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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HUNT

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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. 1

On July 9, 2026, the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas (the "Court"), convened 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. 1 (the "District"). The hearing was adjourned to a date, time, and place certain announced on the record and was reconvened and concluded on August 11, 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 was filed with the Hunt County Clerk, 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 the signers of the Petition to 142 parcels of real property in and around the proposed District, of which 123 parcels of taxable real property lie within the District as its boundaries are fixed by the Court's separate order of even date: 83 within the corporate limits of the City of Caddo Mills, 18 within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Caddo Mills, 2 within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Greenville, 4 within the portion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Royse City included in the District, and 16 within territory not located in the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of any municipality. The 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 territory depicted as the "Hunt County ESD No. 1 Service Area" on 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. 1” conforms to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.011(b), and the Court finds that no existing emergency services district in Hunt County bears the number 1 and that the number is available to the District.

ARTICLE II — NOTICE AND HEARING

2.01. The Court set the place, date, and time of the public hearing on the Petition July 2026, at 9 at 6:00pm., in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Hunt County Courthouse, 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(c).

2.03. Not later than the 21st day before the date of the hearing, a copy of the notice of hearing was posted at the courthouse door on, and the notice was published in the Greenville Herald-Banner, a newspaper of general circulation in the proposed District, once a week for two consecutive weeks, the first publication occurring not later than the 21st day before the date of the hearing. Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.015(e).

2.05. The hearing convened on July 9, 2026, was adjourned as described above, 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, 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 Caddo Mills, the City of Greenville, the City of Josephine, and the City of Royse City, pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(a), and were received by those governing bodies as described below.

3.02. The City Council of the City of Caddo Mills received its written request and gave its written consent to inclusion of the territory within the City's corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction in the District as required by law.

3.03. The City Council of the City of Greenville received its written request and gave its written consent to inclusion of the portion of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction that lies within the "Hunt County ESD No. 1 Service Area" described in Finding 1.03 in the District as required by law.

3.04. The City Council of the City of Josephine received its written request and gave its written consent to inclusion in the District of only the portion of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction described in that consent, as required by law.

3.05. The City Council of the City of Royse City received its written request and gave its written consent to inclusion in the District of only the portion of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction described in that consent, as required by law.

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

3.07. No written consent under Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014 exists for: (a) the territory within the corporate limits of the City of Josephine; (b) the portion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Josephine not described in the consent identified in Finding 3.04; (c) the territory within the corporate limits of the City of Royse City; or (d) the portion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Royse City not described in the consent identified in Finding 3.05. No consent has arisen under Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(b)–(c) as to any of that territory. Accordingly, that territory may not be included in the District. Tex. Health & Safety Code § 775.014(a).

3.08. 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). The territorial limitations stated in the consents identified in Findings 3.04 and 3.05 are given effect in the boundaries fixed by the Court's separate order of even date.

3.09. 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 "Hunt County ESD No. 1 Service Area" that defines 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 that service area. The written request and consent addressed in Finding 3.03 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 described in Finding 3.07 — 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 chief of the volunteer fire department serving the territory of the proposed District that the department responds to approximately 1,500 calls annually with an average response time of approximately six minutes and forty-eight seconds; that the department's ISO public-protection classification is Class 4 for property within five road miles of a station and Class 10 in outlying areas; and that the department's annual funding — derived from the City of Caddo Mills, Hunt County, the Hunt Memorial Hospital District, and fundraising and grants — is approximately \$460,000, 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 2026 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 \$2,033,535,621 (the analysis's total of \$2,037,885,398 for the studied area, less \$4,349,777 attributable to the territory within the corporate limits of the City of Josephine, which is not included in the District), so that an ad valorem tax at the maximum rate of ten cents (\$0.10) per \$100 of taxable value would yield approximately \$2,033,536 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 and, where the extraterritorial jurisdictions of the City of Royse City and the City of Josephine overlap, allocates parcel value to the City of Royse City; the municipal-territory values stated below are therefore maximums, and the remainder values are conservative minimums.

5.02. City of Caddo Mills. 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 Caddo Mills (2026 taxable value of approximately \$1,080,978,972) were excluded from the District, because the remaining territory would retain taxable value of approximately \$952,556,649 — yielding approximately \$952,557 annually at the maximum rate — together with continued station coverage and response capability within the remaining territory.

5.03. 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 (2026 taxable value of approximately \$186,098,890) were excluded from the District, because the remaining territory would retain taxable value of approximately \$1,847,436,731 — yielding approximately \$1,847,437 annually at the maximum rate — together with continued station coverage and response capability within the remaining territory.

5.04. City of Josephine. 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 Josephine that is included in the District (2026 taxable value of approximately \$28,381,549) were excluded from the District, because the remaining territory would retain taxable value of approximately \$2,005,154,072 — yielding approximately \$2,005,154 annually at the maximum rate — together with continued station coverage and response capability within the remaining territory.

5.05. City of Royse City. 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 Royse City that is included in the District (2026 taxable value of approximately \$161,496,859) were excluded from the District, because the remaining territory would retain taxable value of approximately \$1,872,038,762 — yielding approximately \$1,872,039 annually at the maximum rate — together with continued station coverage and response capability within the remaining territory.

5.06. The District, with the territory excluded from the boundaries fixed by the Court's separate order of even date (aggregate 2026 taxable value of approximately \$260,430,530) 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. The territory of the District does not overlap the territory of proposed Hunt County Emergency Services District No. 2, the boundaries of which were fixed by order of this Court adopted July 14, 2026, and the creation of which is subject to confirmation at an election ordered for November 3, 2026. 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on August 11, 2026.



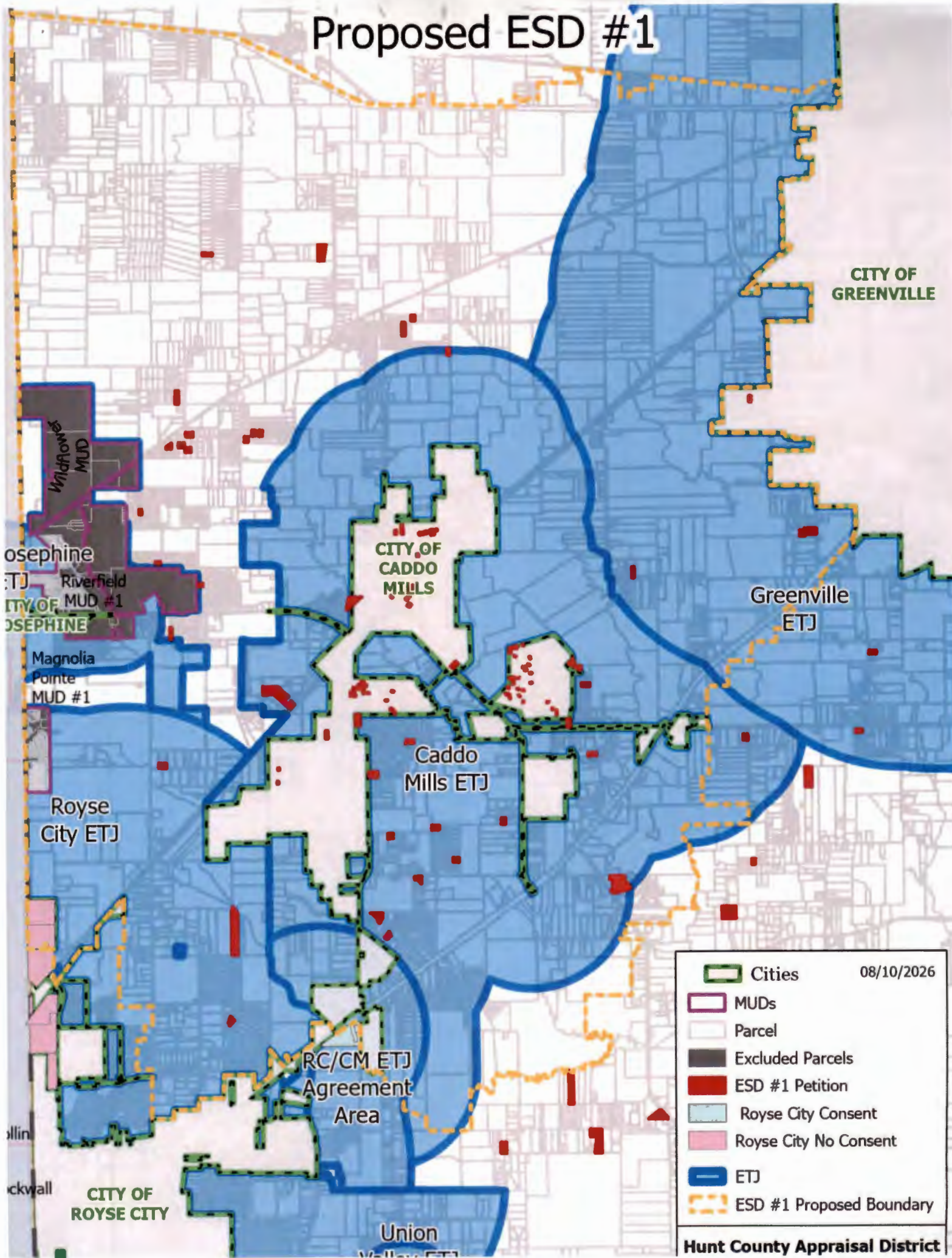
BOBBY W. STOVALL
County Judge, Hunt County, Texas

ATTEST:



County Clerk, Hunt County, Texas

Proposed ESD #1



CITY OF GREENVILLE

CITY OF CADDO MILLS

Greenville ETJ

Caddo Mills ETJ

Royse City ETJ

RC/CM ETJ Agreement Area

CITY OF ROYSE CITY

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