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ORDER AND RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HUNT

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**AN ORDER AND RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS, FINDING THAT A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY OF HUNT COUNTY BY REASON OF
THE DEATH IN OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE SCOTT CORNUAUD;
APPOINTING ELISHA HOLLIS TO FILL THE VACANCY, EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026; PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS OF
QUALIFICATION; AND PROVIDING THAT THE APPOINTEE SHALL
HOLD OFFICE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AT THE GENERAL
ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND HAS QUALIFIED**

On the 31st day of August, 2026, the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas, convened in a duly noticed public meeting at its regular meeting place in Greenville, Texas, with a quorum present, and took up the matter of filling the vacancy in the office of County Attorney of Hunt County; and, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Court finds, orders, and resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Scott Cornuaud was duly elected County Attorney of Hunt County, Texas, at the general election held November 5, 2024, and thereafter qualified and entered upon the duties of that office for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, County Attorney Cornuaud died in office, and a vacancy in an office caused by the death of the officer occurs on the date of death, Tex. Elec. Code § 201.022, so that the office of County Attorney of Hunt County became vacant on that date and remains vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court expresses its profound gratitude for the faithful service of County Attorney Cornuaud and extends its condolences to his family; and

WHEREAS, in case of a vacancy in the office of county attorney, the commissioners court of the county has the power to appoint a county attorney until the next general election, Tex. Const. art. V, § 21, and the commissioners court may fill a vacancy in the office of county attorney by a majority vote of the members of the court who are present and voting, the person so appointed to hold office until the next general election, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 87.041(a)(5), (b), (c); and

WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred on or before August 21, 2026, the 74th day before the general election for state and county officers to be held November 3, 2026, which is the general election held in the next-to-last even-numbered year of the term of office in which the vacancy exists, so that the remainder of the unexpired term is required to be filled at that general election, Tex. Elec. Code § 202.002(a); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that Elisha Hollis, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas, currently serving as an Assistant District Attorney, is a United States citizen; is 18 years of age or older; has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote; has not been finally convicted of a felony from which he has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities; has resided continuously in the State of Texas for the 12 months, and in Hunt County for the six months, immediately preceding the date of this appointment; is on the date of this appointment a registered voter of Hunt County; and is otherwise eligible for appointment to the office of County Attorney of Hunt County, Tex. Elec. Code § 141.001; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court further finds that Mr. Hollis is well qualified by education, training, experience, and character to discharge the duties of the office of County Attorney and that his appointment is in the best interest of Hunt County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, written notice of this meeting, including the subject of this Order and Resolution, was posted, and this meeting has been called and held, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code ch. 551;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The recitals set out above are found to be true and correct and are adopted and incorporated into this Order and Resolution as findings of the Commissioners Court.

Section 2. Appointment. Pursuant to Tex. Const. art. V, § 21 and Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 87.041, the Commissioners Court hereby appoints Elisha Hollis as County Attorney of Hunt County, Texas, to fill the vacancy in that office created by the death of the Honorable Scott Cornaud. The appointment takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 21, 2026, subject to the conditions stated in Section 3.

Section 3. Qualification; Conditions. (a) Before entering upon the duties of the office, and on or after the effective date stated in Section 2, Mr. Hollis shall (i) subscribe the statement required of appointed officers by Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 1, to be filed or retained as required by that section, and (ii) thereafter take and subscribe the official oath of office prescribed by Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 1. (b) Before qualifying, Mr. Hollis shall have separated from his position as Assistant District Attorney and from any other office, position, or employment that may not lawfully be held together with the office of County Attorney. (c) The appointment made by this Order and Resolution becomes complete upon Mr. Hollis's qualification in accordance with this section. (d) If Mr. Hollis has not qualified on or before September 30, 2026, this appointment is of no further effect, and the Commissioners Court may fill the vacancy by subsequent order.

Section 4. Tenure. In accordance with Tex. Const. art. V, § 21, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 87.041(c), and Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 17, Mr. Hollis shall hold the office of County Attorney of Hunt County from the time of his qualification until his successor—the person elected at the general election to be held November 3, 2026, to fill the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2028—has been duly elected and has qualified for the office. Nothing in this Order

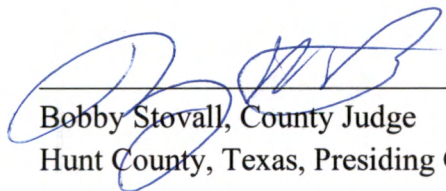
and Resolution enlarges or diminishes the tenure fixed for the office by the constitution and laws of this State.

Section 5. Compensation. From the date of his qualification, Mr. Hollis shall receive the salary, allowances, and benefits of the office of County Attorney as fixed in the adopted budget of Hunt County for the applicable fiscal year, prorated as appropriate.

Section 6. Ministerial Matters. The County Clerk, as clerk of the Commissioners Court, shall record this Order and Resolution in the minutes of the Court and shall deliver certified copies to Mr. Hollis, the County Auditor, the County Treasurer, the County Elections Administrator, and any other person or officer entitled by law to notice of the appointment.

Section 7. Effective Date; Open Meetings. This Order and Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption, and the appointment made in Section 2 takes effect as provided in Sections 2 and 3. The Commissioners Court officially finds, determines, and declares that this Order and Resolution was considered and adopted at a meeting open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of this meeting was given, all as required by Tex. Gov't Code ch. 551.

ADOPTED, PASSED, AND APPROVED at a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas, on this the 31st day of August, 2026.



Bobby Stovall, County Judge
Hunt County, Texas, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Becky Landrum, County Clerk, Hunt County, Texas