
**AN ORDER OF THE
NUECES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

authorizing

NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS
LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS,
SERIES 2020

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS, LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020, LEVYING A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE AWARD OF THE SALE THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIED PARAMETERS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, Nueces County, Texas (the “County”), desires to issue the bonds hereinafter authorized for the purpose of refunding certain of its outstanding limited tax obligations as identified and described on Schedule I attached hereto (collectively, the “Refunded Obligations Candidates”); and

WHEREAS, it is intended that all or a portion of the Refunded Obligations Candidates shall be designated as Refunded Obligations (as hereinafter defined) in the Pricing Certificate (as hereinafter defined) and shall be refunded pursuant to this Order and the Pricing Certificate; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code (“Chapter 1207”), and Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1371”), provides that the County is authorized to issue refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Obligations in advance of their maturities, and to accomplish such refunding by depositing the proceeds of such refunding bonds with a trust company or commercial bank authorized to receive such deposit under Chapter 1207 in an amount sufficient, together with other lawfully available funds of the County, if any, to provide for the payment or redemption of the Refunded Obligations, and that such deposit shall constitute the making of firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment or redemption of the Refunded Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the County is a county that has authorized, outstanding, or any combination of authorized and outstanding, indebtedness of at least \$100 million secured by and payable from the county's ad valorem taxes and the authorized long-term indebtedness of which is rated by a nationally recognized rating agency of securities issued by local governments in one of the four highest rating categories for a long-term obligation and therefore qualifies as an Issuer under Section 1371.001(4)(k), Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the refunding of the Refunded Bonds will convert currently outstanding short-term, interim financing obligations into long term fixed rate refunding bonds, taking advantage of the low costs of borrowing currently available in the tax-exempt bond market, as a result of historically low interest rates, and as such, and as permitted by the provisions of Section 1207.008, as amended, Texas Government Code, the manner in which the County is executing this refunding, being the refunding of short term interim financing with long term fixed rate debt, makes it impracticable to calculate the savings resultant therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the County is empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1207 and Chapter 1371 to accomplish the purposes described herein; and

WHEREAS, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, is a commercial bank that does not currently act as a depository for the County; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by Chapter 1207, the County desires to appoint The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, as escrow agent for the Refunded Obligations (the “Escrow Agent”) and to enter into an escrow agreement with the Escrow Agent pursuant to which proceeds of the bonds herein authorized (the “Bonds”), together with other lawfully available funds of the County, if any, will be deposited with the Escrow Agent and applied in manner sufficient to provide for the full and timely payment of all interest on and principal of the Refunded Obligations; and

WHEREAS, upon the issuance of the Bonds and the creation of an escrow fund pursuant to the Escrow Agreement referred to above, the Refunded Obligations shall no longer be regarded as being outstanding, except for the purpose of being paid pursuant to such Escrow Agreement, and the pledges, liens, trusts and all other covenants, provisions, terms and conditions of the orders authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Obligations, shall be, with respect to the Refunded Obligations discharged, terminated and defeased; and

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

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that the refunding contemplated in this Order will benefit the County by restructuring the County’s debt service payments and converting short-term interim financing obligations into long-term fixed-rate obligations, and that such benefit is sufficient consideration for the refunding of the Refunded Obligations and that the issuance of the Bonds is in the public interest and the use of the proceeds thereof in the manner specified herein constitutes a valid public purpose; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Section 1.01 Definitions.

Unless otherwise expressly provided or unless the context clearly requires otherwise in this Order, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

“Authorized Officer” means the County Judge and County Auditor of the County.

“Bond” means any of the Bonds.

“Bond Counsel” means Bracewell LLP.

“Bond Date” means the date designated as the date of the Bonds by Section 3.02 of this Order.

“Bonds” means the “Nueces County, Texas, Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020” authorized to be issued by Section 3.01 of this Order, as may be further designated as to series and name in the Pricing Certificate.

“Business Day” means any day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions in the County in which the Designated Payment/Transfer Office is located, are authorized by law or executive order to close.

“Closing Date” means the date of the initial delivery of and payment for the Bonds.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, with respect to a specific section thereof, such reference shall be deemed to include (a) the Regulations promulgated under such section, (b) any successor provision of similar import hereafter enacted, (c) any corresponding provision of any subsequent Internal Revenue Code and (d) the regulations promulgated under the provisions described in (b) and (c).

“Commissioners Court” means the Commissioners Court of Nueces County, Texas, together with any successor to the duties and functions thereof.

“County” means Nueces County, Texas.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company of New York, New York, or any successor securities depository.

“DTC Participant” means brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations on whose behalf DTC was created to hold securities to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among DTC Participants.

“Escrow Agent” means The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas.

“Escrow Agreement” means that certain Escrow Agreement, **dated as of the Bond Date**, between the County and the Escrow Agent.

“Escrow Fund” means the fund established by the Escrow Agreement to hold cash and securities for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Obligations.

“Event of Default” means any event of default as defined in Section 11.01.

“Fiscal Year” means such fiscal year as shall from time to time be set by the Commissioners Court.

“Initial Bond” means the Initial Bond authorized by Section 3.04.

“Interest and Sinking Fund” means the interest and sinking fund established by Section 2.02.

“Interest Payment Date” means the date or dates on which interest on the Bonds is scheduled to be paid until their respective dates of maturity or prior redemption, such dates being February 15 and August 15 as designated in the Pricing Certificate.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“Owner” means the person who is the registered owner of a Bond or Bonds, as shown in the Register.

“Paying Agent/Registrar” means initially The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company N.A., or any successor thereto as provided in this Order.

“Pricing Certificate” means a certificate or certificates to be signed by the Authorized Officer.

“Purchase Agreement” means the Bond Purchase Agreement between the County and the Underwriters providing for the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriters.

“Record Date” means the last business day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date.

“Refunded Obligations” mean those Obligations of the County designated as such in the Pricing Certificate from the list of Refunded Obligations Candidates.

“Refunded Obligations Candidates” mean the outstanding obligations of the County identified and described on Schedule I attached hereto which are authorized to be designated as Refunded Obligations in the Pricing Certificate.

“Register” means the Register specified in Section 3.06(a).

“Regulations” means the applicable proposed, temporary or final Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code or, to the extent applicable to the Code, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as such regulations may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

“Representations Letter” means the Blanket Letter of Representations between the County and DTC.

“Rule” means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

“SEC” means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Special Payment Date” means the Special Payment Date prescribed by Section 3.03(b).

“Special Record Date” means the Special Record Date prescribed by Section 3.03(b).

“Unclaimed Payment” means money deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds as the same come due and payable.

“Underwriters” means the entity or entities named as such in the Purchase Agreement.

Section 1.02 Findings.

The declarations, determinations and findings declared, made and found in the preamble to this Order are hereby adopted, restated and made a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 1.03 Table of Contents, Titles and Headings.

The table of contents, titles and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Order have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered a part hereof and shall not in any way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof and shall never be considered or given any effect in construing this Order or any provision hereof or in ascertaining intent, if any question of intent should arise. References to section numbers shall mean sections in this Order.

Section 1.04 Interpretation.

(a) Unless the context requires otherwise, words of the masculine gender shall be construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa, and words of the singular number shall be construed to include correlative words of the plural number and vice versa.

(b) This Order and all the terms and provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

ARTICLE II

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS; INTEREST AND SINKING FUND

Section 2.01 Tax Levy.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by the Texas Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, there shall be levied and there is hereby levied for the current year and for each succeeding year hereafter while any of the Bonds or any interest thereon is outstanding and unpaid, an ad valorem tax on each one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property within the County, at a rate sufficient, within the limit prescribed by law, to pay the debt service requirements of the Bonds, being the interest on the Bonds, and a sinking fund for their redemption at maturity or a sinking fund of two percent (2%) per annum (whichever amount is greater), when due and payable, full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection.

(b) The ad valorem tax thus levied shall be assessed and collected each year against all property appearing on the tax rolls of the County most recently approved in accordance with law, and the money thus collected shall be deposited as collected to the Interest and Sinking Fund.

(c) Said ad valorem tax, the collections therefrom, and all amounts on deposit in or required hereby to be deposited to the Interest and Sinking Fund are hereby pledged and committed irrevocably to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds when and as due and payable in accordance with their terms and this Order.

(d) If the liens and provisions of this Order shall be released in a manner permitted by Article XII hereof, then the collection of such ad valorem tax may be suspended or appropriately reduced, as the facts may permit, and further deposits to the Interest and Sinking Fund may be suspended or appropriately reduced, as the facts may permit.

Section 2.02 Interest and Sinking Fund.

(a) The County hereby establishes a special fund or account to be designated the “Nueces County, Texas, Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, Interest and Sinking Fund” (the “Interest and Sinking Fund”). The Interest and Sinking Fund shall be maintained at an official depository bank of the County separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the County.

(b) Money on deposit in or required by this Order to be deposited to the Interest and Sinking Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the interest on and principal of the Bonds when and as due and payable in accordance with their terms and this Order.

ARTICLE III

AUTHORIZATION; GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS
REGARDING THE BONDS

Section 3.01 Authorization.

The County’s bonds to be designated “Nueces County, Texas, Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020” (the “Bonds”), are hereby authorized to be issued and delivered in accordance with Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code. The Bonds shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$ [REDACTED], without regard to premium received in connection with the sale of the Bonds, for the purpose of providing funds to refund the Refunded Obligations and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.

Section 3.02 Date, Denomination, Maturities and Interest.

(a) The Bonds shall be dated the date set forth in the Pricing Certificate. The Bonds shall be in fully registered form, without coupons, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, and shall be numbered separately from one upward, except the Initial Bond, which shall be numbered T-1.

(b) The Bonds shall mature on February 15 in the years and in the principal amounts and shall bear interest at the per annum rates set forth in the Pricing Certificate.

(c) Interest shall accrue and be paid on each Bond respectively until its maturity or prior redemption from the later of (i) the Bond Date or the Closing Date, as set forth in the Pricing Certificate, or (ii) the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or provided for at the rates per annum for each respective maturity specified in the Pricing Certificate. Such interest shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date and shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Section 3.03 Medium, Method and Place of Payment.

(a) The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be paid in lawful money of the United States of America.

(b) Interest on the Bonds shall be payable to the Owners as shown in the Register at the close of business on the Record Date; provided, however, that in the event of nonpayment of interest on a scheduled Interest Payment Date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the County. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the "Special Payment Date," which shall be at least 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five Business Days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of each Owner of a Bond appearing in the Register at the close of business on the last Business Day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

(c) Interest shall be paid by check, dated as of and mailed on the Interest Payment Date, and sent first class United States mail, postage prepaid, by the Paying Agent/Registrar to each Owner, at the address thereof as it appears in the Register, or by such other customary banking arrangement acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the Owner; provided, however, that the Owner shall bear all risk and expense of such other banking arrangement. At the option of an Owner of at least \$1,000,000 principal amount of Bonds, interest may be paid by wire transfer to the bank account of such owner on file with the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(d) The principal of each Bond shall be paid to the Owner thereof on the due date (whether at the maturity date or the date of prior redemption thereof) upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the office of the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(e) If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds is not a Business Day, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding Business Day, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due and no additional interest shall be due by reason of nonpayment on the date on which such payment is otherwise stated to be due and payable.

(f) Unclaimed Payments of amounts due hereunder shall be segregated in a special account and held in trust, uninvested by the Paying Agent/Registrar, for the account of the Owners of the Bonds to which such Unclaimed Payments pertain. Subject to Title 6 of the Texas Property Code, any Unclaimed Payments remaining unclaimed by the Owners entitled thereto for three years after the applicable payment or redemption date shall be applied to the next payment or payments on the Bonds thereafter coming due and, to the extent any such money remains three years after the retirement of all outstanding Bonds, such money shall be paid to the County to be used for any lawful purpose. Thereafter, neither the County, the Paying Agent/Registrar nor any other person shall be liable or responsible to any Owners of such Bonds for any further payment of such unclaimed moneys or on account of any such Bonds, subject to Title 6 of the Texas Property Code.

Section 3.04 Execution and Registration of Bonds.

(a) The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the County by the County Judge, countersigned by the County Clerk, and registered by the County Treasurer, by their manual or facsimile signatures, and the official seal of the Commissioners Court shall be impressed or placed in facsimile thereon. Such facsimile signatures on the Bonds shall have the same effect as if each of the Bonds had been signed manually and in person by each of said officers, and such facsimile seal on the Bonds shall have the same effect as if the official seal of the Commissioners Court had been manually impressed upon each of the Bonds.

(b) In the event that any officer of the County whose manual or facsimile signature appears on the Bonds ceases to be such officer before the authentication of such Bonds or before the delivery thereof, such manual or facsimile signature nevertheless shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if such officer had remained in such office.

(c) Except as provided below, no Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit of this Order unless and until there appears thereon the Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar substantially in the form provided herein, duly authenticated by manual execution by an officer or duly authorized signatory of the Paying Agent/Registrar. It shall not be required that the same officer or authorized signatory of the Paying Agent/Registrar sign the Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar on all of the Bonds. In lieu of the executed Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar described above, the Initial Bond delivered at the Closing Date shall have attached thereto the Comptroller's Registration Certificate substantially in the form provided herein, manually executed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, or by his duly authorized agent, which certificate shall be evidence that the Bond has been duly approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and that it is a valid and binding obligation of the County, and that it has been registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

(d) On the Closing Date, one Initial Bond representing the entire principal amount of all Bonds, payable in stated installments to the Underwriters, or their designee, executed by the County Judge and County Clerk, by manual or facsimile signature, approved by the Attorney General, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, will be delivered to the representative of the Underwriters or its designee. Upon payment for the Initial Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cancel the Initial Bond and deliver to DTC on behalf of the Underwriters a single typewritten Bond for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount thereof, registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

Section 3.05 Ownership.

(a) The County, the Paying Agent/Registrar and any other person may treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of making and receiving payment of the principal thereof, for the further purpose of making and receiving payment of the interest thereon, and for all other purposes (except that interest will be paid to the person in whose name such bond is registered on the Record Date or Special Record Date, as applicable), whether or not such Bond is overdue, and neither the County nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be bound by any notice or knowledge to the contrary.

(b) All payments made to the Owner of a Bond shall be valid and effectual and shall discharge the liability of the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar upon such Bond to the extent of the sums paid.

Section 3.06 Registration, Transfer and Exchange.

(a) So long as any Bonds remain outstanding, the County shall cause the Paying Agent/Registrar to keep at its office a register (the "Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the registration and transfer of Bonds in accordance with this Order.

(b) The ownership of a Bond may be transferred only upon the presentation and surrender of the Bond at the office of the Paying Agent/Registrar with such endorsement or other evidence of transfer as is acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. No transfer of any Bond shall be effective until entered in the Register.

(c) The Bonds shall be exchangeable upon the presentation and surrender thereof at the office of the Paying Agent/Registrar for a Bond or Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate and in any denomination or denominations of any integral multiple of \$5,000, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the Bonds presented for exchange. The Paying Agent/Registrar is hereby authorized to authenticate and deliver Bonds exchanged for other Bonds in accordance with this Section.

(d) Each exchange Bond delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in accordance with this Section shall constitute an original contractual obligation of the County and shall be entitled to the benefits and security of this Order to the same extent as the Bond or Bonds in lieu of which such exchange Bond is delivered.

(e) No service charge shall be made to the Owner for the initial registration, subsequent transfer, or exchange for a different denomination of any of the Bonds. The Paying Agent/Registrar, however, may require the Owner to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed in connection with the registration, transfer or exchange of a Bond.

(f) Neither the County nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to issue, transfer or exchange any Bond called for redemption where such redemption is scheduled to occur within 45 calendar days of the date fixed for redemption; provided, however, such limitation shall not be applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the uncalled principal balance of a Bond.

Section 3.07 Cancellation.

All Bonds paid or redeemed before scheduled maturity in accordance with this Order, and all Bonds in lieu of which exchange Bonds or replacement Bonds are authenticated and delivered in accordance with this Order, shall be cancelled and proper records shall be made regarding such payment, redemption, exchange or replacement. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall dispose of cancelled Bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 3.08 Temporary Bonds.

(a) Following the delivery and registration of the Initial Bond and pending the preparation of definitive Bonds, the proper officers of the County may execute and, upon the County's request, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, one or more temporary Bonds that are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any denomination, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Bonds in lieu of which they are delivered, without coupons, and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers of the County executing such temporary Bonds may determine, as evidenced by their signing of such temporary Bonds.

(b) Until exchanged for Bonds in definitive form, such Bonds in temporary form shall be entitled to the benefit and security of this Order.

(c) The County, without unreasonable delay, shall prepare, execute and deliver to the Paying Agent/Registrar the Bonds in definitive form; thereupon, upon the presentation and surrender of the Bonds in temporary form to the Paying Agent/Registrar, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cancel the Bonds in temporary form and shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor Bonds of the same maturity and series, in definitive form, in the authorized denomination, and in the same aggregate principal amount, as the Bonds in temporary form surrendered. Such exchange shall be made without the making of any charge therefor to any Owner.

Section 3.09 Replacement Bonds.

(a) Upon the presentation and surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar of a mutilated Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a replacement Bond of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. The County or the Paying Agent/Registrar may require the Owner of such Bond to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed in connection therewith and any other expenses connected therewith.

(b) In the event that any Bond is lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Paying Agent/Registrar, pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Texas and in the absence of notice or knowledge that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, shall authenticate and deliver a replacement Bond of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, provided that the Owner first:

(i) furnishes to the Paying Agent/Registrar satisfactory evidence of his or her ownership of and the circumstances of the loss, destruction, or theft of such Bond;

(ii) furnishes such security or indemnity as may be required by the Paying Agent/Registrar to save it and the County harmless;

(iii) pays all expenses and charges in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, printing costs, legal fees, fees of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed; and

(iv) satisfies any other reasonable requirements imposed by the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(c) If, after the delivery of such replacement Bond, a bona fide purchaser of the original Bond in lieu of which such replacement Bond was issued presents for payment such original Bond, the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to recover such replacement Bond from the person to whom it was delivered or any person taking therefrom, except a bona fide purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost, or expense incurred by the County or the Paying Agent/Registrar in connection therewith.

(d) In the event that any such mutilated, lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar, in its discretion, instead of issuing a replacement Bond, may pay such Bond if it has become due and payable or may pay such Bond when it becomes due and payable.

(e) Each replacement Bond delivered in accordance with this Section shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the County and shall be entitled to the benefits and security of this Order to the same extent as the Bond or Bonds in lieu of which such replacement Bond is delivered.

Section 3.10 Book-Entry Only System.

(a) The definitive Bonds shall be initially issued in the form of a separate typewritten fully registered Bond for each of the maturities thereof. Upon initial issuance of the Bonds, the ownership of such Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, and except as provided in Section 3.11 hereof, all of the outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

(b) With respect to Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any DTC Participant or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than an Owner, as shown on the Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds including any notice of redemption, or the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than an Owner, as shown in the Register, of any amount with respect to principal of or interest on the Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order to the contrary, the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Register as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds for the purpose of giving notices with respect to such Bond, and other matters with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfer with respect to such Bond, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the order of the respective Owners, as shown in the Register, as provided in this Order, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the

County's obligations with respect to payment of principal and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than an Owner, as shown in the Register, shall receive a Bond evidencing the obligation of the County to make payments of amounts due pursuant to this Order. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent/Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the word "Cede & Co." in this Order shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

(c) The Representation Letter previously executed and delivered by the County, and applicable to the County's obligations delivered in book-entry-only form to DTC as securities depository, is hereby ratified and approved for the Bonds.

Section 3.11 Successor Securities Depository; Transfer Outside Book-Entry Only System.

In the event that the County determines that it is in the best interest of the County and of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated Bonds, or in the event DTC discontinues the services described herein, the County shall appoint a successor securities depository, qualified to act as such under Section 17(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notify DTC and DTC Participants of the appointment of such successor securities depository and transfer one or more separate Bonds to such successor securities depository; or notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of certificated Bonds and cause the Paying Agent/Registrar to transfer one or more separate registered Bonds to DTC Participants having Bonds credited to their DTC accounts. In such event, the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, but may be registered in the name of the successor securities depository, or its nominee, or in whatever name or names Owners transferring or exchanging Bonds shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

Section 3.12 Payments to Cede & Co.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order to the contrary, so long as any Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of and interest on such Bonds, and all notices with respect to such Bonds, shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the Representation Letter of the County to DTC.

ARTICLE IV

REDEMPTION OF BONDS BEFORE MATURITY

Section 4.01 Limitation on Redemption.

The Bonds shall be subject to redemption before scheduled maturity only as provided in this Article IV and the Pricing Certificate.

Section 4.02 Optional Redemption.

(a) The Bonds shall be subject to redemption at the option of the County at such times, in such amounts, in such manner and at such redemption prices as may be designated and provided for in the Pricing Certificate.

(b) If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed pursuant to an optional redemption, the County shall determine the maturity or maturities and the amounts thereof to be redeemed and shall direct the Paying Agent/Registrar to call by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, within such maturity or maturities and in such principal amounts for redemption.

(c) The County, at least 45 days before the redemption date, unless a shorter period shall be satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, shall notify the Paying Agent/Registrar of such redemption date and of the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed.

Section 4.03 Mandatory Redemption.

(a) The Bonds designated as “Term Bonds” in the Pricing Certificate (“Term Bonds”), if any, are subject to scheduled mandatory redemption and will be redeemed by the County, in part at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, without premium, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, out of moneys available for such purpose in the Interest and Sinking Fund, on the dates and in the respective principal amounts set forth in the Pricing Certificate.

(b) At least forty-five (45) days prior to each scheduled mandatory redemption date, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select for redemption by lot, or by any other customary method that results in a random selection, a principal amount of Term Bonds equal to the aggregate principal amount of such Term Bonds to be redeemed, shall call such Term Bonds for redemption on such scheduled mandatory redemption date, and shall give notice of such redemption, as provided in Section 4.05.

(c) The principal amount of the Term Bonds required to be redeemed on any redemption date pursuant to subparagraph (a) of this Section 4.03 shall be reduced, at the option of the County, by the principal amount of any Term Bonds which, at least 45 days prior to the mandatory sinking fund redemption date (i) shall have been acquired by the County at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, or (ii) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions hereof and not previously credited to a mandatory sinking fund redemption.

Section 4.04 Partial Redemption.

(a) A portion of a single Bond of a denomination greater than \$5,000 may be redeemed, but only in a principal amount equal to \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. If such a Bond is to be partially redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall treat each \$5,000 portion of the Bond as though it were a single Bond for purposes of selection for redemption.

(b) Upon surrender of any Bond for redemption in part, the Paying Agent/Registrar, in accordance with Section 3.06 of this Order, shall authenticate and deliver an exchange Bond

or Bonds in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond so surrendered, such exchange being without charge.

(c) The Paying Agent/Registrar shall promptly notify the County in writing of the principal amount to be redeemed of any Bond as to which only a portion thereof is to be redeemed.

Section 4.05 Notice of Redemption to Owners.

(a) The Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice of any redemption of Bonds by sending notice by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, not less than 30 days before the date fixed for redemption, to the Owner of each Bond (or part thereof) to be redeemed, at the address shown on the Register at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice.

(b) The notice shall state the redemption date, the redemption price, the place at which the Bonds are to be surrendered for payment, and, if less than all the Bonds outstanding are to be redeemed, an identification of the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed.

(c) The County reserves the right to give notice of its election or direction to redeem Bonds under Section 4.02 conditioned upon the occurrence of subsequent events. Such notice may state that the redemption is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys and/or authorized securities, in an amount equal to the amount necessary to effect the redemption, with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or such other entity as may be authorized by law, no later than the redemption date or that the County retains the right to rescind such notice at any time prior to the scheduled redemption date if the County delivers a certificate of the County to the Paying Agent/Registrar instructing the Paying Agent/Registrar to rescind the redemption notice, and such notice and redemption shall be of no effect if such moneys and/or authorized securities are not so deposited or if the notice is rescinded. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall give prompt notice of any such rescission of a conditional notice of redemption to the affected Owners. Any Bonds subject to conditional redemption where redemption has been rescinded shall remain Outstanding, and the rescission shall not constitute an Event of Default. Further, in the case of a conditional redemption, the failure of the County to make moneys and/or authorized securities available in part or in whole on or before the redemption date shall not constitute an Event of Default.

(d) Any notice given as provided in this Section shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Owner receives such notice.

Section 4.06 Payment Upon Redemption.

(a) Before or on each redemption date, the County shall deposit with the Paying Agent/Registrar money sufficient to pay all amounts due on the redemption date and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall make provision for the payment of the Bonds to be redeemed on such date by setting aside and holding in trust such amounts as are received by the Paying Agent/Registrar from the County and shall use such funds solely for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and accrued interest on the Bonds being redeemed.

(b) Upon presentation and surrender of any Bond called for redemption to the Paying Agent/Registrar on or after the date fixed for redemption, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay

the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and accrued interest on such Bond to the date of redemption from the money set aside for such purpose.

Section 4.07 Effect of Redemption.

(a) Notice of redemption having been given as provided in Section 4.05 of this Order, and subject, in the case of an optional redemption under Section 4.02, to any conditions or rights reserved by the County under Section 4.05(c), the Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall become due and payable on the date fixed for redemption and, unless the County fails to make provision for the payment of the principal thereof, redemption premium, if any, or accrued interest thereon, such Bonds or portions thereof shall cease to bear interest from and after the date fixed for redemption, whether or not such Bonds are presented and surrendered for payment on such date.

(b) If the County shall fail to make provision for payment of all sums due on a redemption date, then any Bond or portion thereof called for redemption shall continue to bear interest at the rate stated on the Bond until due provision is made for the payment of same by the County.

ARTICLE V

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR

Section 5.01 Appointment of Initial Paying Agent/Registrar.

(a) The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas is hereby appointed as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds.

(b) The County hereby further appoints the Paying Agent/Registrar to act as the paying agent for paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall keep proper records of all payments made by the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar with respect to the Bonds, and of all conversions, exchanges and replacements of such Notes, as provided in the Order.

(c) The execution and delivery of the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, substantially in the form presented at this meeting, specifying the duties and responsibilities of the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar, is hereby approved with such changes as may be approved by the County Judge of the County, and the County Judge and County Clerk of the County are hereby authorized to execute such agreement.

Section 5.02 Qualifications.

Each Paying Agent/Registrar shall be a commercial bank, a trust company organized under the laws of the State of Texas, or any other entity duly qualified and legally authorized to serve as and perform the duties and services of paying agent and registrar for the Bonds.

Section 5.03 Maintaining Paying Agent/Registrar.

(a) At all times while any of the Bonds are outstanding, the County will maintain a Paying Agent/Registrar that is qualified under Section 5.02 of this Order. The County Judge is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Paying Agent/Registrar specifying the duties and responsibilities of the County and the Paying Agent/Registrar in substantially the form presented at this meeting, such form of agreement being hereby approved. The signature of the County Judge shall be attested by the County Clerk.

(b) If the Paying Agent/Registrar resigns or otherwise ceases to serve as such, the County will promptly appoint a replacement.

Section 5.04 Termination.

The County, upon not less than sixty (60) days' notice, reserves the right to terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent/Registrar by delivering to the entity whose appointment is to be terminated written notice of such termination, provided, that such termination shall not be effective until a successor Paying Agent/Registrar has been appointed and has accepted the duties of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds.

Section 5.05 Notice of Change to Owners.

Promptly upon each change in the entity serving as Paying Agent/Registrar, the County will cause notice of the change to be sent to each Owner by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, at the address thereof in the Register, stating the effective date of the change and the name and mailing address of the replacement Paying Agent/Registrar and the mailing address of its Designated Payment/Transfer Office.

Section 5.06 Agreement to Perform Duties and Functions.

By accepting the appointment as Paying Agent/Registrar, the Paying Agent/Registrar is deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Order and that it will perform the duties and functions of Paying Agent/Registrar prescribed herein

Section 5.07 Delivery of Records to Successor.

If a Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced, such Paying Agent/Registrar, promptly upon the appointment of the successor, will deliver the Register (or a copy thereof) and all other pertinent books and records relating to the Bonds to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar.

ARTICLE VI

FORM OF THE BONDS

Section 6.01 Form Generally.

(a) The Bonds, including the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, the Certificate of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Assignment form to appear on each of the Bonds, shall be substantially in the form set forth in

the Pricing Certificate, with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions, and other variations as are permitted or required by this Order and the Pricing Certificate, and may have such letters, numbers, or other marks of identification (including identifying numbers and letters of the Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures of the American Bankers Association) and such legends and endorsements (including any reproduction of an opinion of counsel) thereon as, consistently herewith, may be determined by the County or by the officers executing such Bonds, as evidenced by their execution thereof.

(b) Any portion of the text of any Bond may be set forth on the reverse side thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Bond.

(c) The Bonds shall be typewritten, photocopied, printed, lithographed, or engraved, and may be produced by any combination of these methods or produced in any other similar manner, all as determined by the officers executing such Bonds, as evidenced by their execution thereof.

(d) The Initial Bond submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Texas may be typewritten and photocopied or otherwise reproduced.

Section 6.02 CUSIP Registration.

The County may secure identification numbers through the CUSIP Service Bureau Division of Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, New York, New York, and may authorize the printing of such numbers on the face of the Bonds. It is expressly provided, however, that the presence or absence of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be of no significance or effect in regard to the legality thereof and neither the County nor the attorneys approving said Bonds as to legality are to be held responsible for CUSIP numbers incorrectly printed on the Bonds.

Section 6.03 Legal Opinion.

The approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel, may be attached to or printed on the reverse side of each Bond.

ARTICLE VII

SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS, DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS

Section 7.01 Sale of Bonds, Official Statement.

(a) The Bonds shall be sold at private sale to the Underwriters in accordance with the terms of this Order, the Pricing Certificate and the Purchase Agreement. As authorized by Chapter 1207, the Authorized Officer is authorized to act on behalf of the County upon determining that the conditions set forth below can be satisfied in selling and delivering the Bonds and in carrying out the other procedures specified in this Order, including determining the price at which each of the Bonds will be sold, the number and designation of series of Bonds to be issued, the form in which the Bonds shall be issued, the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued, the selection of and aggregate principal amount of Refunded Obligations Candidates to be refunded, the years in which the Bonds will mature, the principal amount to

mature in each of such years, the rate of interest to be borne by each maturity of the Bonds, the first interest payment date, the terms upon which the Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County and subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption, and all other matters relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and including the refunding of the Refunded Obligations, all of which shall be specified in the Pricing Certificate, provided that the following conditions can be satisfied:

(i) the Bonds shall not bear interest at a rate greater than the maximum rate allowed by Chapter 1204, Texas Government Code, as amended;

(ii) the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds authorized to be issued for the purposes described in Section 3.01 shall not exceed \$_____, without regard to premium received in connection with the sale of the Bonds;

(iii) the refunding of the Refunded Obligations will result in a maximum gross loss no greater than [_____] % or [\$_____];

(iv) the selection of Refunded Obligations from the Refunded Obligation Candidates will not require the refunding of any maturity of any series of Refunded Obligations that would adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Refunded Obligations or the Bonds;

(v) the all-in true interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed _____%, and

(vi) the final maturity date for the Bonds shall not be later than February 15 20____.

all based on bond market conditions and available interest rates for the Bonds on the date of the sale of the Bonds, all as set forth in the Pricing Certificate.

The Refunded Obligations shall be identified in the Pricing Certificate in accordance with the preceding sentence, except that if less than an entire maturity is to be refunded, the Refunded Obligations to be redeemed within a maturity shall be selected as provided in the orders authorizing their issuance and, if not so provided, by lot.

(b) The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the County the Purchase Agreement providing for the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriters in such form as determined by the Authorized Officer. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to approve the final terms and provisions of the Purchase Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Pricing Certificate and this Order, such approval being evidenced by its execution thereof by the Authorized Officer. All appropriate officers, employees, and agents of the County are authorized to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of such Purchase Agreement. It is hereby found and declared the above price and terms of sale of the Bonds are the most advantageous reasonably obtainable by the County.

(c) The authority granted to the Authorized Officer under this Section 7.01 shall expire on November 6, 2020, unless otherwise extended by the Commissioners Court by separate action.

(d) The Preliminary Official Statement, in substantially the form submitted to the Commissioners Court at this meeting, is hereby approved and the use and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement in the public offering of the Bonds by the Underwriters is hereby authorized and the Preliminary Official Statement is hereby deemed final as of its date within the meaning and for the purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Authorized Officer is hereby further authorized and directed to approve, use and distribute, or authorize the use and distribution of, a final official statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto (the "Official Statement") and to execute the same and deliver appropriate numbers of copies thereof to the Underwriters. The Official Statement as thus approved, executed and delivered, with such appropriate variations as shall be approved by the Authorized Officer, may be used by the Underwriters in the public offering of the Bonds. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include and maintain a copy of the Official Statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto thus approved among the permanent records of this meeting. The use and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement in the preliminary public offering of the Bonds by the Underwriters are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

(e) All officers of the County are authorized to execute such documents, certificates and receipts, and to make such elections with respect to the tax-exempt status of Bonds, as they may deem appropriate in order to consummate the delivery of the Bonds in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement and to carry out the terms and purposes of this Order. The County Judge is hereby authorized to approve the payment of all costs of issuance relating to the Bonds.

(f) The appropriate officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed to deliver to Bond Counsel to the County a check payable to the Attorney General of Texas in an amount equal to 1/10 of 1% of the principal amount of the Bonds, not to exceed \$9,500, for payment of the fee required in connection with the approval by the Attorney General of the Bonds and the transcript of proceedings pertaining thereto.

Section 7.02 Control and Delivery of Bonds.

(a) The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to have control of the Initial Bond and all necessary records and proceedings pertaining thereto pending investigation, examination, and approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas and registration with, and initial exchange or transfer by, the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(b) After registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivery of the Bonds shall be made to the Underwriters under and subject to the general supervision and direction of the Authorized Officer, against receipt by the County of all amounts due to the County under the terms of sale.

Section 7.03 Deposit of Proceeds; Transfer of Funds.

(a) All amounts received on the Closing Date as accrued interest on the Bonds from the Bond Date to the Closing Date, if any, shall be deposited to the Interest and Sinking Fund.

(b) A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, together with other funds of the County, if any, as set forth in the Pricing Certificate, shall be applied to establish the Escrow Fund and shall be applied as provided in the Escrow Agreement to refund the Refunded Obligations and, to the extent not otherwise provided for, to pay all expenses arising in connection with the establishment of the Escrow Fund and the refunding of the Refunded Obligations.

(c) The remaining bond proceeds shall be deposited as directed by the Authorized Officer and shall be used to pay the costs and expenses pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds, concurrently with the initial delivery thereof. To the extent any of such amount is not used for such purposes, such excess shall be deposited to the Interest and Sinking Fund.

ARTICLE VIII

INVESTMENTS

Section 8.01 Investments.

(a) Money in the Interest and Sinking Fund created by this Order, at the option of the County, may be invested in such securities or obligations as permitted under applicable law as in effect on the date of the investment.

(b) Any securities or obligations in which money in the Interest and Sinking Fund is so invested shall be kept and held in trust for the benefit of the Owners and shall be sold and the proceeds of sale shall be timely applied to the making of all payments required to be made from the Interest and Sinking Fund.

(c) Amounts on deposit in the Escrow Fund shall be invested as provided in the Escrow Agreement.

Section 8.02 Investment Income.

Interest and income derived from investment of the Interest and Sinking Fund shall be credited to the Interest and Sinking Fund. Interest and income derived from investment of the Escrow Fund shall be applied as provided in the Escrow Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

PARTICULAR REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

Section 9.01 Payment of the Bonds.

On or before each Interest Payment Date for the Bonds and while any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, there shall be made available to the Paying Agent/Registrar, out of the Interest and Sinking Fund, money sufficient to pay such principal of and interest on the Bonds as will accrue or mature on the applicable Interest Payment Date or maturity date. Such transfer of funds shall be made in such manner as will cause immediately available funds to be deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar not later than the close of business on the Business Day next preceding the date of payment for the Bonds.

Section 9.02 Other Representations and Covenants.

(a) The County will faithfully perform at all times any and all covenants, undertakings, stipulations, and provisions contained in this Order and in each Bond; the County will promptly pay or cause to be paid the principal of and interest on each Bond on the dates and at the places and in the manner prescribed in such Bond; and the County will, at the times and in the manner prescribed by this Order, deposit or cause to be deposited the amounts of money specified by this Order.

(b) The County is duly authorized under the laws of the State of Texas to issue the Bonds; all action on its part for the creation and issuance of the Bonds has been duly and effectively taken; and the Bonds in the hands of the Owners thereof are and will be valid and enforceable obligations of the County in accordance with their terms.

ARTICLE X

FEDERAL TAX MATTERS

Section 10.01 General.

The County covenants not to take any action or omit to take any action that, if taken or omitted would cause the interest on the Bonds to be includable in gross income, for federal income tax purposes. In furtherance thereof, the County covenants to comply with sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code and the provisions set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate executed by the County in connection with the Bonds.

Section 10.02 No Private activity Bonds.

The County covenants that it will use the proceeds of the Bonds (including investment income) and the property financed, directly or indirectly, with such proceeds so that the Bonds will not be “private activity bonds” within the meaning of section 141 of the Code. Furthermore, the County will not take a deliberate action (as defined in section 1.141-2(d)(3) of the Regulations) that causes the Bonds to be a “private activity bond” unless it takes a remedial action permitted by section 1.141-12 of the Regulations.

Section 10.03 No Federal Guarantee.

The County covenants not to take any action or omit to take any action that, if taken or omitted, would cause the Bonds to be “federally guaranteed” within the meaning of section 149(b) of the Code, except as permitted by section 149(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 10.04 No Hedge Bonds.

The County covenants not to take any action or omit to take action that, if taken or omitted, would cause the Bonds to be “hedge bonds” within the meaning of section 149(g) of the Code.

Section 10.05 No Arbitrage Bonds.

The County covenants that it will make such use of the proceeds of the Bonds (including investment income) and regulate the investment of such proceeds of the Bonds so that the Bonds will not be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of section 148(a) of the Code.

Section 10.06 Required Rebate.

The County covenants that, if the County does not qualify for an exception to the requirements of section 148(f) of the Code, the County will comply with the requirement that certain amounts earned by the County on the investment of the gross proceeds of the Bonds, be rebated to the United States.

Section 10.07 Information Reporting.

The County covenants to file or cause to be filed with the Secretary of the Treasury an information statement concerning the Bonds in accordance with section 149(e) of the Code.

Section 10.08 Record Retention.

The County covenants to retain all material records relating to the expenditure of the proceeds (including investment income) of the Refunded Bonds and the Bonds and the use of the property financed, directly or indirectly, thereby until three years after the last Bond is redeemed or paid at maturity (or such other period as provided by subsequent guidance issued by the Department of the Treasury) in a manner that ensures their complete access throughout such retention period.

Section 10.09 Registration.

If the Bonds are “registration-required bonds” under section 149(a)(2) of the Code , the Bonds will be issued in registered form.

Section 10.10 Favorable Opinion of Bond Counsel.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County will not be required to comply with any of the federal tax covenants set forth above if the County has received an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that such noncompliance will not adversely affect the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Section 10.11 Continuing Compliance.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, the County’s obligations under the federal tax covenants set forth above will survive the defeasance and discharge of the Bonds for as long as such matters are relevant to the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE XI

DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 11.01 Events of Default.

Each of the following occurrences or events for the purpose of this Order is hereby declared to be an Event of Default:

(i) the failure to make payment of the principal of or interest on any of the Bonds when the same becomes due and payable; or

(ii) default in the performance or observance of any other covenant, agreement or obligation of the County, which default materially and adversely affects the rights of the Owners, including but not limited to, their prospect or ability to be repaid in accordance with this Order, and the continuation thereof for a period of sixty (60) days after notice of such default is given by any Owner to the County.

Section 11.02 Remedies for Default.

(a) Upon the happening of any Event of Default, any Owner or an authorized representative thereof, including but not limited to, a trustee or trustees therefor, may proceed against the County for the purpose of protecting and enforcing the rights of the Owners under this Order, by mandamus or other suit, action or special proceeding in equity or at law, in any court of competent jurisdiction, for any relief permitted by law, including the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein, or thereby to enjoin any act or thing that may be unlawful or in violation of any right of the Owners hereunder or any combination of such remedies.

(b) It is provided that all such proceedings shall be instituted and maintained for the equal benefit of all Owners of Bonds then outstanding.

Section 11.03 Remedies Not Exclusive.

(a) No remedy herein conferred or reserved is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or under the Bonds or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, the right to accelerate the debt evidenced by the Bonds shall not be available as a remedy under this Order.

(b) The exercise of any remedy herein conferred or reserved shall not be deemed a waiver of any other available remedy.

ARTICLE XII

DISCHARGE

Section 12.01 Discharge.

The Bonds may be refunded, discharged or defeased in any manner permitted by then applicable law.

ARTICLE XIII

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

Section 13.01 Annual Reports.

(a) The County shall provide annually to the MSRB, within six (6) months after the end of each Fiscal Year, financial information and operating data with respect to the County of the general type included in the final Official Statement, being the information described in Exhibit A hereto. Any financial statements so to be provided shall be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Exhibit A hereto, and audited, if the County commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within such period, then the County shall provide notice that audited financial statements are not available and shall provide unaudited financial statements for the applicable Fiscal Year to the MSRB. The County shall provide such audited financial statements as required to the MSRB when and if audited financial statements become available.

(b) If the County changes its Fiscal Year, it will notify the MSRB of the change (and of the date of the new Fiscal Year end) prior to the next date by which the County otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data pursuant to this Section.

(c) The financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to this Section may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document, including an official statement or other offering document, if that theretofore has been provided to the MSRB.

Section 13.02 Material Event Notices.

The County shall provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner and not more than 10 business days after the occurrence of the event:

- (i) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) nonpayment related defaults, if material;
- (iii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

- (iv) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (v) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (vii) modifications to rights of Owners, if material;
- (viii) bond calls, if material and tender offers;
- (ix) defeasance;
- (x) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (xi) rating changes;
- (xii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the County, which shall occur as described below;
- (xiii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the County or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (xiv) appointment of a successor or additional paying agent/registrar or the change of name of a paying agent/registrar, if material;
- (xv) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the County, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the County, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (xvi) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the County, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For these purposes, (A) any event described in the immediately preceding clause (xii) in this Section is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the County in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the County, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental

authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets of business of the County, and (B) the County intends the words used in the immediately preceding clauses (xv) and (xvi) in this Section and in the definition of Financial Obligation in Section 1.01 to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885 dated August 20, 2018.

(b) The County shall notify the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the County to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with Section 13.01 and Section 13.02 of this Order by the time required by such Section.

Section 13.03 Limitations, Disclaimers and Amendments.

(a) The County shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Article for so long as, but only for so long as, the County remains an “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, except that the County in any event will give notice of any bond calls and any defeasances that cause the County to be no longer an “obligated person”.

(b) The provisions of this Article are for the sole benefit of the Owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds, and nothing in this Article, express or implied, shall give any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder to any other person. The County undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this Article and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the County’s financial results, condition, or prospects or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this Article or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The County does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE COUNTY BE LIABLE TO THE OWNER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY BOND OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE COUNTY, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITHOUT FAULT ON ITS PART, OF ANY COVENANT SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE, BUT EVERY RIGHT AND REMEDY OF ANY SUCH PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH BREACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN ACTION FOR MANDAMUS OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

(c) No default by the County in observing or performing its obligations under this Article shall constitute a breach of or default under the Order for purposes of any other provisions of this Order.

(d) Nothing in this Article is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive, or otherwise limit the duties of the County under federal and state securities laws.

(e) The provisions of this Article may be amended by the County from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in

law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the County, but only if the provisions of this Article, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and either the Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provisions of this Order that authorizes such an amendment) of the Outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or an entity or individual person that is unaffiliated with the County (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that such amendment will not materially impair the interests of the Owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The provisions of this Article may also be amended from time to time or repealed by the County if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction determines that such provisions are invalid, but only if and to the extent that reservation of the County's right to do so would not prevent underwriters of the initial public offering of the Bonds from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in such offering. If the County so amends the provisions of this Article, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with Section 13.01 an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS

Section 14.01 Amendment of Order.

The County may, without the consent of or notice to the Owners, from time to time and at any time amend this Order in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission herein. In addition, the County may, with the written consent of the Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding, amend, add to or rescind any of the provisions of this Order; provided, that, without the consent of the Owners of all Bonds then outstanding, no such amendment, addition, or rescission shall:

- (a) affect the rights of the Owners of less than all of the Bonds then outstanding;
- (b) make any change in the maturities of the Bonds;
- (c) reduce the rate of interest borne by any of the Bonds;
- (d) reduce the amount of the principal payable on the Bonds;
- (e) modify the terms of payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds or impose any conditions with respect to such payment; or
- (f) change the minimum percentage of the principal amount of Bonds necessary for consent to such amendment.
- (g) Bonds owned or held by or for the account of or for the benefit of the County shall not be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of amending this Order.

Section 14.02 Notice and Adoption of Amendment.

If the County desires to amend this Order and such amendment requires the consent of the Owner pursuant to Section 14.01, the County shall cause notice of the proposed amendment to be given in writing to each Owner of Bonds then outstanding. If, within thirty (30) days, or such longer period as shall be prescribed by the County, following the giving of such notice, the Owners of Bonds then outstanding in the aggregate principal amount required by Section 14.01 shall have consented to the amendment as herein provided, no Owner of a Bond shall have any right to object to any of the terms and provisions contained therein, or in any manner to question the propriety of the execution thereof, and all the rights of all Owners of Bonds shall thereafter be determined, exercised, and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such amendment.

Section 14.03 Consent of Owners Irrevocable.

Any consent given by any Owner of a Bond pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall be irrevocable and binding on all future Owners of the same Bond from the date of such consent.

Section 14.04 Nonsubstantive Changes.

The County Judge, in consultation with the County's Bond Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to approve such nonsubstantive changes to this Order as may be required by the Attorney General of Texas in his approval of the Bonds herein authorized.

ARTICLE XV

REDEMPTION OF BONDS; APPROVAL OF ESCROW AGREEMENT

Section 15.01 Appointment of Escrow Agent; Approval of Escrow Agreement.

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, is hereby appointed as Escrow Agent for the Refunded Obligations. The Escrow Agreement, in substantially the form presented at this meeting and subject to such insertions and changes as may be required to conform the Escrow Agreement to the terms of the Pricing Certificate and the refunding of the Refunded Obligations. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Agreement.

Section 15.02 Purchase of Securities for Escrow Fund.

The Authorized Officer is authorized to make necessary arrangements for the purchase of the Federal Securities referenced in the Escrow Agreement, including, without limitation, the execution of such documents, certificates or instruments as may be necessary in connection therewith including the execution of subscriptions for the purchase of United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series. All actions of the Authorized Officer taken prior to the date of this Order in connection with making arrangements for the purchase of such Federal Securities are hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 15.03 Redemption of Refunded Obligations.

The Refunded Obligations described in the Pricing Certificate are hereby called for redemption and shall be redeemed prior to their stated maturities on the respective dates and at the redemption prices set forth in the Pricing Certificate. Following the deposit to the Escrow Fund as herein and in the Pricing Certificate specified, the Refunded Obligations shall be payable solely from and secured by the cash and securities on deposit in the Escrow Fund.

Section 15.04 Notice of Redemption.

The County Clerk is hereby authorized to cause notice of redemption to be given to the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations, by delivering a copy of this Order and the Pricing Certificate thereto. The paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations, is hereby authorized and directed to give, and will give, notice of redemption with respect to the Refunded Obligations as required under the orders pursuant to which the Refunded Obligations were issued.

PASSED AND APPROVED this November 6, 2019.

NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

County Judge

ATTEST:

County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioner Court

(SEAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT)

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following information is referred to in Article XIII of this Order.

Annual Financial Statements and Operating Data

The financial information and operating data with respect to the County to be provided annually in accordance with such Article are as specified (and included in the Appendix or other headings of the Official Statement referred to) below:

1. The portions of the financial statements of the County appended to the Official Statement as Appendix D, but for the most recently concluded fiscal year.
2. The quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the County of the general type included in the main text of the Official Statement under the captions “OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY—Financial Highlights of Nueces County (Unaudited),” “CONSOLIDATED DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS,” “COUNTY DEBT—Bonded Indebtedness,” “COUNTY DEBT—Debt Ratios,” “TAX DATA” and “ANALYSIS OF TAX DATA—Historical Analysis of Tax Base.”

Accounting Principles

The accounting principles referred to in such Article are the accounting principles described in the notes to the financial statements referred to in Paragraph 1 above.

SCHEDULE I

SCHEDULE OF REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS CANDIDATES

Tax Notes, Series 2019

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Par Amount (\$)</u>
2/15/2026	1.950%	40,130,000