ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2025; SETTING CERTAIN PARAMETERS FOR THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE PRICING OFFICER TO APPROVE THE TERMS THEREOF AND CERTAIN OTHER PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND

WHEREAS, the bonds hereinafter authorized were duly and favorably voted by the resident, qualified electors in Fort Bend County, Texas (the "County") at elections held within the County on November 7, 2023 (the "2023 Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of the County desires to authorize bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 (including any premium charged against voted authority), as the first installment of a total \$153,000,000 bonds voted in Proposition B at the 2023 Election;

WHEREAS, the County has a principal amount of at least \$100,000,000 in a combination of outstanding long-term indebtedness and long-term indebtedness proposed to be issued, and some amount of such long-term indebtedness is rated in one of the four highest rating categories for long-term debt instruments by a nationally recognized rating agency for municipal securities without regard to the effect of any credit agreement or other form of credit enhancement entered into in connection with the obligation, and therefore, the County qualifies as an "issuer" under Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1371.053, Texas Government Code, the County desires to delegate the authority to the County Judge and County Auditor to effect the sale of the Bonds, from time to time and in one or more installments; Now, therefore

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

1. <u>Recitals; Consideration</u>. It is hereby found and determined that the matters and facts set out in the preamble to this Order are true and correct.

It is hereby found and determined that the issuance of the bonds herein authorized is in the best interests of the County.

2. <u>Definitions</u>. Throughout this Order the following terms and expressions as used herein shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations" means the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations between the County, the Registrar, and DTC.

- "Bonds" means one or more series of Fort Bend County, Texas Limited Tax

 Bonds, Series __2 authorized in this Order and more fully described in the Officer's Pricing Certificate, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- "Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a day on which the Registrar is authorized by law or executive order to close.
- "Closing Date" means the date of delivery of the applicable series of the Bonds to the Underwriters.
 - "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
 - "County" means Fort Bend County, Texas.
 - "County Auditor" means Robert Sturdivant, or any successor in that office.
- "County Judge" means KP George, or any successor in that office designated by the Commissioners Court.
 - "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.
- "Current Interest Bonds" means those Bonds on which interest is paid semiannually on the Interest Payment Dates.
- "Debt Service Fund" means the interest and sinking fund for payment of the Bonds established by the County in Section 19 of this Order.
- "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.
 - "Initial Bonds" means each Initial Current Interest Bond.
- "Initial Current Interest Bond" means an Initial Current Interest Bond authorized by Section 4(b)(i).
- "Interest Payment Date", when used in connection with any Current Interest Bond, means the dates set forth in the Officer's Pricing Certificate.
 - "MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board or its successor.

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"Officer's Pricing Certificate" means the certificate signed by the Pricing Officer containing the information regarding each issuance of the Bonds specified herein.

"Order" as used herein and in the Bonds means this order authorizing the Bonds.

"Owner" means any person who shall be the registered owner of any outstanding Bond.

"Pricing Officer" means each of the County Judge and the County Auditor, or any successor in that office designated by the Commissioners Court.

"Purchase Agreement" means the bond purchase agreement or bid form between the County and the Underwriters described in Section 4(e) of this Order regarding each issuance of the Bonds specified herein.

"Record Date" means, for any Interest Payment Date, the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding each Interest Payment Date.

"Register" means the books of registration kept by the Registrar, in which are maintained the names and addresses of, and the principal amounts of the Bonds registered to, each Owner.

"Registrar" means Zions Bancorporation, National Association dba Amegy Bank Division, Houston, Texas, and its successors in that capacity.

"Rule" means SEC Rule 15c2-12.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Underwriters" means the individual underwriter or underwriting syndicate identified in the applicable Officer's Pricing Certificate.

- 3. <u>Authorization</u>. The Bonds shall be issued from time to time in fully registered form, in one or more series, in a maximum principal amount, including any premium counted against voted authorization, not to exceed: (i) \$30,000,000 (including any premium counted against voted authorization) from the 2023 Election for the purpose of constructing, improving, renovating, equipping and acquiring land, buildings and facilities for park and recreational purposes, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, under and in strict conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, and Chapter 331, Local Government Code.
- 4. <u>Delegation of Authority.</u> As authorized by Section 1371.053, Texas Government Code, the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the County through a date one year from the date of this Order, from time to time, in selling and delivering one or more series of Bonds, subject to the conditions and carrying out the other procedures as set forth below. Bonds sold pursuant to a Purchase Agreement or bid form executed on or before the expiration date above may be delivered after such date, provided that such delivery date shall occur within ninety (90) days of the sale of the Bonds.

- (a) <u>Designation</u>. The Bonds shall be designated as "FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS LIMITED TAX _______ BONDS, SERIES __4 " and more fully described in the Officer's Pricing Certificate.
 - (b) The Bonds may be issued as Current Interest Bonds.
- (c) <u>Date, Denomination, Interest Rates, and Maturities</u>. The Bonds shall be dated, mature on the dates in each of the years and in the amounts set out in any Officer's Pricing Certificate, shall be subject to prior optional and mandatory redemption on the dates, for the redemption prices and in the amounts, set out in the Officer's Pricing Certificate, and shall bear interest at rates and from their issue date as set out in the Officer's Pricing Certificate payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- behalf of the County in selling and delivering the Bonds and carrying out the other procedures specified in this Order, including, without limitation, determining the date on and price at which the Bonds will be sold, the method and manner of sale (public or private), the issuance date and dated date of the Bonds, the designation or title of the Bonds, whether particular Bonds will be issued as Current Interest Bonds, the years in which the Bonds will mature, the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, the principal amount or Maturity Amount, as the case may be, to mature in each year of maturity, the rate of interest to be borne by each such maturity, the interest payment and record dates, any redemption terms and provisions (including terms and provisions for optional and mandatory sinking fund redemption), whether to apply for municipal bond insurance, and all other matters relating to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds, all of which shall be specified in the Officer's Pricing Certificate; provided that:

PARAMETERS FOR BONDS:

- (i) the aggregate principal amounts of all series of Bonds issued hereunder for the purposes set forth in Section 3, plus any premium charged against the voted authority, shall never exceed the maximum principal amount authorized in Section 3;
- (ii) the maximum maturity date shall be no later than 40 years from the dated date; and
- (iii) the net effective interest rate on the Bonds shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Chapter 1204, Texas Government Code.
- (e) <u>Sale; Purchase Agreement</u>. The Bonds shall be sold and delivered to the Underwriters at a price to be set forth in the Officer's Pricing Certificate in accordance with the terms of a Purchase Agreement to be approved by the Pricing Officer. The Pricing Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute such Purchase Agreement on behalf of the County, and

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County Judge and County Auditor and all other officers, agents and representatives of the County are hereby authorized to do any and all things necessary or desirable to satisfy the conditions set out therein and to provide for the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

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(f) proceeds from follows:	eeds from the sale of the Bonds shall, promptly upon receipt by the County, be applied as				
	(i)	If applicable, accrued interest in the amount of \$5 and net premium on the Bonds in the amount of \$6 shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund.			
	(ii)	Net premium on the Bonds in the amount of \$ shall be used to pay the costs of issuance.			
	(iii)	Net premium on the Bonds in the amount of \$8 shall be used to pay the Underwriters' discount.			
	(iv)	Bond proceeds in the amount of \$ shall be used for the purposes described in Section 3 of the Order.			
	(vi)	Any proceeds of the Bonds remaining after making all such deposits and payments shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund.			
5. Execution and Registration of Bonds. (a) The Bonds shall be signed by the County Judge and countersigned by the County Clerk, by their manual, lithographed, or facsimile signatures, and the official seal of the County 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 County had been manually impressed upon each of the Bonds.					
(b) If any officer of the County whose manual or facsimile signature shall appear on the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the authentication of such Bonds or before the delivery of such Bonds, such manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if such officer had remained in such office.					
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- (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 Registrar's Authentication Certificate substantially in the form provided herein, duly authenticated by manual execution by an officer or duly authorized signatory of the Registrar. In lieu of the executed Registrar's Authentication Certificate described above, the Initial Bonds 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, or by his duly authorized agent, which certificates shall be evidence that the Initial Bonds have been duly approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and that they are valid and binding obligations of the County, and have been registered by the Comptroller.
- (d) On the Closing Date, the Initial Bonds, payable in stated installments to the Underwriters or their designee, executed by manual or facsimile signature of the County Judge and County Clerk, approved by the Texas Attorney General, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller, shall be delivered to the Underwriters or their designee. Upon payment for the Initial Bonds, the Registrar shall cancel the Initial Bonds and definitive Bonds shall be delivered to DTC.
- 6. Payment of Principal and Interest. The Registrar is hereby appointed as the paying agent for the Bonds. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable, without exchange or collection charges, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, on the date of payment, is legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America, upon their presentation and surrender as they respectively become due and payable at the principal payment office of the Registrar, in Houston, Texas. The interest on each Bond shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date, by check mailed by the Registrar on or before the Interest Payment Date to the Owner of record as of the Record Date, to the address of such Owner as shown on the Register.

If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on any Bond is not a Business Day, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date payment was originally due.

- 7. Successor Registrars. The County covenants that at all times while any Bonds are outstanding it will provide a commercial bank or trust company, organized under the laws of the United States or any state, duly qualified to serve as and perform the duties and services of Registrar for the Bonds. The County reserves the right to change the Registrar for the Bonds on not less than thirty (30) days written notice to the Registrar, so long as any such notice is effective not less than sixty (60) days prior to the next succeeding principal or interest payment date on the Bonds. Promptly upon the appointment of any successor Registrar, the previous Registrar shall deliver the Register or copies thereof to the new Registrar, and the new Registrar shall notify each Owner, by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, of such change and of the address of the new Registrar. Each Registrar hereunder, by acting in that capacity, shall be deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Section.
- 8. <u>Special Record Date</u>. If interest on any Bond is not paid on any Interest Payment Date and continues unpaid for thirty (30) days thereafter, the Registrar shall establish a new record date for the payment of such interest, to be known as a Special Record Date. The Registrar shall establish a Special Record Date when funds to make such interest payment are received from or

on behalf of the County. Such Special Record Date shall be fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for payment of such past due interest, and notice of the date of payment and the Special Record Date shall be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, not later than five (5) days prior to the Special Record Date, to each affected Owner of record as of the close of business on the day prior to the mailing of such notice.

- 9. <u>Book-Entry Only System</u>. (a) The Initial Bonds shall be registered in the name set forth in the applicable Officer's Pricing Certificate. Except as provided in Section 10 hereof, all other 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 Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any DTC Participant or to any person on behalf of whom such DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds, except as provided in this Order. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the County and the Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) 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 (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than an Owner, as shown on the Register, of any amount with respect to principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order to the contrary, the County and the 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 of redemption 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 Registrar shall pay all principal of, premium, if any, 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 payments of principal, premium, if any, 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 certificate evidencing the obligation of the County to make payments of amounts due pursuant to this Order. Upon delivery by DTC to the Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions of this Order with respect to interest checks being mailed to the Owner of record as of the Record Date, the phrase "Cede & Co." in this Order shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.
- 10. Successor Securities Depository; Transfer Outside Book-Entry Only System. In the event that the County, in its sole discretion, determines that the beneficial owners of the Bonds should be able to obtain certificated Bonds, or in the event DTC discontinues the services described herein, the County shall (i) appoint a successor securities depository, qualified to act as such under Section 17(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, notify DTC and DTC Participants, as identified by DTC, of the appointment of such successor securities depository and transfer one or more separate Bonds to such successor securities depository or (ii) notify DTC and DTC Participants, as identified by DTC, of the availability through DTC of Bonds and transfer one or more separate Bonds to DTC Participants having Bonds credited to their DTC accounts, as identified by DTC. In such event, the Bonds shall not 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.

- 11. 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, premium, if any, 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 Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations.
- 12. Ownership; Unclaimed Principal and Interest. The County, the 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 of or interest on such Bond, and for all other purposes, whether or not such Bond is overdue, and neither the County nor the Registrar shall be bound by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. All payments made to the person deemed to be the Owner of any Bond in accordance with this Section shall be valid and effectual and shall discharge the liability of the County and the Registrar upon such Bond to the extent of the sums paid.

Amounts held by the Registrar which represent principal of and interest on the Bonds remaining unclaimed by the Owner after the expiration of three (3) years from the date such amounts have become due and payable shall be reported and disposed of by the Registrar in accordance with the applicable provisions of Texas law including, to the extent applicable, Title 6 of the Texas Property Code.

13. <u>Registration, Transfer, and Exchange</u>. So long as any Bonds remain outstanding, the Registrar shall keep the Register at its principal payment office in Houston, Texas. Subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Registrar shall provide for the registration and transfer of Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Order.

Each Bond shall be transferable only upon the presentation and surrender thereof at the principal payment office of the Registrar in Houston, Texas, duly endorsed for transfer, or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered Owner or his authorized representative in form satisfactory to the Registrar. Upon due presentation of any Bond for transfer, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor, within three (3) Business Days after such presentation, a new Bond or Bonds of the same type registered in the name of the transferee or transferees, in authorized denominations and of the same maturity and aggregate principal amount and bearing interest at the same rate as the Bond or Bonds so presented.

All Bonds shall be exchangeable upon presentation and surrender thereof at the principal payment office of the Registrar in Houston, Texas, for a Bond or Bonds of the same type, maturity and interest rate in any authorized denomination, in an aggregate amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the Bond or Bonds presented for exchange. The Registrar shall be and is hereby authorized to authenticate and deliver exchange Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Each Bond delivered in accordance with this Section 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 Bond is delivered.

The County or the Registrar may require the Owner of any Bond to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the transfer or exchange of such Bond. Any fee or charge of the Registrar for such transfer or exchange shall be paid by the County.

14. <u>Mutilated, Lost, or Stolen Bonds</u>. Upon the presentation and surrender to the Registrar of a mutilated Bond, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a replacement Bond of like maturity, interest rate, and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. If any Bond is lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken, the County, 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 authorize and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver a replacement Bond of like maturity, interest rate, and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

The County or the Registrar may require the Owner of a mutilated Bond to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith and any other expenses connected therewith, including the fees and expenses of the Registrar. The County or the Registrar may require the Owner of a lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken Bond, before any replacement Bond is issued, to:

- (1) furnish to the County and the Registrar satisfactory evidence of the ownership of and the circumstances of the loss, destruction, or theft of such Bond;
- (2) furnish such security or indemnity as may be required by the Registrar and the County to save them harmless;
- (3) pay all expenses and charges in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, printing costs, legal fees, fees of the Registrar, and any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed; and
- (4) meet any other reasonable requirements of the County and the Registrar.

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 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 Registrar in connection therewith.

If any such mutilated, lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the County in its discretion may, instead of issuing a replacement Bond, authorize the Registrar to pay such Bond.

Each replacement Bond delivered in accordance with this Section 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.

- 15. <u>Cancellation of Bonds</u>. All Bonds paid in accordance with this Order, and all Bonds in lieu of which exchange Bonds or replacement Bonds are authenticated and delivered in accordance herewith, shall be cancelled and destroyed upon the making of proper records regarding such payment. The Registrar shall furnish the County with appropriate certificates of destruction of such Bonds.
- 16. Optional and/or Mandatory Redemption; Defeasance. The Bonds are subject to optional and/or mandatory redemption as set forth in the Form of Bonds and in the Officer's Pricing Certificate.

Notice of any redemption identifying the Bonds to be redeemed in whole or in part shall be given by the Registrar at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by sending written notice by first class mail to the Owner of each Bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at the address shown on the Register. Such notices shall state the redemption date, the redemption price, the place at which Bonds are to be surrendered for payment and, if less than all Bonds of a particular maturity are to be redeemed, the numbers of the Bonds or portions thereof of such maturity to be redeemed. 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. By the date fixed for redemption, due provision shall be made with the Registrar for payment of the redemption price of the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed. When Bonds have been called for redemption in whole or in part and due provision has been made to redeem same as herein provided, the Bonds or portions thereof so redeemed shall no longer be regarded as outstanding except for the purpose of receiving payment solely from the funds so provided for redemption, and the rights of the Owners to collect interest which would otherwise accrue after the redemption date on any Bond or portion thereof called for redemption shall terminate on the date fixed for redemption.

Except as otherwise provided in the Officer's Pricing Certificate, the Bonds may be discharged, defeased, redeemed, or refunded in any manner now or hereafter permitted by law.

- 17. Forms. The form of the Bonds, including the form of Registration Certificate of the Comptroller, which shall be attached or affixed to each Initial Bond, the form of the Registrar's Authentication Certificate, and the form of Assignment shall be, respectively, substantially as follows, with such additions, deletions, and variations as may be required by the County Judge, necessary or desirable and not prohibited by this Order:
 - (a) Form of Current Interest Bond.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FORT BEND

REGISTERED	REGISTERED
NUMBER	DENOMINATION
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FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

	LIMITED TAXSEI	RIES ¹⁰	BONDS	
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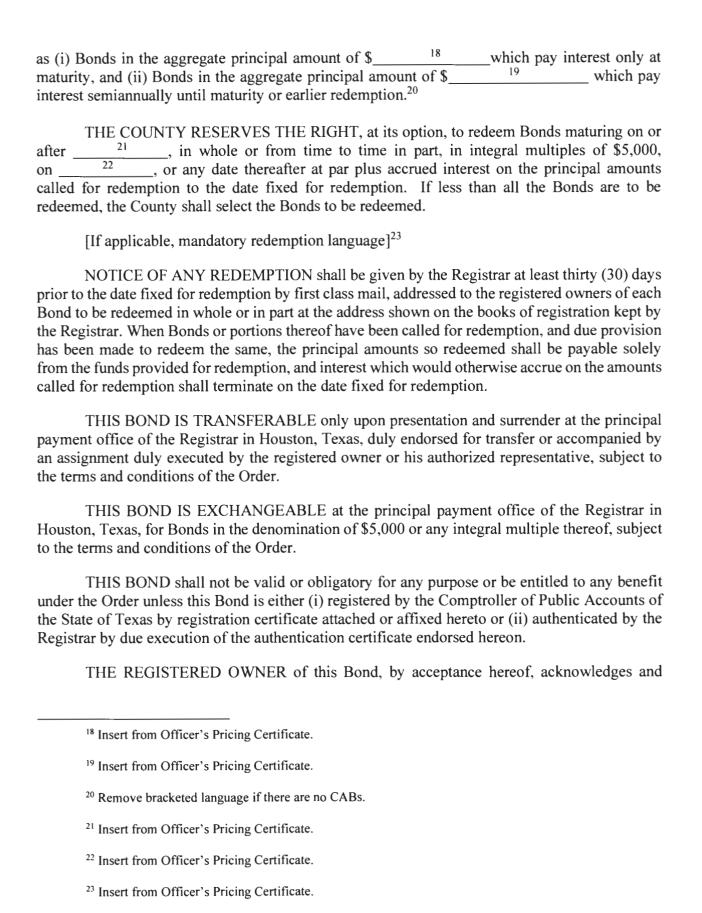
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agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Order.

THE COUNTY has covenanted in the Order that it will at all times provide a legally qualified registrar for the Bonds and will cause notice of any change of registrar to be mailed to each registered owner.

IT IS HEREBY certified, recited, and covenanted that this Bond has been duly and validly issued and delivered; that all acts, conditions, and things required or proper to be performed, to exist and to be done precedent to or in the issuance and delivery of this Bond have been performed, exist, and have been done in accordance with law; and that annual ad valorem taxes, within the limits prescribed by law, sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of this Bond, as such interest comes due and such principal matures, have been levied and ordered to be levied against all taxable property in the County, and have been pledged irrevocably for such payment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Bond has been signed with the manual or facsimile signature of the County Judge and countersigned with the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk, and the official seal of the County has been duly impressed, or placed in facsimile, on this Bond.

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			County Judg	ge
			County Cler	k
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(d) <u>Form of Registrar's Authentication</u>	(d) <u>Form of Registrar's Authentication Certificate</u> .					
AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE It is hereby certified that this Bond has be described in the text of this Bond.	een delivered pursuant to the Bond Order					
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Authorized Signature Date of Authentication						
(e) <u>Form of Assignment</u> .						
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For value received, the undersigned	hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto					
(Please print or type name, address, and z	ip code of Transferee)					
(Please insert Social Security or Taxpayer the within Bond and all rights thereunder, an						
attorney to transfer said Bond on the books ke substitution in the premises.	ept for registration thereof, with full power of					
DATED:						
Signature Guaranteed:	Registered Owner NOTICE: The signature above must correspond to the name of the registered owner as shown on the face of this Bond in every particular, without any alteration, enlargement, or change whatsoever.					
NOTICE: Signature must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company.						

- (f) The Initial Bond shall be in the form set forth in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (e) of this Section, except as otherwise provided in the Officer's Pricing Certificate and except for the following alterations:
 - (i) immediately under the name of the Current Interest Bond, the headings "INTEREST RATE" and "MATURITY DATE" shall both be completed with the words "As Shown Below" and the word "CUSIP" deleted;
 - (ii) in the first paragraph of the Current Interest Bond, the words "on the maturity date specified above," and "at the rate shown above" shall be deleted and the following shall be inserted at the end of the first sentence "..., with such principal to be paid in installments on the dates, in each of the years and in the principal amounts identified in the following schedule and with such installments bearing interest at the per annum rates set forth in the following schedule:"

[Information to be inserted from schedule in the Officer's Pricing Certificate]

(iii) in the first paragraph of the Initial Bond, the words "on the maturity date specified above," shall be deleted, and the words "the Maturity Amount identified above" shall be replaced with "the Maturity Amounts shown in the schedule below".

[Information to be inserted from schedule in the Officer's Pricing Certificate]

- (iv) the Initial Bond shall be numbered ICI-1.
- 18. <u>CUSIP Numbers</u>. CUSIP Numbers may be printed on the Bonds, but errors or omissions in the printing of such numbers shall have no effect on the validity of the Bonds.
- 19. Debt Service Fund; Tax Levy. A special fund to be designated "Fort Bend County, Texas Limited Tax _______Bonds, Series _____25 __ Debt Service Fund" is hereby created, and the proceeds from all taxes levied, assessed and collected for and on account of the Bonds authorized by this Order shall be deposited, as collected, in such Fund. While the Bonds or any part of the principal thereof or interest thereon remain outstanding and unpaid, there is hereby levied and there shall be annually assessed, and collected in due time, form and manner, and at the same time as other County taxes are assessed, levied, and collected, in each year, a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the County, sufficient to pay the interest on the Bonds as the same becomes due, and to create and provide a sinking fund of not less than 2% of the principal amount of the Bonds or of not less than the amount required to pay each installment of the principal of the Bonds as the same matures,

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which is greater, full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection, and said taxes are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the interest on and principal of the Bonds and to no other purpose.

To pay the debt service coming due on any Bonds issued prior to receipt of the taxes levied to pay such debt service, there is hereby appropriated from current funds on hand, which are hereby certified to be on hand and available for such purpose, an amount sufficient to pay such debt service, and such amount shall be used for no other purpose.

- 20. Application of Chapter 1208, Texas Government Code. Chapter 1208, Texas Government Code, applies to the issuance of the Bonds and the pledge of the taxes granted by the County under Section 19 of this Order, and such pledge is therefore valid, effective and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid such that the pledge of the taxes granted by the County under Section 19 of this Order is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code, then in order to preserve to the registered owners of the Bonds the perfection of the security interest in said pledge, the County agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, Texas Business & Commerce Code and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in said pledge to occur.
- 21. Further Proceedings. After the Initial Bonds have been executed, it shall be the duty of the President of the Board and other appropriate officials and agents of the County to deliver the Initial Bonds and all pertinent records and proceedings to the Attorney General of the State of Texas, for examination and approval. After the Initial Bonds have been approved by the Attorney General, they shall be delivered to the Comptroller for registration. Upon registration of the Initial Bonds, the Comptroller (or the Comptroller's bond clerk or an assistant bond clerk lawfully designated in writing to act for the Comptroller) shall manually sign the Comptroller's Registration Certificate prescribed herein and the seal of said Comptroller shall be impressed, or placed in facsimile, thereon.
 - 22. Covenants to Maintain Tax Exempt Status.
- (a) <u>Definitions</u>. When used in this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Computation Date" has the meaning stated in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

"Gross Proceeds" has the meaning stated in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

"Investment" has the meaning stated in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

"Issue Date" for each series or sub-series of the Bonds or other obligations

of the County is the respective date on which such series or sub-series of the Bonds or other obligations of the County is delivered against payment therefor.

"Net Sale Proceeds" has the meaning stated in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

"Nonpurpose Investment" has the meaning stated in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

"Proceeds" has the meaning stated in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

"Rebate Amount" has the meaning stated in Section 1.148-3 of the Regulations.

"Regulations" means the temporary or final Income Tax Regulations applicable to the Bonds issued pursuant to Sections 141 through 150 of the Code. Any reference to a section of the Regulations shall also refer to any successor provision to such section hereafter promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to Sections 141 through 150 of the Code and applicable to the Bonds.

"Yield of"

- (1) any Investment shall be computed in accordance with Section 1.148-5 of the Regulations, and
- (2) the Bonds shall be computed in accordance with Section 1.148-4 of the Regulations.
- (b) Not to Cause Interest to Become Taxable. The County shall not use, permit the use of or omit to use Gross Proceeds of the Bonds or any other amounts (or any property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds) in a manner which, if made or omitted, respectively, would cause the interest on any Bond to become includable in the gross income, as defined in Section 61 of the Code, of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless and until the County shall have received a written opinion of counsel nationally recognized in the field of municipal bond law to the effect that failure to comply with such covenant will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income tax of the interest on any Bond, the County shall comply with each of the specific covenants in this Section.
- (c) <u>No Private Use or Private Payments</u>. Except as permitted by Section 141 of the Code and the regulations and rulings thereunder, the County shall, at all times after the Issue Date of any Bond and prior to the last stated maturity of the Bonds
 - (i) exclusively own, operate, and possess all property the acquisition, construction, or improvement of which is to be financed directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds of the Bonds and not use or permit the use of such Gross Proceeds

or any property acquired, constructed, or improved with such Gross Proceeds in any activity carried on by any person or entity other than a state or local government, unless such use is solely as a member of the general public, or

- (ii) not directly or indirectly impose or accept any charge or other payment for use of Gross Proceeds of the Bonds or any property the acquisition, construction, or improvement of which is to be financed directly or indirectly with such Gross Proceeds other than taxes of general application and interest earned on investments acquired with such Gross Proceeds pending application for their intended purposes.
- (d) No Private Loan. Except to the extent permitted by Section 141 of the Code and the regulations and rulings thereunder, the County shall not use Gross Proceeds of the Bonds to make or finance loans to any person or entity other than a state or local government. For purposes of the foregoing covenant, Gross Proceeds are considered to be "loaned" to a person or entity if (1) property acquired, constructed or improved with Gross Proceeds is sold or leased to such person or entity in a transaction which creates a debt for federal income tax purposes, (2) capacity in or service from such property is committed to such person or entity under a take-or-pay, output, or similar contract or arrangement, or (3) indirect benefits, or burdens and benefits of ownership, of such Gross Proceeds or such property are otherwise transferred in a transaction which is the economic equivalent of a loan.
- (e) Not to Invest at Higher Yield. Except to the extent permitted by Section 148 of the Code and the regulations and rulings thereunder, the County shall not, at any time prior to the earlier of the final stated maturity or final payment of the Bonds, directly or indirectly invest Gross Proceeds of the Bonds in any Investment (or use such Gross Proceeds to replace money so invested), if as a result of such investment the Yield of all Investments allocated to such Gross Proceeds whether then held or previously disposed of, exceeds the Yield on the Bonds.
- (f) <u>Not Federally Guaranteed</u>. Except to the extent permitted by Section 149(b) of the Code and the regulations and rulings thereunder, the County shall not take or omit to take any action which would cause the Bonds to be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code and the regulations and rulings thereunder.
- (g) <u>Information Report</u>. The County shall timely file with the Secretary of the Treasury the information required by Section 149(e) of the Code with respect to the Bonds on such forms and in such place as such Secretary may prescribe.
- (h) <u>Payment of Rebate Amount</u>. Except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 148(f) of the Code and the regulations and rulings thereunder, the County shall:
 - (i) account for all Gross Proceeds of the Bonds (including all receipts, expenditures, and investments thereof) on its books of account separately and apart from all other funds (and receipts, expenditures, and investments thereof) and shall retain all records of such accounting for at least nine years after the final Computation Date. The County may, however, to the extent permitted by law,

commingle Gross Proceeds of the Bonds with other money of the County, provided that the County separately accounts for each receipt and expenditure of such Gross Proceeds and the obligations acquired therewith,

- (ii) calculate the Rebate Amount with respect to the Bonds not less frequently than each Computation Date, in accordance with rules set forth in Section 148(f) of the Code, Section 1.148-3 of the Regulations, and the rulings thereunder. The County shall maintain a copy of such calculations for at least three years after the final Computation Date,
- (iii) as additional consideration for the purchase of the Bonds by the initial purchasers thereof and the loan of the money represented thereby, and in order to induce such purchase by measures designed to ensure the excludability of the interest thereon from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, pay to the United States the amount described in paragraph (2) above at the times, in the installments, to the place, in the manner, and accompanied by such forms or other information as is or may be required by Section 148(f) of the Code and the regulations and rulings thereunder, and
- (iv) exercise reasonable diligence to assure that no errors are made in the calculations required by paragraph (2) and, if such error is made, to discover and promptly to correct such error within a reasonable amount of time thereafter, including payment to the United States of any interest and any penalty required by the Regulations.
- (i) Not to Divert Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent permitted by Section 148 of the Code and the regulations and rulings thereunder, the County shall not, at any time after the Issue Date of the Bonds and prior to the earlier of the final stated maturity or final payment of the Bonds, enter into any transaction that reduces the amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Subsection (h) of this Section because such transaction results in a smaller profit or a larger loss than would have resulted if the transaction had been at arm's length and had the Yield of the Bonds not been relevant to either party.
- (j) Not Hedge Bonds. The County will not invest more than fifty (50) percent of the proceeds of the Bonds, in Nonpurpose Investments having a guaranteed yield for four years or more. On the Issue Date of the Bonds, the County will reasonably expect that at least eighty-five (85) percent of the Net Sale Proceeds of the Bonds would be used to carry out the governmental purpose of such series within three (3) years after the Issue Date of such series.
- 23. <u>Continuing Disclosure Undertaking</u>. If the Bonds are sold by public offering or are otherwise subject to SEC Rule 15c2-12, the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) <u>Annual Reports</u>. The County will provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB annually in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB and available via the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at <u>www.emma.msrb.org</u>. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the County of the general type included in [Tables 1 through 7 and 9 through 14]

of the Official Statement and annual audited financial statements set forth in Appendix A of the Official Statement. The County will update and provide this information within six (6) months after the end of each fiscal year.

If the County changes its fiscal year, it will submit a notice of such change to the MSRB, and 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.

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 it is available from the MSRB). The updated information will include audited financial statements, if the County commissions an audit. If audited financial statements are not available by the required time, the County will file unaudited financial statements by the required time and audited financial statements when and if such audited financial statements become available.

- (b) <u>Event Notices</u>. The County shall submit a notice to the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:
 - (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
 - (ii) Non-payment 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 holders of the Bonds, if material;
 - (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
 - (ix) Defeasances;
 - (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 the assets of the County, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into 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 trustee or the change of name of a trustee, 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, any event described in (xii) in the immediately preceding paragraph 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 or business of the County.

As used in clauses (xv) and (xvi) above, the term "financial obligation" means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

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 this Section by the time required by this Section.

The County shall notify the MSRB in an electronic format prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the County to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with this Section by the time required by such Section.

All documents provided to the MSRB shall be accompanied by identifying information, as prescribed by the MSRB.

(c) The County shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Section 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 the notice required by this Section of any Bond calls and defeasance that cause the County to be no longer such an "obligated person."

The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the registered Owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds, and nothing in this Section, 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 Section 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 Section 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 REGISTERED 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 SECTION, 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.

No default by the County in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall constitute a breach of or default under the Order for purposes of any other provision of this Order.

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

(d) The provisions of this Section 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 (1) the provisions of this Section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell the 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 (2) either (a) the registered Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Order that authorizes such an amendment) of the outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) a 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 registered Owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds. If the County so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with this Section 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. The County may also amend or repeal the provisions of this Section if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, and the County also may amend the provisions of this Section in its discretion in any other manner or circumstance, but in any case only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not have prevented an underwriter from lawfully purchasing

or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds, giving effect to (a) such provisions as so amended and (b) any amendments or interpretations of the Rule.

- 24. Official Statement. The County hereby approves the form and content and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement prepared in the initial offering and sale of the Bonds and hereby authorizes the preparation of a final Official Statement reflecting the terms of the Purchase Agreement and other relevant information. The use of such final Official Statement by the Underwriters is hereby approved and authorized and the proper officials of the County are authorized to sign such Official Statement. In the event the Bonds are sold pursuant to a competitive sale, the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to approve, in the name and on behalf of the County, in connection with the sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale.
- 25. Power to Revise Form of Documents. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, the County Judge is hereby authorized to make or approve such revisions, additions, deletions, and variations to this Order, in the judgment of the County Judge, and in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the County, may be necessary or convenient to carry out or assist in carrying out the purposes of this Order, the Preliminary Official Statement, the final Official Statement, or as may be required for approval of the Bonds by the Attorney General of Texas; provided, however, that any changes to such documents resulting in substantive amendments to the terms and conditions of the Bonds or such documents shall be subject to the prior approval of the Board.
- 26. Related Matters. To satisfy in a timely manner all of the County's obligations under this Order and the Purchase Agreement, the County Judge, the County Auditor, the County Clerk or the Deputy County Clerk, and all other appropriate officers and agents of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions that are reasonably necessary to provide for the issuance of the Bonds, including, without limitation, executing and delivering on behalf of the County all certificates, consents, receipts, requests, and other documents as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy the County's obligations under the Purchase Agreement and this Order and to direct the application of funds of the County consistent with the provisions of this Order.
- 27. Registrar. The form of agreement setting forth the duties of the Registrar is hereby approved, and the appropriate officials of the County are hereby authorized to execute such agreement for and on behalf of the County.
- 28. <u>No Personal Liability</u>. No recourse shall be had for payment of the principal of or interest on any Bonds or for any claim based thereon, or on this Order, against any official or employee of the County or any person executing any Bonds.
- 29. Open Meeting. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

[Signature page follows]

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of July 2025.

County Judge

Fort Bend County, Texas

ATTEST:

County Clerk

County Clerk
Fort Bend County, Texas

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