Order No. #16, 658

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AN ORDER OF THE HUNT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF JOINT ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR AND APPOINTING THE COUNTY CLERK TO SERVE AS VOTER REGISTRAR AND ASSUME ALL OTHER DUTIES OF THE JOINT ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code provides for joint elections when an election is required upon the same day by two or more political subdivisions occupying all or part of the same territory; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 31, Subchapter D, of the Texas Election Code authorizes the County's election officer to contract with the governing body of a political subdivision for joint election services in an election ordered by the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Hunt County Commissioners Court per their authority under Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code previously established a Joint Election Commission and appointed a joint elections administrator to oversee and conduct elections; and

WHEREAS, the Hunt County Commissioners Court now desires to abolish the position of Joint Elections Administrator under its authority as described in Section 31.170 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 31 of the Texas Elections Code provides for the designation of the County Clerk to serve as the voter registrar with the agreement of the County Tax Assessor-Collector, and

WHEREAS, the County Tax Assessor-Collector and County Clerk have agreed to transfer the duties to serve as voter registrar to the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk will otherwise assume those duties previously assigned to the Joint Elections Administrator.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

Section 1. Findings Incorporated. That the findings and premises contained in the preamble above are hereby deemed to be true and correct.

Section 2. Joint Elections Administrator Position Abolished. The position of Joint Elections Administrator is abolished.

Section 3. County Clerk to act as Voter Registrar. With the agreement of the County Tax Assessor-Collector as evidenced by his signature below, the County Clerk shall act as the voter registrar.

Section 4. Transfer and Assignment of Other Duties. All other duties of the Joint Elections Administrator are assigned to the County Clerk, who shall provide a copy of this Order to the Secretary of State within 3 days of its effective date.

Section 4. Authority of the County Judge. The County Judge is further authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the Appointment of an Elections Administrator to serve at the direction of the County Clerk.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision

to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Court hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. Notice of Meeting. The Court officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the County's Courthouse for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the County in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public to the extent required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

Section 7. Authorization to Execute. The County Judge is authorized to execute and the County Clerk is authorized to attest this Order on behalf of the Court.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 9th day of March, 2021

Bobby W. Stovall County Judge Hunt County, Texas

Attest:

Jennifer Lindenzweig County Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas [Commissioners Court Seal]

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Agreed:

Randy L. Wineinger Tax Assessor-Collector of Hunt County, Texas