

AN ORDER CALLING A TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THAT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in Pecos County, Texas (the *County*), hereby finds and determines that, as a result of its adoption of an ad valorem tax rate in excess of its voter approval tax rate (formerly known as the rollback rate), the District must hold an election allowing its registered voters to determine whether to approve the adopted tax rate (the *Election*) as required by Section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that, on May 31, 2024, the Governor of the State of Texas (the *Governor*) declared a state of disaster for the County as a result of unlawful crossing of the Texas-Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.184 of the Texas Education Code and the Governor's disaster declaration, the District is not required to conduct an efficiency audit; and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the County, acting by and through its elections administrator (the *Administrator*) to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) pursuant to a joint election or similar agreement according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions described above are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Election Ordered; Purpose; Amount. The Election will be held in the FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on November 5, 2024 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Code and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order, for the purpose of submitting the following measure to the District's qualified voters:

Measure A

Will the Board of Trustees of the Fort Stockton Independent School District be authorized to levy, pursuant to an order of such Board adopted on August 19, 2024, an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.0488 per \$100 of the taxable assessed valuation of property within the Fort Stockton Independent School District for the current tax year, being a rate that is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7007 per \$100 of such taxable assessed valuation (the legal maximum for such rate under current Texas law, and the maximum rate for maintenance and

operations for which the District may, if now approved by the District’s electorate at this Election, levy in each year hereafter, being then subject only to annual Board approval) and a debt service tax rate of \$0.3393 per \$100 of such taxable assessed value (an amount that is set annually by the Board), which combined tax rate of \$1.0488 adopted by the Board on August 19, 2024 is \$0.001 higher than the voter-approval rate, calculated pursuant to Section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code, an increase of 6.05418 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$1,006,252?

SECTION 2. Ballots. The official ballots will permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the measure above with the following ballot language:

Fort Stockton Independent School District Proposition A

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.04877 per \$100 valuation in the Fort Stockton Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 6.05418 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$1,006,252.

SECTION 3. Polling Details.

A. One or more District election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election. Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on October 25, 2024. Applications should be sent to the Early Voting Clerk named below. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original.

SECTION 4. Election Officials. To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations will include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

A. The Administrator will appoint Presiding Judges, Alternate Presiding Judges, and Election Clerks.

B. The Early Voting Clerk is: Sophia Franco; mailing and physical address: 200 S. Nelson, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735; phone: (432) 336-2115; fax: (432) 336-6640; and email: Sophia.franco@co.pecos.tx.us. The Early Voting Clerk will appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks.

C. The Administrator is authorized to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board and to designate the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board and, if needed, the members of Signature Verification Committee.

D. The District is authorized to use a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) if needed. The Administrator or the Administrator's designee is appointed as the Manager of the Station with the authority to appoint the Tabulation Supervisor, the Programmer, and any Clerks.

SECTION 5. Qualified Voters. The District's qualified voters (as defined by the Code) will be entitled to vote in the Election at the dates, times, and places reflected on Exhibit A.

SECTION 6. Legal Compliance. The Election and notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials relating to the Election will be printed in English and Spanish.

SECTION 7. Contracting Authority. The Board authorizes the District's President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designees to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements or similar contracts with the County, acting by and through the Administrator, and any Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law.

SECTION 8. Modifications. The Board acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibits to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the Board therefore authorizes the District's Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board, or their designees to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Board authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the intent of the Board.

SECTION 9. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 10. Conflicts. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 11. Controlling Law. This Order will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 12. Open Meetings. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 13. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

SECTION 14. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED on August 19, 2024.

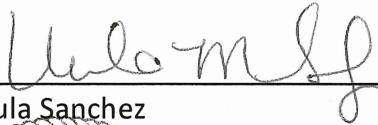
FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Flo Garcia III  
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



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Ursula Sanchez  
Secretary, Board of Trustees



[Signature Page to Tax Ratification Election Order]

**Exhibit A (Anexo A)**

District's website (*sitio web del Distrito*): [www.fsisd.net](http://www.fsisd.net)  
County's website (*sitio web del condado*): [www.co.pecos.tx.us/election-information/](http://www.co.pecos.tx.us/election-information/)  
Polling sites subject to change. (*Sitios de votación sujetos a cambios.*)

**EARLY VOTING (VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)**

Pecos County Annex Courthouse, 200 S. Nelson, Fort Stockton, TX 79735  
[main location (*ubicación principal*)]

October 21-25, 2024	<i>21-25 de octubre de 2024</i>	8:00am-5:00pm
October 26, 2024	<i>26 de octubre de 2024</i>	7:00am-7:00pm
October 27, 2024	<i>27 de octubre de 2024</i>	12:00pm-6:00pm
October 28-November 1, 2024	<i>28 de octubre-1 de noviembre de de 2024</i>	7:00am-7:00pm

Sheffield Community Center, 301 S. Pine, Sheffield, TX 79781  
Iraan Community Center, 508 S. Farr, Iraan, TX 79781  
Imperial Community Center. 208 S. Allison, Imperial, TX 79743

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Coyanosa Community Center, 4678 S Frank St., Coyanosa, TX 79735

October 21-22, 2024	<i>21-22 de octubre de 2024</i>	8:00am-5:00pm
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**ELECTION DAY (DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN)**  
**November 5, 2024 (5 de noviembre de 2024): 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

On Election Day, voters must vote in the county precinct where they are registered to vote.  
*(El día de las elecciones, los votantes deben votar en el precinto del condado donde están registrados para votar.)*

<b>Precinct (<i>Precinto</i>)</b>	<b>Polling Place (<i>Lugar de la votación</i>)</b>
1	Senior Citizen’s Center, 1010 W. 14th St., Fort Stockton, TX 79735
2	Pecos County Annex Courthouse, 200 S. Nelson, Fort Stockton, TX 79735
6	Coyanosa Community Center, 4678 S Frank St., Coyanosa, TX 79735
7	Rural Community Hall, 115 W. 44th Ln., Fort Stockton, TX 79735
10	Fort Stockton Public Library, 500 N. Water, Fort Stockton, TX 79735

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