

ORDER NO. 11-10-2021

**AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS APPROVING: (1) THE REDISTRICTING OF THE COUNTY'S COMMISSIONER PRECINCTS; (2) ESTABLISHING NEW BOUNDARY LINES FOR SAID PRECINCTS BASED ON THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS DATA FOR COUNTY ELECTIONS; AND (3) PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.**

**WHEREAS**, Yoakum County, Texas ("County") is a duly organized and operating county of the State of Texas pursuant to the constitution and laws of Texas, and further, the Yoakum County Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court") is its governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law, including but not limited to: Amendments 14 and 15 of the United States Constitution; section 2 of the United States Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C.A. § 10301; article 5, section 18 of the Texas Constitution; § 81.021 of the Texas Local Government Code; §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002 of the Texas Government Code; and other authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the 2020 federal Census have been considered and indicate that the County's commissioner precincts are sufficiently out of population balance to require redistricting in order to comply with the "one person-one vote" principle established by the United States Constitution and other federal authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the County engaged the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP of Austin, Texas to act as the County's redistricting consultant, including advising and assisting the Commissioners Court in preparation of a new redistricting plan (for county commissioner precinct boundary lines) in compliance with applicable requirements of state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2021, the Commissioners Court adopted (1) redistricting criteria to assist the County and the public in developing redistricting plans which comply with applicable federal and state laws, and the adopted redistricting criteria were applied in the development of the County's new redistricting plan hereafter described, and (2) redistricting guidelines regarding the submission of comments and proposed plans by the public, to ensure the ability of the County to timely receive and adequately consider them; and

**WHEREAS**, during the redistricting process the County provided notice to the public of its proposed discussions and development of a redistricting plan through meeting agendas posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, and through notices posted on the County's website and at the County courthouse regarding public meetings and hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court has considered the proposed redistricting plan at (1) public Commissioners Court meetings on October 5, 2021, October 21, 2021, and this date, and (2) a public hearing on October 21, 2021, and has considered oral testimony, written comments, and/or reports and comments from the public and the County's redistricting consultants

and County staff regarding various proposed plans or issues regarding the reconfiguration of the County's commissioner precincts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court finds that approval and adoption of the new and revised County commissioner precinct districting plan, as hereafter described, including the attached exhibits, is in the best interest of the citizens of the County, complies with the adopted redistricting criteria, and is believed to comply with all state and federal requirements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Commissioners Court of Yoakum County, Texas, for and on behalf of said County and in the public interest, as follows:

- (1) Unless otherwise designated, the past, present, or future tense shall each include the other, the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall each include the other, and the singular and plural number shall each include the other where necessary for a correct meaning.
- (2) All statements made in the caption and preliminary recitals of this order, and all attached documents, are incorporated by reference.
- (3) Regarding the commissioner precinct boundaries, it is ordered that:
  - (a) the existing commissioner precinct boundary lines for the County are hereby amended and revised, and the new County commissioner districting plan is hereby approved, as described by the maps attached as **Exhibit A**, and as further described by the population and demographic data tables for said new precincts attached as **Exhibit B**;
  - (b) the new County commissioner precinct boundaries as described in **Exhibit A** are hereby approved, adopted, and designated to define the County's four commissioner precincts from and after the Effective Date of this order, and **Exhibits A and B** shall be filed and maintained in the office of the County Clerk; and
  - (c) the contiguous precinct territory concept is continued and maintained in this approved plan for the boundaries of County Commissioner Precincts 3 and 4 to be extended into the City of Denver City, Yoakum County, Texas ("Denver City"), as described in **Exhibit A**, as follows: (i) the southern boundary of Commissioner Precinct 3 is extended south to territory located in Denver City, by designating certain territory located on the west side of the Texas Highway 214 roadway, and certain territory located on the north and west sides of certain municipal streets located in

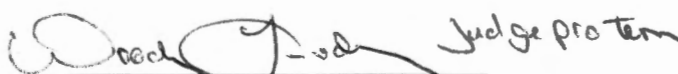
Denver City, as Commissioner Precinct 3 territory, and with said extension territory being designated to connect and be contiguous with the north or northeast corner of the Precinct 3 territory located in Denver City, all as described in **Exhibit A**; and (ii) the southern boundary of Commissioner Precinct 4 is extended south to territory located in Denver City, by designating certain territory located on the east side of the Texas Highway 214 roadway, and certain territory located on the south and east sides of certain municipal streets located in Denver City, as Commissioner Precinct 4 territory, and with said extension territory being designated to connect and be contiguous with the north or northeast corner of the Precinct 4 territory located in Denver City, all as described in **Exhibit A**.


- (4) **Effective Date:** This order shall take and be given effect on January 1, 2022.
- (5) This order was approved at a public meeting held in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act.

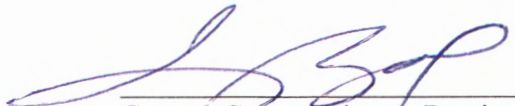
**ORDERED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021

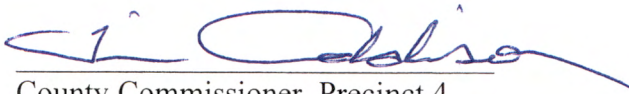
**THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS**

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County Judge  
Yoakum County, Texas

  
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County Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Yoakum County, Texas

  
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County Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Yoakum County, Texas

  
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County Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Yoakum County, Texas

  
County Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Yoakum County, Texas

**ATTEST:**

  
County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk  
Yoakum County, Texas

