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IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER MAKING FINDINGS ON PETITION FOR CREATION OF HUNT COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2**

On July 7, 2026, the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas (the “Court”), convened in special session and opened a public hearing pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.016 on the petition (the “Petition”) requesting the creation of Hunt County Emergency Services District No. 2 (the “District”). The hearing was adjourned to a date, time, and place certain announced on the record and was reconvened and concluded on July 14, 2026. Having considered the Petition and its exhibits, the documentary evidence admitted into the record, and the testimony of all interested persons appearing in person or by attorney, the Court makes the following findings:

ARTICLE I — FILING AND SUFFICIENCY OF THE PETITION

1.01. The Petition was presented to the County Judge of Hunt County, Texas and filed with the Hunt County Clerk on May 7, 2026, in accordance with Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 775.011(a) and 775.015.

1.02. The Petition is signed by at least 100 qualified voters who own taxable real property within the proposed District, as required by Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.011(a). The parcel-level analysis performed by the Hunt County Appraisal District matched 153 signers of the Petition to taxable real property within the proposed District, of whom 150 own taxable real property outside the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Hawk Cove. Those signers are registered voters residing within the proposed District.

1.03. The Petition satisfies each requirement of Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.013(a). It shows: (1) that the District is to be created and is to operate under Tex. Const. art. III, § 48-e, and Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code; (2) the name of the proposed District; (3) the proposed District’s boundaries by a sufficient legal description, being the service areas of South Hunt County Fire Rescue, Tawakoni South Fire Department, and West Tawakoni Fire Department as those boundaries existed in March 2026, together with the Hunt County Appraisal District map attached to the Petition as Exhibit “A”; (4) the services the proposed District will provide; (5) that creation of the proposed District complies with Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 775.020 and 775.0205; (6) the mailing address of each petitioner; and (7) the name of each municipality whose consent must be obtained under Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014.

1.04. The Petition contains an agreement signed by two petitioners obligating them to pay not more than \$150 of the costs incident to the formation of the District, including the costs of publishing notices, election costs, and other necessary and incidental expenses, as required by Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.013(b) (Petition Exhibit “B”).

1.05. The name “Hunt County Emergency Services District No. 2” conforms to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.011(b), and the Court finds that No. 2 is the next available district number in Hunt County.

ARTICLE II — NOTICE AND HEARING

2.01. At its special session held on May 26, 2026, the Court set the place, date, and time of the public hearing on the Petition (Tuesday, July 7, 2026, in the Commissioners Courtroom of Hunt County, Greenville, Texas) in accordance with Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.015.

2.02. The County issued a notice of the hearing stating the matters required by Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.015, and posted the notice by posting on the Courthouse door and by newspaper publication in the Greenville Herald-Banner, a newspaper of general circulation in the proposed District, as required by state law.

2.03. The hearing on July 7, 2026, was adjourned as described above, and was and concluded on that date pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.016. All interested persons were permitted to appear at the hearing in person or by attorney and to offer testimony and evidence for or against the creation of the District and the sufficiency of the Petition.

ARTICLE III — MUNICIPAL CONSENT UNDER § 775.014

3.01. After the Petition was filed on May 7, 2026, written requests for inclusion in the District of territory within their respective corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction, as applicable, were presented to the governing bodies of the City of Quinlan, the City of West Tawakoni, the City of Hawk Cove, and the City of Greenville, pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(a), and were received by those governing bodies on the dates found below.

3.02. The City Council of the City of Quinlan received its written request on May 8 2026, and, by Resolution adopted on June 8, 2026 gave its written consent to inclusion of the territory within the City’s corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction in the District.

3.03. The City Council of the City of West Tawakoni received its written request on May 8, 2026, and, by Resolution adopted on May 26, 2026 gave its written consent to inclusion of the territory within the City’s corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction in the District.

3.04. The City Council of the City of Greenville received its written request on May 8, 2026, and, by Resolution adopted on June 23, 2026 gave its written consent to inclusion of the portion of the

City's extraterritorial jurisdiction that lies within the service areas described in Finding 1.03 in the District.

3.05. Each consent identified in Findings 3.02 through 3.04 was given within the six months preceding the date of this Order and remains in effect. Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(f).

3.06. The City of Hawk Cove received its written request on May 8, 2026, and its governing body did not give written consent on or before the 60th day after that date. No consent has arisen under Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(b)–(c). Accordingly, the territory within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Hawk Cove may not be included in the District. Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(a).

3.07. No municipality negotiated conditions for its consent under Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(h), and there are no conditions to be imposed under Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.017(a).

3.08. Territory of the City of Greenville. The corporate limits of the City of Greenville are not included in the District. The City of Greenville is served by its own fire department, and its corporate limits are not within the service areas of South Hunt County Fire Rescue, Tawakoni South Fire Department, and West Tawakoni Fire Department that define the District's boundaries; the only territory of the City of Greenville included in the District is the portion of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction that lies within those service areas. The written request and consent addressed in Finding 3.04 concern only that extraterritorial-jurisdiction territory. Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(a).

ARTICLE IV — FEASIBILITY FINDING UNDER § 775.017(a)

4.01. The creation of the District, with the boundaries fixed by the Court's separate order of even date — which exclude the territory within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Hawk Cove — is feasible and will promote the public safety, welfare, health, and convenience of persons residing in the proposed District. Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.017(a).

4.02. Finding 4.01 is supported by evidence admitted at the hearing, including: (a) the testimony of the chiefs of South Hunt County Fire Rescue, Tawakoni South Fire Department, and West Tawakoni Fire Department that the three departments combined respond to approximately 3,661 calls annually with an average response time of approximately ten minutes; that the departments' ISO public-protection classifications are Class 7/8 for property within five miles of a station and Class 9/9X in outlying areas; and that the departments' combined annual funding from sustainable sources — Hunt County, the Hunt Memorial Hospital District, the City of Quinlan, and the City of West Tawakoni — is approximately \$300,000, which is insufficient to sustain and improve existing service levels for the territory served; and (b) the parcel-level analysis prepared by the Hunt County Appraisal District from the 2025 certified appraisal roll, a conservative estimate that excludes business personal property and deducts fully exempt parcels and only those exemptions

mandatory for all taxing units, showing total taxable value of property within the District of approximately **\$2,525,471,982**, so that an ad valorem tax at the maximum rate of ten cents (\$0.10) per \$100 of taxable value would yield approximately **\$2,525,472** annually.

ARTICLE V — MUNICIPALITY-BY-MUNICIPALITY FINDINGS UNDER § 775.017(b)

5.01. For each municipality whose territory will be included in the District, the Court has determined, as required by Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.017(b), whether the proposed District would still meet the requirements of § 775.017(a) if the territory within that municipality's boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdiction that is included in the District, as applicable to each municipality, were excluded from the District. The Appraisal District's analysis allocates the entire value of any parcel lying partially within a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction to that territory; the municipal-territory values stated below are therefore maximums, and the remainder values are conservative minimums.

5.02. City of Quinlan. The proposed District would still meet the requirements of Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.017(a) if the territory within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Quinlan (2025 taxable value of approximately \$251,337,859) were excluded from the District, because the remaining territory would retain taxable value of approximately **\$2,274,134,123** — yielding approximately \$2,274,134 annually at the maximum rate — together with continued station coverage and response capability within the remaining territory.

5.03. City of West Tawakoni. The proposed District would still meet the requirements of Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.017(a) if the territory within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of West Tawakoni (2025 taxable value of approximately \$257,957,431) were excluded from the District, because the remaining territory would retain taxable value of approximately **\$2,267,514,551** — yielding approximately \$2,267,515 annually at the maximum rate — together with continued station coverage and response capability within the remaining territory.

5.04. City of Greenville. The proposed District would still meet the requirements of Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.017(a) if the portion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Greenville that is included in the District (2025 taxable value of approximately \$419,535,463) were excluded from the District, because the remaining territory would retain taxable value of approximately **\$2,105,936,519** — yielding approximately \$2,105,937 annually at the maximum rate — together with continued station coverage and response capability within the remaining territory.

5.05. The District, with the territory within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Hawk Cove (2025 taxable value of approximately \$134,187,001) excluded, meets the requirements of Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.017(a), as found in Article IV of this Order.

ARTICLE VI — ADDITIONAL FINDINGS

6.01. The District does not overlap any existing emergency services district, including Hunt County Emergency Services District No. 1. Creation of the District complies with Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 775.020 and 775.0205, and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.018(f)–(g) do not apply to this proceeding.

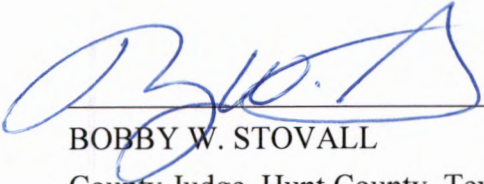
6.02. The boundaries of the District lie wholly within Hunt County, Texas.

6.03. All deliberations and actions of the Court concerning the Petition have been conducted in open session in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the foregoing findings are ADOPTED and shall be entered of record in the minutes of the Court, and the County Clerk shall file this Order among the papers of this proceeding.

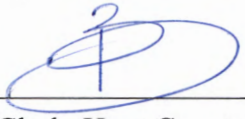
On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, the foregoing Order was adopted in open session by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on July 14, 2026.

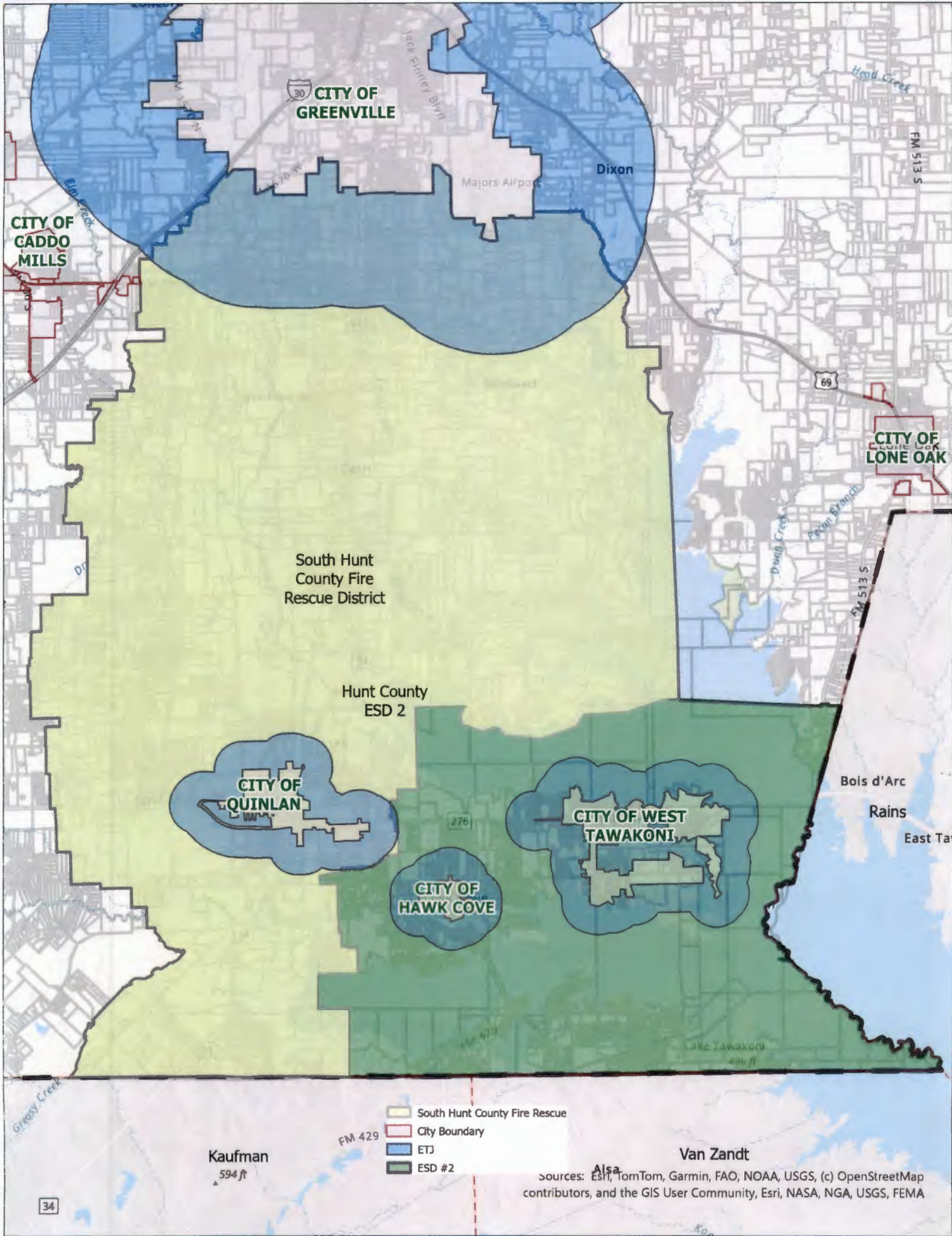


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County Judge, Hunt County, Texas

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County Clerk, Hunt County, Texas



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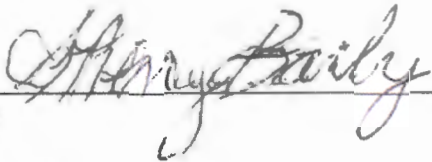
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EXHIBIT B
(Agreement of Petitioners to Pay Fees)

We the undersigned agree to be obligated to pay not more than \$150 of the costs incident to the formation of the proposed Hunt County Emergency Services District No. 2, including the costs of publishing notices, election costs, and other necessary and incidental expenses.

AGREED

Signature



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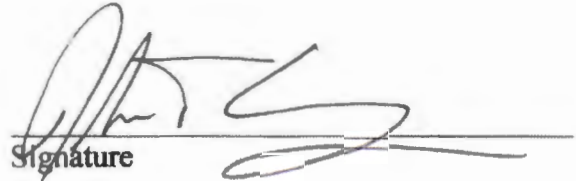
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