

**ELECTION AGREEMENT  
FOR JOHNSON COUNTY AND CITY OF JOSHUA  
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, by and between the COUNTY OF JOHNSON, TEXAS, acting by and through the JOHNSON COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") and CITY OF JOSHUA, acting by and through its Mayor or his designee (hereinafter referred to as "CITY").**

**WHEREAS, the COUNTY will be conducting the "CITY" General/Special Election on November 7, 2023 for registered voters of Johnson County, Texas residing within City; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 31.093, Texas Elections Code, the County Elections Administrator is required to enter into a contract with CITY to conduct and furnish election services for this November 7, 2023 General/Special Election of CITY: and**

**WHEREAS, CITY desires that the Johnson County Elections Administrator conduct and coordinate this election; NOW THEREFORE,**

**FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual project referenced herein, the parties hereto agree to hold an election on November 7, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Section 271.002, Texas Election Code, and that said election to be conducted pursuant to the terms of this agreement.**

**I. AGREEMENT**

**GENERAL TERMS:**

- 1.01 On November 7, 2023, the election shall be held from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM, that day, at the location listed on Exhibit B.
- 1.02 The political subdivision participating in the election on November 7, 2023, shall have and use the election Judges and ES&S AutoMark voting equipment.

## **II. JOHNSON COUNTY**

- 2.01 The COUNTY agrees to coordinate, supervise, and conduct the Election, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Election Code unless specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement with the understanding that the Election is only for the registered voters of Johnson County, Texas residing within the CITY
- 2.02 The Elections Administrator shall perform the following duties:
- a. Designate voting locations and contact the owners or custodians of public (or if unavailable, private) buildings and arrange for their use. Such voting locations shall be furnished to CITY as soon as possible.
  - b. Appoint, notify, and train the presiding judges and alternate judges and clerks. The names and addresses of each judge and alternate judge and clerk shall be furnished to the CITY at a later date.
  - c. Compensate election judges, alternate judges and clerks.
  - d. Transport voting equipment to and from each polling location.
  - e. Rent, if necessary, voting locations.
  - f. Provide lists of registered voters to the election judges.
  - g. Preparation of programs and test materials for tabulation of the ballots to be used with electronic voting equipment in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and of this Agreement.
  - h. Publish notice of the date, time, and place of the testing of the electronic tabulation equipment and conduct such testing.

## **III. EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTING**

- 3.01 Early Voting by Personal Appearance
- a. The Elections Administrator, Patty Bourgeois shall serve as Early Voting Judge for the CITY General/Special Election and other judges and clerks shall be appointed by her as needed.

- b. Early Voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the location listed on Exhibit A. All eligible voters in the City of Joshua may vote early at the Elections Office; 103 S. Walnut St, Cleburne, Texas 76033.
- c. Early Voting by personal appearance will begin on October 23, 2023, and will end on November 3, 2023. There will be no early voting on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.
- d. Temporary extended hours at those sites listed as in sec: 85.005 of the Election Code.

3.02 Early Voting By Mail:

- a. The COUNTY shall be responsible for early voting ballot requests by mail.
- b. CITY shall forward any requests by mail applications to the COUNTY.
- c. The COUNTY shall be responsible for all preparation of mail ballots including mailing ballot to voter.

3.03 The Ballot Board Judge for the CITY shall be as designated by the COUNTY. The Early Voting Ballot Board's duties will include:

- (1) Serve as Signature Verification Committee
- (2) Prepare the mail ballots for tabulation.
- (3) Convene to count provisional ballots and late ballots from out of the country, if any. (7<sup>th</sup> day or earlier after Election Day).

3.04 Election Day Voting:

The COUNTY shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Procure, prepare, and distribute supplies and the ES&S AutoMark and other election equipment for personal appearance on Election Day.
- b. Procure, prepare, and distribute Election Day supplies, tables, chairs if needed, and equipment, including ballots.
- c. Supervise the handling and disposition of election returns, tabulate unofficial returns, and assist in preparing the tabulation for the official canvass.
- d. Prepare the canvass report after all precincts have been counted and make available a copy of the appropriate part of the tabulation report.

- e. Conduct the manual count.
- 3.05 Serve as custodian of election records and store election records as provided by Section 66.058 of the Texas Election Code for a period of 22 months.

#### **IV. CITY**

CITY shall have the following responsibilities in conducting this election on November 7, 2023

- 4.01 Prepare any election orders, resolutions, notices, writ of election, and other pertinent documents for adoption for execution by the appropriate officer; and take all actions required by law for calling the election, handling contests, canvassing the returns, and declaring the results of the election.
- 4.02 Prepare and publish information for the required election notice.
- 4.03 Deliver to the Elections Administrator the official wording, including Spanish translation, to be printed on the optical scan ballot. All documents must be delivered to the County Elections office by the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023. If the documents are not received by the above date this Election Agreement will be terminated and County will have no obligations regarding the above referenced election.
- 4.04 Approve final optical scan ballot wording for content, form, and spelling.
- 4.05 Prepare and publish the Notice of Election, which is the required and described method of giving notice in accordance to Texas Election Code (Sec 4.003(a) (1).
- 4.06 Provide maps and other reference guides.
- 4.07 Assist the Election Administrator with providing Election Personnel.
- 4.08 Pursuant to Texas Election Code Sec. 67.003, canvass the official results between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> day following the election.

## **V. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

- 5.01 In consideration for the services and expenses provided by the County for conducting this election, the County shall be reimbursed for the optical scan ballots, ballot layout, media, coding the ES&S AutoMark equipment, M650 optical scan equipment, voting supplies, Election Judges, Clerks, Central Count, Ballot board, a 10 % administration fee, and any other expenses listed on Exhibit C.
- 5.02 Should a recount be required, those costs associated with the recount, if any, shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.
- 5.03 The official for parties to contact for all purposes shall be listed at the end of the Agreement. All notices and other deliveries under the Agreement shall be delivered to said individual so listed.

## **VI. RUN-OFF ELECTION**

- 6.01 In the event there is a run-off election, this Agreement shall be extended for the time necessary to conduct the run-off election and the CITY and COUNTY agree to continue to perform their respective responsibilities as set forth in this Agreement as are applicable to a run-off election. CITY will be responsible for any and all additional costs associated with the run-off election incurred by COUNTY. Any additional costs owed to COUNTY by CITY will be invoiced by COUNTY and CITY agrees to pay said invoiced amount within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice from COUNTY.

## **VII. TERMINATION IF ELECTION IS CANCELED**

- 7.01 In the event that the election is canceled due to all candidates being unopposed, County and CITY agree that this Agreement will be terminated and CITY will owe a cancellation fee of \$75.00 to be paid by CITY within thirty (30) days of said cancellation.

**ACCEPTANCE:**

On behalf of Johnson County Elections Administration, I hereby accept the terms of the Agreement.

Signed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**Patty Bourgeois**  
**Elections Administrator**  
**Johnson County, Texas**

On behalf of City of Keene, I hereby accept the terms of this Agreement.

Signed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**Scott Kimble, City of Joshua**  
**Mayor**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the above Agreement was adopted at a meeting of the Commissioner's Court of Johnson County on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**COUNTY OF JOHNSON**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**County Judge**  
**Johnson County Commissioners**  
**Court**

**Officials for notice:**  
**Patty Bourgeois**  
**Elections Administrator**  
**Johnson County**  
**P.O. Box 895**  
**Cleburne, Texas 76033**

**Scott Kimble, City of Joshua**  
**Mayor**  
**101 South Main St.**  
**Joshua, Texas 76058**