#### ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS: (1) APPROVING THE RECONFIGURATION OF THE COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCTS AND ALL RELATED MATTERS, (2) DIRECTING THE COUNTY'S STAFF AND REDISTRICTING CONSULTANT TO SUBMIT THE ADOPTED ELECTION PRECINCTS PLAN, FOR NOTICE TO AND APPROVAL BY THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER CHAPTERS 42 AND 43 OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE AND OTHER AUTHORITY; (3) PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; AND (4) DIRECTING THAT REQUIRED NOTICES BE GIVEN.

**WHEREAS,** on November 8, 2021, Lubbock County, Texas ("County"), by and through its Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court"), adopted reconfigured commissioner precincts to comply with the "one-person, one-vote" (equal population) principle established by the U.S. Constitution, after population imbalances were revealed by the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS,** on November 8, 2021, the Commissioners Court also adopted reconfigured justice precincts (including constable precincts), to be coterminous with the new commissioner precincts; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 42 of the Texas Election Code ("Chapter 42") provides that county election precincts may not contain territory from more than one of each of the following types of territorial units: a commissioner precinct, a justice precinct, a state representative district, a state senatorial district, a State Board of Education district, a congressional district, or, for cities with a population 10,000 or more, a city council ward, except under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 42 provides that a county election precinct must contain at least 100 but not more than 5,000 registered voters, and that the effective date for changes to county election precincts shall be the first day of the first even-numbered voting year following the voting year in which the change is ordered, except under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 42 provides that, after adoption of reconfigured election precincts, certain notices be given; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 43 of the Texas Election Code ("Chapter 43") provides state law requirements for the designation of proper polling places for elections, including but not limited to polling place locations, notice of changes, access for the elderly and persons with physical disabilities, and other matters; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commissioners Court has determined that, because of redistricting changes, the County's election precincts require reconfiguration under state law, including Chapters 42-43, and other authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the County engaged the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to act as its redistricting consultant, including advising and assisting the County in the preparation,

submission, and approval of a revised plan for county election precincts in compliance with applicable state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commissioners Court finds the attached county election precincts plan to be in the best interest of the County and its citizens, and believes the proposed election precincts plan to be in compliance with all state and federal requirements;

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

**A.** That, under the authority of Chapters 42 and 43 of the Texas Election Code ("Chapter 42" and "Chapter 43"), the configurations and boundaries for the County's election precincts are hereby amended, and that the new and reconfigured election precincts plan -- as depicted on the map attached as **Exhibit A** (defining and describing the new and reconfigured election precincts), and with such election precincts being further described in the numerical tables attached as **Exhibit B** (reporting population, demographic data and estimated registered voter numbers for such election precincts), -- is hereby adopted, approved, and designated to define the County's election precincts from and after the Effective Date; that **Exhibits A**, **and B**, are incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Order, and shall be kept on file in the Lubbock County Clerk's Office; and, further, that the County's staff and redistricting consultant are hereby authorized and directed to submit the adopted plan for new election precinct configurations and boundaries to the Texas Secretary of State for notice and approval as required by law;

**B.** That this Order regarding the new and reconfigured election precincts shall take and be given January 1, 2022 ("Effective Date"), and thereafter, that the adopted election precincts shall be used in all elections for Lubbock County officers and other elections administered by the County, subject to the provisions of Chapters 42 and 43, or successor statutes or other law, as applicable, until such time as a subsequent lawfully-enacted election precincts plan shall be adopted to replace this plan, in whole or part as applicable;

**C.** That the County's staff and redistricting consultant are hereby directed to make and provide all notices concerning the adoption and approval of the new and reconfigured election precincts, as required by state or federal law; and

**D.** That singular nouns and pronouns shall include the plural, and the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender, where necessary for a correct meaning of this instrument; that all statements made in the caption, preamble, and preliminary recitals of this instrument, and all documents attached to this instrument, are true, correct, and incorporated by reference; and that this matter was considered, passed, ordered, adopted, and approved at a meeting held in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act.

#### IT IS SO ORDERED.

# **CONSIDERED, PASSED, ORDERED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** on the 27th day of December, 2021

**SIGNED** on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

# THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

Curtis Parrish, Lubbock County Judge

Terence Kovar Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Jason Corley Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 2

Gilbert A. Flores Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Chad Seay Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 4

#### ATTEST:

Kelly Pinion, Lubbock County Clerk

## **EXHIBIT A**:

## **ELECTION PRECINCTS PLAN MAP**

### **EXHIBIT B**:

## **ELECTION PRECINCTS DATA TABLES**