

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE
AND
BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

ON
\$23,125,000*
HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2026**

Scaled Bids Due Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 9:30 AM CENTRAL TIME

THE SALE

BONDS OFFERED FOR SALE AT COMPETITIVE BIDDING . . . The Commissioners Court (the " Commissioners Court") of Hood County, Texas (the "County" or the "Issuer") is offering for sale its \$23,125,000* Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds"). Bidders may submit bids for the Bonds by any of the following methods:

- (1) Deliver bids directly to the County as described below in "BIDS DELIVERED TO THE COUNTY;" or
- (2) Submit bids electronically as described below in "ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURES."

BIDS DELIVERED TO THE COUNTY . . . Sealed bids, plainly marked "Bid for Bonds", should be addressed to " Stephanie Matlock, County Auditor, Hood County, Texas", and delivered to the County at 1200 W. Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048 (the "County's Meeting Place"), prior to 9:30 AM, Central Time, on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 (the "date of the bid opening"). All bids must be submitted in the Official Bid Form, without alteration or interlineation.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURE . . . Any prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of PARITY. Subscription to the i-Deal LLC's BIDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The County will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe. Bidders submitting an electronic bid shall not be required to submit the Official Bid Form prior to bidding.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the County. The County shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of, PARITY, the use of such facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder.

If any provision of this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions shall conflict with information provided by PARITY as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions shall control. Further information about PARITY, including any fee charged, may be obtained from PARITY Customer Support, 40 West 23rd Street, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10010, (212) 404-8102.

For purposes of the bidding process, regardless of the bidding method, the time as maintained by i-Deal shall constitute the official time. **For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their electronic bids the true interest cost to the County, as described under "Basis of Award" below. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and the Official Bid Form. The winning bidder shall submit a signed bid form on the date of the bid opening if not previously submitted.**

PLACE AND TIME OF BID OPENING . . . Summary of the bids for the Bonds will be available at the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 W. Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048, at 9:30 AM, Central Time, on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

AWARD OF THE BONDS . . . The Commissioners Court will take action to award the Bonds (or reject all bids) at a meeting scheduled to convene at 9:00 AM, Central Time, on the date of the bid opening, and adopt an order authorizing the Bonds and approving the Official Statement (the "Order").

ADVANCE MODIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS . . . The County reserves the right to change the principal amounts provided below in the "MATURITY SCHEDULE" in each stated maturity by giving notice of such change, via PARITY at least 18 hours in advance of the time set for receipt of bids. Such notice shall be considered an amendment to this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

POST BID MODIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS . . . After the receipt of bids, but prior to the award of the Bonds, the County reserves the right to amend the total par amount by up to 15% in order to generate the County's target amortization. Such modifications of principal amounts will be disclosed to the winning bidder within two hours after receipt of the bids. The purchase price of the Bonds will be adjusted proportionately to the adjustment in principal amount of the Bonds and in such manner as to maintain as comparable an underwriter spread as possible to the winning bid.

* Preliminary, subject to change. See "Advance Modification of Principal Amounts" and "Post Bid Modification of Principal Amounts" herein.

THE BONDS

DESCRIPTION . . . The Bonds will be dated August 1, 2026 (the "Dated Date"). Interest will accrue from the date of the initial delivery (the "Delivery Date"), anticipated to be September 9, 2026, and will be payable on February 15, 2027 and each August 15 and February 15 thereafter until the earlier of stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form in any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity. The Bonds will mature on February 15 in each year as follows:

MATURITY SCHEDULE*

Year	Principal Amount	Year	Principal Amount	Year	Principal Amount
2027	\$ 760,000	2034	\$ 975,000	2040	\$ 1,320,000
2028	725,000	2035	1,025,000	2041	1,385,000
2029	760,000	2036	1,080,000	2042	1,460,000
2030	800,000	2037	1,135,000	2043	1,530,000
2031	840,000	2038	1,195,000	2044	1,610,000
2032	885,000	2039	1,255,000	2045	1,690,000
2033	930,000			2046	1,765,000

REDEMPTION . . . The County reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after February 15, 2037, in whole or in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 2036, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Any Bonds designated as Term Bonds (defined herein) by the Initial Purchaser will also be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

SERIAL BONDS AND/OR TERM BONDS . . . Bidders may provide that all of the Bonds be issued as serial Bonds or may provide that any two or more consecutive annual principal amounts be combined into one or more term bonds (the "Term Bonds").

MANDATORY SINKING FUND REDEMPTION . . . If the successful bidder elects to alter the MATURITY SCHEDULE reflected above and convert the principal amounts of the serial Bonds into Term Bonds, such Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption the first February 15 next following the last maturity for serial Bonds, and annually thereafter on each February 15 until the stated maturity for the Term Bonds at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. The principal amounts of the Term Bonds to be redeemed on each mandatory redemption date shall be the principal amounts that would have been due and payable in the "MATURITY SCHEDULE" shown above had no designation of such maturities as Term Bonds occurred. At least forty-five (45) days prior to each mandatory date, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select by lot the Term Bonds to be redeemed and cause a notice of redemption to be given in the manner provided in the Official Statement.

The principal amount of the Term Bonds required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of such mandatory redemption provisions may be reduced, at the option of the County, by the principal amount of the Term Bonds of the same maturity which at least fifty (50) days prior to a mandatory redemption date (i) shall have been acquired by the County and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation or (ii) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.

A final Official Statement will incorporate the mandatory redemption provisions for any Term Bonds.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM . . . The County intends to utilize the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). See "THE BONDS - Book-Entry-Only System" in the Official Statement.

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR . . . The initial Paying Agent/Registrar shall be Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Amegy Bank Division, Houston, Texas (see "THE BONDS - Paying Agent/Registrar" in the Official Statement).

AUTHORITY FOR THE BONDS . . . The Bonds are authorized and issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, particularly Chapter 1251 and Section 1473.101, Texas Local Government Code, as amended, a County-wide election held on November 4, 2025, and the Order. Further details regarding the Bonds are set forth in the Official Statement.

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS . . . The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the County, payable from a direct and continuing annual ad valorem tax levied on all taxable property within the County, within the limits prescribed by law, as provided in the Order. Further details regarding the Bonds are set forth in the Official Statement.

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CONDITIONS OF THE SALE

TYPE OF BIDS AND INTEREST RATES . . . The Bonds will be sold in one block, on an "All or None" basis, and at a price of not less than 100.50% and not more than 108.50% of their par value. Bidders are invited to name the rate(s) of interest to be borne by the Bonds, provided that each rate bid must be in a multiple of 1/8 of 1% or 1/20 of 1% and the net effective interest rate must not exceed 15%. **The highest rate bid may not exceed the lowest rate bid by more than 3.00% in rate. The high bidder will be required to submit reoffering yields and dollar prices prior to award.** No limitation is imposed upon bidders as to the number of rates or changes which may be used. All Bonds of one maturity must bear one and the same rate. No bids involving supplemental interest rates will be considered. Each bidder shall state in the bid the total interest cost in dollars and the True Interest Cost as defined below.

BASIS FOR AWARD . . . Subject to the County's right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities except time of filing, the sale of the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder or syndicate account manager whose name first appears on the Official Bid Form (the "Initial Purchaser") making a bid that conforms to the specifications herein and which produces the lowest True Interest Cost (defined herein) rate to the County based on the maturity schedule in the Official Bid Form. The "True Interest Cost" rate is that rate which, when used to compute the total present value as of the Delivery Date of all debt service payments on the Bonds on the basis of semi-annual compounding, produces an amount equal to the sum of the par value of the Bonds plus any premium bid, if any. In the event of a bidder's error in interest cost rate calculations, the interest rates, and premium, if any, set forth in the Official Bid Form will be considered as the intended bid.

ESTABLISHING THE ISSUE PRICE FOR THE BONDS . . . The County intends to rely on Treasury Regulation section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of municipal bonds), which require, among other things, that the County receives bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive Sale Requirement").

In the event that the bidding process does not satisfy the Competitive Sale Requirement, Bids will not be subject to cancellation and the winning bidder (i) agrees to promptly report to the County the first prices at which at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds (the "First Price Maturity") have been sold to the Public on the Sale Date (the "10% Test") (if different interest rates apply within a maturity, each separate CUSIP number within that maturity will be subject to the 10% Test) and (ii) agrees to hold-the-offering-price of each maturity of the Bonds that does not satisfy the 10% Test ("Hold-the-Price Maturity"), as described below.

In order to provide the County with information that enables it to comply with the establishment of the issue price of the Bonds under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the winning bidder agrees to complete, execute, and timely deliver to the County or to the County's Bond Counsel, a certification as to the Bonds' "issue price" (the "Issue Price Bond") substantially in the form and to the effect attached hereto or accompanying this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, within 5 business days prior to the Closing Date if the Competitive Sale Requirement is satisfied or within 5 business days of the date on which the 10% Test is satisfied with respect to all of the First Price Maturities. In the event the winning bidder will not reoffer any maturity of the Bonds for sale to the Public (as defined herein) by the Closing Date, the Issue Price Bond may be modified in a manner approved by the County. It will be the responsibility of the winning bidder to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain such facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel (identified in the Preliminary Official Statement).

For purposes of this section of this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions:

- (i) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to the Underwriter,
- (ii) "Underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the County (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public),
- (iii) "Related Party" means any two or more persons (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) that are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and
- (iv) "Sale Date" means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the County to the winning bidder.

All actions to be taken by the County under this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the County by the County's Municipal Advisor, and any notice or report to be provided to the County may be provided to the County's Municipal Advisor.

The County will consider any bid submitted pursuant to this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions to be a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid and, if so stated, in the Official Bid Form.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, (A) to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it until either all such Bonds have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, (B) to promptly notify the winning bidder of any sales of Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a Related Party to an Underwriter, and (C) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the winning bidder will assume that based on such agreement each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the Public; and (ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public to require each underwriter or dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it until either all such Bonds have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity. Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a Related Party to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees, on behalf of each Underwriter participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that each Underwriter will neither offer nor sell any Hold-the-Price Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date; or (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of that Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public. The winning bidder shall promptly advise the County when the Underwriters have sold 10% of a Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

ADDITIONAL CONDITION OF AWARD – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES . . . Described hereinafter is the obligation of the County to receive information from the winning bidder if the bidder is not a publicly traded business entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity (a "Privately Held Bidder"). Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act"), the County may not award the Bonds to a winning bidder which is a Privately Held Bidder unless such party submits a Bond of Interested Parties Form 1295 (the "Disclosure Form") to the County as prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission ("TEC"). See "Official Bid Form". In the event that a Privately Held Bidder's bid for the Bonds conforms to the specifications herein and is the best bid received, the County, acting through its financial advisor, will promptly notify the bidder. The apparent winning bidder listed on the Official Bid Form must have submitted a completed Disclosure Form, as described below, not later than 1 hour after the deadline for the submission of bids in order for County to complete the formal award. If the apparent winning bidder is a Privately Held Bidder and fails to file the Disclosure Form within the time period described in the previous sentence, the County reserves the right to notify the apparent winning bidder on the Official Bid Form that their bid has been rejected and award the sale to the next lowest bidder.

For purposes of completing the Disclosure Form, reference is made to the following information needed to complete it: (a) item 2 – name of governmental entity – "Hood County, Texas", (b) item 3 – the identification number assigned to this contract by the County ("2026 Limited Tax Bonds") and (c) description of the goods or services assigned to this contract by the County – "Purchase of 2026 Limited Tax Bonds". The Interested Party Disclosure Act and the rules adopted by the TEC with respect thereto (the "Disclosure Rules") require a business entity contracting with the County to (i) complete the Disclosure Form electronically at www.ethics.state.tx.us and (ii) print, sign and deliver, a PDF copy of their completed Disclosure Form and certification of filing to the County at: smatlock@hoodcounty.texas.gov, to the County's Municipal Advisor at andre.ayala@hilltopsecurities.com and to Bond Counsel at rsegura@mphlegal.com. Following the award of the Bonds, the County will, if required, acknowledge the receipt of the completed Disclosure Form through the TEC website, as required by law.

Preparations for completion, and the significance of, the reported information. In accordance with the Interested Party Disclosure Act, the information reported by the winning Privately Held Bidder must be declared by an authorized agent of the Privately Held Bidder. No exceptions may be made to that requirement. The Interested Party Disclosure Act and the Disclosure Form provides that such acknowledgment is made "under penalty of perjury." Consequently, a Privately Held Bidder should take appropriate steps prior to completion of the Disclosure Form to familiarize itself with the Interested Party Disclosure Act, the Disclosure Rules and the Disclosure Form. Time will be of the essence in submitting the form to the County, and no final award will be made by the County regarding the sale of the Bonds until a completed Disclosure Form from winning Privately Held Bidder is received. If applicable, the County reserves the right to reject any bid that does not satisfy the requirement of a completed Disclosure Form, as described herein. Neither the County nor its consultants have the ability to verify the information included in a Disclosure Form, and neither party has an obligation nor undertakes responsibility for advising any bidder with respect to the proper completion of the Disclosure Form. Consequently, an entity intending to bid on the Bonds should consult its own advisors to the extent it deems

necessary and be prepared to submit the completed form, if required, promptly upon notification from the County that its bid is the conditional winning bid.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT . . . A Good Faith Deposit, payable to "Hood County, Texas", in the amount of \$462,500.00, is required. Such Good Faith Deposit shall be a bank cashier's check or certified check, which is to be retained uncashed by the County pending the Initial Purchaser's compliance with the terms of the bid and the Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions. The Good Faith Deposit may accompany the Official Bid Form or it may be submitted separately. If submitted separately, it shall be made available to the County prior to the opening of the bids, and shall be accompanied by instructions from the bank on which drawn which authorize its use as a Good Faith Deposit by the Initial Purchaser who shall be named in such instructions. **The Good Faith Deposit of the Initial Purchaser will be returned to the Initial Purchaser upon payment for the Bonds.** No interest will be allowed on the Good Faith Deposit. In the event the Initial Purchaser should fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the bid, then said check shall be cashed and accepted by the County as full and complete liquidated damages. The checks accompanying bids other than the winning bid will be returned immediately after the bids are opened, and an award of the Bonds has been made.

VERIFICATIONS OF STATUTORY REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS . . . The County will not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the following representations and covenants pursuant to Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274, and 2276, Texas Government Code, as amended (the "Government Code"), are included in the bid. As used in such verifications, "affiliate means an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17 C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit. Liability for breach of any such verification during the term of this agreement shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations, and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of the Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Official Bid Form, or the Preliminary Official Statement (collectively, this "Agreement"), notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary.

- (i) **No Boycott of Israel (Government Code Chapter 2271):** A bidder must verify that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in Section 2271.001, Government Code..
- (ii) **Not a Sanctioned Company (Government Code Chapter 2252):** A bidder must represent that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Government Code. The foregoing representation excludes a bidder and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization
- (iii) **No Discrimination Against Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations (Government Code Chapter 2274):** A bidder must verify that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in Section 2274.001(3), Government Code.
- (iv) **No Boycott of Energy Companies (Government Code Chapter 2276):** A bidder must verify that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott energy companies" has the meaning provided in Section 2276.001(1), Government Code

FURTHER STATE LAW COMPLIANCE . . . THE COUNTY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID BY A BIDDER WHO IS, OR WHOSE PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES OR ANY AFFILIATE IS, ON A LIST MAINTAINED BY THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OR HAS RECEIVED A LETTER OR OTHER INQUIRY FROM A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER, OR THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL RELATED TO ITS INCLUSION ON ANY LIST OF FINANCIAL COMPANIES BOYCOTTING ENERGY COMPANIES OR COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND TO HAVE A PRACTICE, POLICY, GUIDANCE OR DIRECTIVE THAT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST A FIREARM ENTITY OR FIREARM TRADE ASSOCIATION.

FURTHER STATE LAW COMPLIANCE AND STANDING LETTER REQUIREMENT: Each prospective bidder must have a standing letter on file with the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Texas Attorney General's Office in the form included as Exhibit A to the All Bond Counsel Letter of the Texas Attorney General dated November 1, 2023 and any supplements thereto (the "All Bond Counsel Letter"). In submitting a bid, a bidder represents to the County that it has filed a standing letter in the form included as Exhibit A to the All Bond Counsel Letter without qualification and including current statutory citations and it has no reason to believe that the County may not be entitled to rely on the standing letter on file with the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Texas Attorney General's Office. Bidder agrees that it will not rescind its standing letter at any time before the delivery of the Bonds unless same is immediately replaced with a standing letter meeting the requirements of the All

Bond Counsel Letter.

The County will not accept a bid from a bidder that does not have such standing letter on file as of the deadline for bids for the Bonds. If requested by the County, the Initial Purchaser agrees to provide such further representations, certifications or assurances in connection with the Covered Verifications (defined below), as of the Delivery Date or such other date requested by the County including, but not limited to, a bring down certification as provided by the All Bond Counsel Letter.

THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, TO REJECT THE BID OF ANY BIDDER WHO IS, OR WHOSE PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATES ARE, ON A LIST MAINTAINED BY THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF FINANCIAL COMPANIES BOYCOTTING ENERGY COMPANIES OR DISCRIMINATING AGAINST FIREARM ENTITIES.

THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT, IN ITS SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION, TO REJECT ANY BID FROM A BIDDER IF THE COUNTY HAS ANY BELIEF OR DOUBT, WHETHER OR NOT REASONABLE, THAT THE BIDDER IS UNDER AN ACTIVE, PENDING OR UNRESOLVED INQUIRY FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS AS TO THE ABILITY OF THE BIDDER TO SATISFY THE REPRESENTATIONS AND VERIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BE A STANDING LETTER.

BY SUBMITTING A BID, EACH BIDDER AGREES, SHOULD IT BE THE WINNING BIDDER, TO COOPERATE WITH THE COUNTY AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO FURTHER VERIFY AND CONFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW.

To the extent the Initial Purchaser and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is unable to provide a Standing Letter in a form satisfactory to the Texas Office of the Attorney General, the County reserves the right to cash and accept the Good Faith Deposit (see "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE - Good Faith Deposit"). **THE LIABILITY OF THE BIDDER FOR BREACH OF ANY OF THE VERIFICATIONS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH CHAPTERS 2252, 2271, 2274, AND 2276, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COVERED VERIFICATIONS") SHALL SURVIVE UNTIL BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, AND SHALL NOT BE LIQUIDATED OR OTHERWISE LIMITED BY ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE COUNTY RESERVES AND RETAINS ALL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES AT LAW AND IN EQUITY FOR PURSUIT AND RECOVERY OF DAMAGES, IF ANY, RELATING TO THE COVERED VERIFICATIONS.**

IMPACT OF BIDDING SYNDICATE ON AWARD . . . For purposes of contracting for the sale of the Bonds, the entity signing the bid form as Initial Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the payment of the purchase price of the Bonds pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Initial Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager and contract under a separate agreement with other syndicate members. However, the County is not a party to that agreement and any information provided regarding syndicate managers would be for informational purposes only.

DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

CUSIP NUMBERS . . . It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will appear on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print or type such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Initial Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. **All expenses in relation to the printing or typing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid by the County; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the Initial Purchaser.**

DELIVERY OF BONDS . . . Initial Delivery will be accomplished by the issuance of one Initial Bond (the "Initial Bond"), either in typed or printed form, in the aggregate principal amount of \$23,125,000*, payable in stated installments to the Initial Purchaser or its designee, signed by the County Judge and County Clerk, approved by the Attorney General, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Upon delivery of the Initial Bond, it shall be immediately cancelled and one definitive Bond for each maturity will be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co. and deposited with DTC in connection with DTC's Book-Entry-Only System. Delivery will be at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar in Houston, Texas. Payment for the Bonds must be made in immediately available funds for unconditional credit to the County, or as otherwise directed by the County. The Initial Purchaser will be given six business days' notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Bonds. It is anticipated that delivery of the Bonds can be made on or about September 9, 2026, and it is understood and agreed that the Initial Purchaser will accept delivery and make payment for the Bonds by 10:00 AM, Central Time, on September 9, 2026, or thereafter on the date the Initial Bond is tendered for delivery, up to and including September 9, 2026. If for any reason the County is unable to make delivery on or before September 9, 2026, the County shall immediately contact the Initial Purchaser and offer to allow the Initial Purchaser to extend its offer for an additional thirty days. If the Initial Purchaser does not elect to extend its offer within six days thereafter, then its Good Faith Deposit will be returned, and both the County and the Initial Purchaser shall be relieved of any further obligation. In no event shall the County be liable for any damages by reason of its failure to deliver the Bonds, provided such failure is due to circumstances beyond the County's reasonable control.

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CONDITIONS TO DELIVERY . . . The obligation of the Initial Purchaser to take up and pay for the Bonds is subject to the Initial Purchaser's receipt of (a) the legal opinion of Bond Counsel, (b) the no-litigation certificate, and (c) the certification as to the Official Statement, all as further described in the Official Statement.

In order to provide the County and its consultants with information required to be submitted to the Texas Bond Review Board pursuant to Section 1202.008, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Initial Purchaser will be required to provide the County (on or before the 10th business day prior to the delivery of the Bonds) with a breakdown of its "underwriting spread" among the following categories: Takedown, Management Fee (if any), Legal Counsel Fee (if any) and Spread Expenses (if any).

NO-LITIGATION CERTIFICATE . . . At the time of the initial delivery of the Bonds, the County will provide the Initial Purchaser with a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending challenging the issuance of the Bonds or that affects the payment and security of the Bonds or in any other manner questioning the issuance, sale or delivery of the Bonds.

NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE . . . The obligations of the County to deliver the Bonds and of the Initial Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds are subject to the condition that to the time for delivery of and receipt of payment for the Bonds, there shall be no material adverse change in the financial condition of the County from those set forth in or described by the Preliminary Official Statement, as it may have been supplemented or amended through the date of sale.

LEGAL OPINION . . . The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Delivery of and payment for the Bonds is subject to the receipt by the Initial Purchaser of the opinion of Bond Counsel, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the County and that the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing law, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" in the Official Statement.

CHANGE IN TAX EXEMPT STATUS . . . At any time before the Bonds are tendered for delivery, the Initial Purchaser may withdraw its bid if the interest received by private holders on Bonds of the same type and character shall be declared to be includable in gross income under present federal income tax laws, either by ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or by a decision of any Federal court, or shall be declared taxable or be required to be taken into account in computing any federal income taxes, by the terms of any federal income tax law enacted subsequent to the date of this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

In the event that the bidding process does not satisfy the Competitive Sale Requirement as communicated by the County's Municipal Advisor to the winning bidder by 2 p.m., Bids **will not be subject to cancellation** and the winning bidder (i) agrees to promptly report to the County the first prices at which at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds (**the "First Price Maturity"**) have been sold to the Public on the Sale Date (**the "10% Test"**) (if different interest rates apply within a maturity, each separate CUSIP number within that maturity will be subject to the 10% Test) and (ii) agrees to hold-the-offering-price of each maturity of the Bonds that does not satisfy the 10% Test (**"Hold-the-Price Maturity"**), as described below.

In order to provide the County with information that enables it to comply with the establishment of the issue price of the Bonds under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the winning bidder agrees to complete, execute, and timely deliver to the County or to the County's Municipal Advisor, a certification as to the Bonds' "issue price" (the "Issue Price Certificate") substantially in the form and to the effect attached hereto or accompanying this Notice of Sale, within 5 business days prior to the Closing Date if the Competitive Sale Requirement is satisfied or within 5 business days of the date on which the 10% Test is satisfied with respect to all of the First Price Maturities. In the event the winning bidder will not reoffer any maturity of the Bonds for sale to the Public (as defined herein) by the Closing Date, the Issue Price Certificate may be modified in a manner approved by the County and Bond Counsel. It will be the responsibility of the winning bidder to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain such facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel (identified in the Preliminary Official Statement).

For purposes of this section of this Notice of Sale:

- (i) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter,
- (ii) "Underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public),
- (iii) "Related Party" means any two or more persons (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) that are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as

- applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and
- (iv) "Sale Date" means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Issuer to the winning bidder.

All actions to be taken by the Issuer under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the Issuer by the Issuer's Municipal Advisor, and any notice or report to be provided to the Issuer may be provided to the Issuer's Municipal Advisor.

The Issuer will consider any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale to be a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid and, if so stated, in the Official Bid Form.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wire.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees, on behalf of each Underwriter participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that each Underwriter will neither offer nor sell any Hold-the-Price Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date; or (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of that Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public. The winning bidder shall promptly advise the County when the Underwriters have sold 10% of a Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

GENERAL

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR . . . Hilltop Securities Inc. ("HilltopSecurities"), is employed as Municipal Advisor to the County in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. HilltopSecurities, in its capacity as Municipal Advisor, does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants and representations contained in any of the legal documents with respect to the federal income tax status of the Bonds, or the possible impact of any present, pending or future actions taken by any legislative or judicial bodies.

BLUE SKY LAWS . . . By submission of its bid, the Initial Purchaser represents that the sale of the Bonds in states other than Texas will be made only pursuant to exemptions from registration or, where necessary, the Initial Purchaser will register the Bonds in accordance with the securities law of the states in which the Bonds are offered or sold. The County agrees to cooperate with the Initial Purchaser, at the Initial Purchaser's written request and expense, in registering the Bonds or obtaining an exemption from registration in any state where such action is necessary, provided, however, that the County shall not be obligated to execute a general or special consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction.

NOT AN OFFER TO SELL . . . This Official Notice of Sale and Bidding instructions does not alone constitute an offer to sell the Bonds, but is merely notice of the sale of the Bonds. The offer to sell the Bonds is being made by means of the Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Official Bid Form and the Official Statement. Prospective purchasers are urged to carefully examine the Official Statement to determine the investment quality of the Bonds.

ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL DEBT . . . The County's \$28,880,000* Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2026 are being offered for sale concurrently with, but separately from, the Bonds. The County does not anticipate the issuance of additional general obligation debt in the next 12 months.

RATING . . . The Bonds have been rated "AA" by S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc. ("S&P") without regard to credit enhancement.

* Preliminary, subject to change. See "Advance Modification of Principal Amounts" and "Post Bid Modification of Principal Amounts" herein.

THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH SEC RULE 15c2-12 . . . The County has prepared the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement and, for the limited purpose of complying with United States Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), deems such Preliminary Official Statement to be "final" as of its date within the meaning of such Rule for the purpose of review prior to bidding. To the knowledge and belief of the County, the Preliminary Official Statement contains information, including financial information or operating data, concerning every entity, enterprise, fund, account, or person that is material to an evaluation of the offering of the Bonds. Representations made and to be made by the County concerning the absence of material misstatements and omissions in the Preliminary Official Statement are addressed elsewhere in this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The County will furnish to the Initial Purchaser, acting through a designated senior representative, in accordance with instructions received from the Initial Purchaser, within seven (7) business days from the sale date an aggregate of 10 copies of the Official Statement reflecting interest rates and other terms relating to the initial reoffering of the Bonds. In addition, the County agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Initial Purchaser, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto in a "designated electronic format" (or printed format with respect to the final Official Statement) as may be required for the Initial Purchaser to comply with the Rule or the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). The County consents to the distribution of such documents in a "designated electronic format." Upon receipt, the Initial Purchaser shall promptly file the Official Statement with the MSRB in accordance with the applicable MSRB rules. The cost of any Official Statement in excess of the number specified shall be prepared and distributed at the cost of the Initial Purchaser. The Initial Purchaser shall be responsible for providing in writing the initial reoffering prices and other terms, if any, to the Municipal Advisor by the close of the next business day after the award. Except as noted above, the County assumes no responsibility or obligation for the distribution or delivery of any copies of the Official Statement in connection with the offering or reoffering of the subject securities.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT . . . The County will agree in the Order to provide certain periodic information and notices of certain events in accordance with the Rule, as described in the Preliminary Official Statement under "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION". The Initial Purchaser's obligation to accept and pay for the Bonds is conditioned upon delivery to the Initial Purchaser or agent of a certified copy of the Order containing the agreement described under such heading.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR UNDERTAKINGS . . . The County has not been subject to a continuing disclosure agreement in accordance with the Rule during the last five years.

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF NOTICE, BID FORM AND STATEMENT . . . A limited number of additional copies of this Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement, as available over and above the normal mailing, may be obtained upon request at the offices of Hilltop Securities Inc., 717 N. Harwood Street, Suite 3400, Dallas, Texas, 75201

On the date of the sale, the Commissioners Court will, in the Order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, confirm its approval of the form and content of the Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and authorize its use in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Initial Purchaser.

County Judge
Hood County, Texas

ATTEST:

County Clerk
Hood County, Texas

August 4, 2026

OFFICIAL BID FORM

Honorable County Judge and Commissioners Court
Hood County, Texas

August 11, 2026

Reference is made to your Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, dated August 4, 2026 of \$23,125,000* HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS, LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2026 (the "Bonds"), both of which constitute a part hereof (collectively, this "Agreement").

For your legally issued Bonds, as described in said Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and Preliminary Official Statement, we will pay you par, plus a cash premium of \$ _____ for Bonds maturing and bearing interest as follows:

Maturity	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity	Principal Amount	Interest Rate
2/15/2027	\$ 760,000		2/15/2034	\$ 975,000		2/15/2040	\$ 1,320,000	
2/15/2028	725,000		2/15/2035	1,025,000		2/15/2041	1,385,000	
2/15/2029	760,000		2/15/2036	1,080,000		2/15/2042	1,460,000	
2/15/2030	800,000		2/15/2037	1,135,000		2/15/2043	1,530,000	
2/15/2031	840,000		2/15/2038	1,195,000		2/15/2044	1,610,000	
2/15/2032	885,000		2/15/2039	1,255,000		2/15/2045	1,690,000	
2/15/2033	930,000					2/15/2046	1,765,000	

Of the principal maturities set forth in the table above, Term Bonds have been created as indicated in the following table (which may include multiple Term Bonds, one Term Bond or no Term Bond if none is indicated). For those years which have been combined into a "Term Bond", the principal amount shown in the table above shall be the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts in such years except that the amount shown in the year of the term certificate maturity date shall mature in such year. The Term Bonds created are as follows:

Maturity Date February 15	Year of First Mandatory Redemption	Principal Amount	Interest Rate
		\$ _____	% _____
		\$ _____	% _____
		\$ _____	% _____

PREMIUM (DISCOUNT) \$ _____

TRUE INTEREST COST _____%

The Initial Bonds shall be registered in the name of _____, which will, upon payment for the Bonds, be cancelled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Bonds will then be registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee), under the Book-Entry-Only System.

A bank cashier's check or certified check of the _____ Bank, _____, in the amount of \$462,500.00, which represents our Good Faith Deposit (is attached hereto) or (has been made available to you prior to the opening of this bid), and is submitted in accordance with the terms as set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

We agree to accept delivery of the Bonds utilizing the Book-Entry-Only System through DTC and make payment for the Initial Bond in immediately available funds, not later than 10:00 AM, CDT, on September 9, 2026 or thereafter on the date the Bonds are tendered for delivery, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Agreement. It will be the obligation of the initial purchaser of the Bonds to complete the DTC Eligibility Questionnaire.

The entity signing this bid form shall be solely responsible for the payment of the purchase price of the Bonds in accordance with the Agreement. The Initial Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager and contract under a separate agreement with other syndicate members. However, the County is not a party to that agreement and any information provided regarding syndicate managers would be for informational purposes only.

* Preliminary, subject to change. See "Advance Modification of Principal Amounts" and "Post Bid Modification of Principal Amounts" herein.

The Initial Purchaser hereby represents and verifies that the Initial Purchaser (is) or (is not) a publicly traded business entity, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity. If the Initial Purchaser is not a publicly traded business entity, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity, upon notification of conditional verbal acceptance, the undersigned will complete an electronic form of the Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (the "Form 1295") through the Texas Ethics Commission's (the "TEC") electronic portal and the resulting certified Form 1295 that is generated by the TEC's electronic portal will be printed, signed, notarized and sent by email to the Issuer's Municipal Advisor at andre.avala@hilltopsecurities.com and bond counsel at rsegura@mphlegal.com. The County may not accept this bid until it has received from the Initial Purchaser a completed and signed TEC Form 1295 and Certification of Filing pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2252.908 and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Texas Ethics Commission. The undersigned understands that failure to provide said form and Certification of Filing will result in a non-conforming bid and will prohibit the County from considering this bid for acceptance.

As used in the following verifications, "affiliate means an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17 C.F.R. § 230.405, and exists to make a profit. Liability for breach of any such verification during the term of this agreement shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations, and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of this Agreement, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary.

- (i) No Boycott of Israel Verification (Texas Government Code Chapter 2271). The Initial Purchaser hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in Section 2271.001, Government Code.
- (ii) Not a Sanctioned Company (Texas Government Code Chapter 2252). The Initial Purchaser represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Government Code. The foregoing representation excludes a bidder and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization.
- (iii) No Boycott of Energy Companies (Texas Government Code Chapter 2276). The Initial Purchaser hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott energy companies" has the meaning provided in Section 2276.001(1), Government Code.
- (iv) No Discrimination Against Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations (Texas Government Code Chapter 2274). The Initial Purchaser hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of this Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in Section 2274.001(3), Government Code.

By submitting this bid, the Initial Purchaser understands and agrees that if Initial Purchaser should fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Bonds in accordance with this bid, or it is determined that after the acceptance of this bid by the County that the Initial Purchaser was found not to satisfy the requirements described in the Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions under the heading "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE" and as a result the Texas Attorney General will not deliver its approving opinion of the Bonds, then the check submitted herewith as the Initial Purchaser's Good Faith Deposit shall be cashed and accepted by the County. IF THE COUNTY CASHES THE INITIAL PURCHASER'S GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, SUCH ACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE COMPLETE OR LIQUIDATED DAMAGES RELATED TO THE INITIAL PURCHASER'S BREACH OF ANY OF THE COVERED VERIFICATIONS.

By submitting this bid, the Initial Purchaser understands and agrees that the liability of the Initial Purchaser for breach of any of the verifications made in connection with Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274, and 2276, Texas Government Code, as amended and as described above (collectively, the "Covered Verifications") shall survive until barred by the statute of limitations, and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of this Agreement. Additionally, the Initial Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the County reserves and retains all rights and remedies at law and in equity for pursuit and recovery of damages, if any, relating to the Covered Verifications.

FURTHER STATE LAW COMPLIANCE AND STANDING LETTER REQUIREMENT: By submitting this bid, the Initial Purchaser understands and agrees that it must have a standing letter on file with the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Texas Attorney General's Office in the form included as Exhibit A to the All Bond Counsel Letter of the Texas Attorney General dated November 1, 2023 and any supplements thereto (the "All Bond Counsel Letter"). In submitting this bid, the Initial Purchaser represents to the County that it has filed a standing letter in the form included as Exhibit A to the All Bond Counsel Letter without qualification and including current statutory citations and it has no reason to believe that the County may not be entitled to rely on the standing letter on file with the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and the Texas Attorney General's Office. The Initial Purchaser hereby further agrees that it will not rescind its standing letter at any time before the delivery of the Bonds unless same is immediately replaced with a standing letter meeting the requirements of the All Bond Counsel Letter.

The Initial Purchaser agrees to provide such further representations, certifications or assurances in connection with the Covered Verifications, as of the Delivery Date or such other date requested by the County including, but not limited to, a bring down certification as provided by the All Bond Counsel Letter.

The Initial Purchaser acknowledges that the County, in its sole discretion, has reserved the right to reject the bid of any bidder who is, or whose parent company, subsidiaries or affiliates are, on a list maintained by the Texas Comptroller of financial companies boycotting energy companies or discriminating against firearm entities.

The Initial Purchaser understands and agrees that to the extent the Initial Purchaser and each syndicate member listed on the Official Bid Form is unable to provide a Standing Letter in a form satisfactory to the Texas Office of the Attorney General, the County reserves the right to cash and accept the Good Faith Deposit (see "CONDITIONS OF THE SALE - Good Faith Deposit" in the Official Notice of Sale).

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN, THE REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL BID FORM SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT OF THE INITIAL PURCHASER TO PURCHASE THE BONDS UNTIL THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS RUN.

Respectfully submitted,

Syndicate Members:

Name of Underwriter or Manager

Authorized Representative

Phone Number

Signature

ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE

The above and foregoing bid is hereby in all things accepted by Hood County, Texas, subject to and in accordance with the Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, this the 11th day of August, 2026.

County Judge
Hood County, Texas

ATTEST:

County Clerk
Hood County, Texas

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

(Sales where 3 bids are received)

The undersigned, as the underwriter or the manager of the syndicate of underwriters ("Initial Purchaser"), with respect to the purchase at competitive sale of the Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2026 issued by Hood County, Texas ("Issuer") in the principal amount of \$23,125,000* ("Bonds"), hereby certifies and represents, based on its records and information, as follows:

- (a) On the first day on which there was a binding contract in writing for the purchase of the Bonds by the Initial Purchaser, the Initial Purchaser's reasonably expected initial offering prices of each maturity of the Bonds with the same credit and payment terms (the "Expected Offering Prices") to a person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter are as set forth in the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds, as attached to this Certificate as Schedule A. The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Bonds used by the Initial Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds.
- (b) The Initial Purchaser had an equal opportunity to bid to purchase the Bonds and it was not given the opportunity to review other bids that was not equally given to all other bidders (i.e., no last look).
- (c) The bid submitted by the Initial Purchaser constituted a firm bid to purchase the Bonds.
- (d) The Initial Purchaser [has] or [has not] purchased bond insurance for the Bonds. The bond insurance has been purchased from _____ (the "Insurer") for a fee of \$_____ (net any nonguarantee cost, e.g., rating agency fees). The amount of such fee is set forth in the Insurer's commitment and does not include any payment for any direct or indirect services other than the transfer of credit risk, unless the compensation for those other services is separately stated, reasonable, and excluded from such fee. Such fee does not exceed a reasonable, arm's-length charge for the transfer of credit risk and it has been paid to a person who is not exempt from federal income taxation and who is not a user or related to the user of any proceeds of the Bonds. The present value of the debt service savings expected to be realized as a result of such insurance exceeds the amount of the fee set forth above. For this purpose, present value is computed using the yield on the Bonds, determined by taking into account the amount of the fee set forth above, as the discount rate. No portion of the fee payable to the Insurer is refundable upon redemption of any of the Bonds in an amount which would exceed the portion of such fee that has not been earned.

For purposes of this Issue Price Certificate, the term "Underwriter" means (1) (i) a person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, or (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (1)(i) of this paragraph (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (2) any person who has more than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly, with a person described in clause (1) of this paragraph.

The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the Initial Purchaser is not engaged in the practice of law and makes no representation as to the legal sufficiency of the factual matters set forth herein.

EXECUTED and DELIVERED as of this _____.

_____,
as Initial Purchaser

By: _____

Name: _____

* Preliminary, subject to change. See "Advance Modification of Principal Amounts" and "Post Bid Modification of Principal Amounts" herein.

SCHEDULE A
PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION
(Attached)

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE
(Sales where 3 bids are not received)

The undersigned, as the underwriter or the manager of the syndicate of underwriters ("Initial Purchaser"), with respect to the purchase at competitive sale of the Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2026 issued by Hood County, Texas ("Issuer") in the principal amount of \$23,125,000* ("Bonds"), hereby certifies and represents, based on its records and information, as follows:

- (a) Other than the Bonds maturing in ____ ("Hold-the-Price Maturities"), if any, the first prices at which at least ten percent ("Substantial Amount") of the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds having the same credit and payment terms ("Maturity") was sold on the date of sale of the Bonds (the "Sale Date") to a person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter ("Public") are their respective initial offering prices (the "Initial Offering Prices"), as listed in the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds that is attached to this Certificate as Schedule A.
- (b) On or before the Sale Date, the Initial Purchaser offered to the Public each Maturity of the Hold-the-Price Maturities at their respective Initial Offering Prices, as set forth in Schedule A hereto.
- (c) As set forth in the Notice of Sale, the Initial Purchaser agreed in writing to neither offer nor sell any of the Hold-the-Price Maturities to any person at any higher price than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Price Maturity until the earlier of the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date or the date on which the Initial Purchaser sells a Substantial Amount of a Hold-the-Price Maturity of the Bonds to the Public at no higher price than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Price Maturity.
- (d) The Initial Purchaser [has] or [has not] purchased bond insurance for the Bonds. The bond insurance has been purchased from _____ (the "Insurer") for a fee of \$ _____ (net any nonguarantee cost, e.g., rating agency fees). The amount of such fee is set forth in the Insurer's commitment and does not include any payment for any direct or indirect services other than the transfer of credit risk, unless the compensation for those other services is separately stated, reasonable, and excluded from such fee. Such fee does not exceed a reasonable, arm's-length charge for the transfer of credit risk and it has been paid to a person who is not exempt from federal income taxation and who is not a user or related to the user of any proceeds of the Bonds. The present value of the debt service savings expected to be realized as a result of such insurance exceeds the amount of the fee set forth above. For this purpose, present value is computed using the yield on the Bonds, determined by taking into account the amount of the fee set forth above, as the discount rate. No portion of the fee payable to the Insurer is refundable upon redemption of any of the Bonds in an amount which would exceed the portion of such fee that has not been earned.

For purposes of this Issue Price Certificate, the term "Underwriter" means (1) (i) a person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, or (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (1)(i) of this paragraph (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (2) any person who has more than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly, with a person described in clause (1) of this paragraph.

The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the Initial Purchaser is not engaged in the practice of law and makes no representation as to the legal sufficiency of the factual matters set forth herein.

EXECUTED and DELIVERED as of this _____.

_____,
as Initial Purchaser

By: _____

Name: _____

* Preliminary, subject to change. See "Advance Modification of Principal Amounts" and "Post Bid Modification of Principal Amounts" herein.

SCHEDULE A
PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION
(Attached)