Texas' proposed \$1.65 million series 2026 tax notes.
- At the same time, we affirmed our 'AA-' long-term rating and underlying rating on the county's general obligation debt outstanding.
- The outlook is stable.

Rationale

Security

Principal and interest on the bonds are payable from an ad valorem tax levied annually, within the limits prescribed by law, against all taxable property within the county. Counties in Texas are limited to a maximum allowable ad valorem tax rate of 80 cents per \$100 of assessed value (AV) with the portion dedicated to debt service limited to 40 cents of the total 80 cents maximum tax rate. For fiscal 2026, the county's total tax rate is well below the maximum at 59.86 cents per \$100 of taxable AV, including 5.36 cents for debt service. Despite statutory tax rate limitations, we do not differentiate between the county's limited-tax debt and its general creditworthiness because the ad valorem tax is not derived from a measurably narrower tax base and there are no limitations on the fungibility of resources, which supports our view of the county's overall ability and willingness to pay debt service.

We understand that note proceeds will finance the purchase of a generator for the county jail, technology equipment, and a prisoner transport bus.

Credit highlights

In our view, the county's consistently balanced financial performance and maintenance of sizable reserves and liquidity support the current rating level. Additionally, the low debt burden compares favorably to peers with similar trends of population growth and economic expansion. Offsetting factors include the county's below-average incomes and economic output metrics, as measured by gross county product, compared to the national medians. Additionally, the county's

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financial policies and practices are less formalized compared to higher-rated peers, and do not include long-term capital planning or financial forecasting.

Polk County has reported strong surplus operations in the last decade, supported by consistent tax base expansion and conservative budgeting practices. The use of reserves in fiscal 2023 was for a courthouse renovation project, for which the county transferred \$6.26 million from general fund reserves to supplement grant funds. County officials report that this project is ongoing, and there are additional near-term plans to use some general fund reserves to supplement grant proceeds for this project. However, we do not expect that a modest use of fund balance in the next two to three years will materially influence our view of the county's total reserves and liquidity, which have historically been maintained at robust levels, supported by the formal policy of maintaining a minimum of 25% expenditures in reserve for cash flow purposes. The county typically adopts modest deficit budgets, based on conservative assumptions for revenues and expenditures. Due to ongoing economic expansion and prudent expenditure controls, actual operations typically produce positive variances from the budget. The fiscal 2026 budget includes a flat \$3,000 salary increase for all employees and significantly higher health insurance costs, offset by roughly \$150 million in new revenue from property recently added to the tax rolls and appreciation of existing properties. County officials expect to add to reserves for fiscal 2026 (Sept. 30), with no material changes expected for the fiscal 2027 budget. Officials report that the county may seek more favorable market rates for health insurance for fiscal 2028 if these costs continue to rise.

The rating further reflects our view of the following:

- The county's growing population and general economic expansion are offset by below-average incomes compared to U.S. levels.
- Operating performance is consistently positive, with consistent maintenance of available reserves above the 25% minimum policy.
- Budgeting practices are based on historical data and communication with the local appraisal district, as well as informal monitoring of legislative developments that could affect the county's revenues or service requirements. Management provides monthly budget-to-actual reports to the commissioner's court, and amendments can be made at any time. The county lacks formalized long-term capital planning and does not use long-term financial projections. Formally adopted policies exist for minimum reserve levels, investments, and debt management. The investment policy mirrors state guidelines, and we consider the debt management policy to be rudimentary, with limited quantitative or qualitative guidelines for debt issuance.
- The county's debt and liabilities profile is very low, with manageable current costs and low per capita debt metrics. There are currently no plans to issue additional debt in the next two to three years. Pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) costs are not an immediate source of credit pressure in our view, due to the county's historically strong funding discipline and net pension asset for the Texas County and District Retirement System plan in 2025. Additionally, we note significant reductions in the county's net OPEB liability (health care) in the last three years due to overfunding of postemployment liabilities.
- The county's exposure to severe weather events-- primarily hurricanes and inland flooding-- could potentially slow the pace of economic development and temporarily interrupt revenue growth. We view these risks as partially offset compared to similarly exposed peers due to the county's ongoing investments in infrastructure hardening and drainage improvements, particularly in the southern portion of the county, which has the greatest exposure to severe

weather hazards. Thus, we consider physical climate risk as a moderately negative factor in our credit analysis.

- For more information on our institutional framework assessment for Texas counties, see "[Institutional Framework Assessment: Texas Local Governments](#)," Sept. 9, 2024.

Outlook

The stable outlook reflects our expectation that financial operations will remain at least balanced in the near term, due to consistent growth in taxable value and conservative budgeting practices, supporting maintenance of substantial reserves and liquidity.

Downside scenario

We could lower the rating if financial performance deteriorates on a sustained basis, resulting in material reductions in reserves and liquidity, with no credible plan in place to restore.

Upside scenario

We could raise the rating if economic expansion contributes to sustained improvement in income metrics, to levels we view as comparable with those of higher-rated peers, and if the county adopts more comprehensive financial policies and practices.

Polk County, Texas--credit summary

Institutional framework (IF)	1
Individual credit profile (ICP)	2.44
Economy	5.5
Financial performance	2
Reserves and liquidity	1
Management	2.70
Debt and liabilities	1.00

Polk County, Texas--key credit metrics

	Most recent	2025	2024	2023
Economy				
Real GCP per capita % of U.S.	39	--	39	39
County PCPI % of U.S.	72	--	72	72
Market value (\$000s)	5,808,317	5,238,461	4,971,132	4,453,853
Market value per capita (\$)	105,353	95,017	90,168	84,621
Top 10 taxpayers % of taxable value	8.6	8.8	9.4	9.6
County unemployment rate (%)	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.1
Local median household EBI % of U.S.	83	--	83	80
Local per capita EBI % of U.S.	78	--	78	75
Local population	55,132	--	55,132	52,633
Financial performance				
Operating fund revenues (\$000s)	--	33,181	30,087	27,457

Polk County, Texas--key credit metrics

	Most recent	2025	2024	2023
Operating fund expenditures (\$000s)	--	29,966	26,701	28,396
Net transfers and other adjustments (\$000s)	--	654	70	(4,537)
Operating result (\$000s)	--	3,869	3,456	(5,476)
Operating result % of revenues	--	11.7	11.5	(19.9)
Operating result three-year average %	--	1.1	1.0	0.1
Reserves and liquidity				
Available reserves % of operating revenues	--	63.2	56.8	49.6
Available reserves (\$000s)	--	20,958	17,096	13,608
Debt and liabilities				
Debt service cost % of revenues	--	6.1	6.5	11.2
Net direct debt per capita (\$)	162	207	263	309
Net direct debt (\$000s)	8,921	11,429	14,482	16,284
Direct debt 10-year amortization (%)	100	100	100	--
Pension and OPEB cost % of revenues	--	3.0	4.0	7.0
NPLs per capita (\$)	--	--	43	85
Combined NPLs (\$000s)	--	--	2,396	4,486

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Ratings List

New Issue Ratings

US\$1,650,000 Polk County, Texas, Tax Notes, Series 2026, dated: September 1, 2026, due: February 15, 2033

Long Term Rating AA-/Stable

Ratings Affirmed

Local Government

Polk Cnty, TX Limited Tax General Operating Pledge AA-/Stable

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