



**JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND
ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT
BETWEEN JEFFERSON COUNTY
AND Port Neches-Groves ISD**

This agreement made and entered into, by and between Jefferson County, hereinafter referred to as “County”, acting herein by and through its County Judge and Commissioner’s Court, joined herein by the **County Election Officer, Laurie Leister, County Clerk**, and **Port Neches-Groves ISD** hereinafter referred to as “Political Subdivision”, acting herein by and through its Executive Board.

WHEREAS, Political Subdivision is required to conduct an election on **November 8, 2022**;

THIS JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT is made this ____ day of _____, 2022, by and between the Political Subdivision of **Port Neches-Groves ISD**, hereinafter called “Political Subdivision” and Jefferson County, Texas, by its County Judge and joined herein by its County Elections Officer, **Laurie Leister**, hereinafter called “Contracting Officer,” pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 31.092. The parties agree to enter into a Joint Election Agreement and an election services contract with each other in accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code and this Agreement. This Agreement is entered into in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises hereinafter set out:

1. **RECITALS.** Contracting Officer is the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas, and is the County Officer in charge of election duties. Political Subdivision is a political entity situated wholly or partially within Jefferson County, Texas. Political Subdivision and Contracting Officer have determined that it is in the public interest of Jefferson County voters that the following contract be made and entered into for the purpose of having Contracting Officer furnish to Political Subdivision certain election services and equipment needed by Political Subdivision in connection with the holding of its **November 8, 2022**, Election. Jefferson County’s voting equipment is to be used in this Political Subdivision Election.
2. **DUTIES AND SERVICES OF CONTRACTING OFFICER.** Contracting Officer shall be responsible for performing the following duties and shall furnish the following services and equipment:

(a) Notify and coordinate presiding election judges, alternate judges, and all other election officials appointed by Commissioner’s Court to conduct county elections required to administer this Election. Jefferson County will make emergency appointments of election officials if necessary. Compensate all election workers for time worked at the approved hourly rate by Commissioners’

Court.

(b) Arrange for poll worker training through a third party or conduct necessary training. Notify all early voting and Election Day officials of the date, time and place thereof.

(c) Arrange for the use of early voting locations and Election Day polling locations. If emergency replacement polling locations are needed, Contracting Officer shall make necessary alternate arrangements to locate another public place (or if unavailable, a private building), and shall notify Political Subdivision as soon as possible.

(d) Procure election kits and supplies and distribute to the precinct judges and early voting deputies. Obtain from the Tax -Assessor /Voter Registrar lists of registered voters to be used in conducting the election in conformity with the boundaries of Political Subdivision and the election precincts established for the election. The Election Day list of registered voters shall be arranged in alphabetical order.

(e) Prepare and test all electronic voting equipment, format ballot styles, secure audio, oversee all equipment and voter registration database programming, assure compliance with equipment security requirements. Arrange for transport of equipment to and from polling locations.

(f) Serve as Early Voting Clerk for this Joint Election and process, print, mail, and tabulate ballots for any eligible voter, who applies for a ballot by mail including all eligible FPCA applicants. Supervise the conduct of early voting in person and appoint sufficient personnel to serve as deputy early voting clerks. Provide lists of early voters as provided by law if requested by Political Subdivision.

(g) Publish legal notice of the date, time and place of the public logic and accuracy test. Prepare test materials and conduct internal election testing, public logic and accuracy test, and tests of tabulation equipment.

(h) Arrange for the early ballot board, signature verification committee, tabulation personnel, and all equipment and supplies needed at central counting station. Tabulate early voting, election night, paper mail ballots and provisional ballots. Tabulate unofficial returns and assist in preparing the tabulation for the official canvass. Provide Political Subdivision its voter history report following the election if requested.

(i) Serve as Custodian of Records for election records in Contracting Officer's custody and provide for the retention of said election records as provided by law.

(j) Provide information services for voters and election officers.

(k) Maintain accurate records of all expenses incurred in connection with the responsibilities under this Agreement and provide Political Subdivision a final invoice after the conduct of the election. Provide any detailed backup to such invoice, if requested, reflecting the charges or components of the costs set forth on the invoice submitted to Political Subdivision.

(l) The Contracting Office is responsible for collecting the compensations sheets for the election judges, clerks, and early voting ballot board. The Contracting Officer will also pay the aforementioned for their services and time in accordance with their rate of pay policy.

(m) Contracting Officer shall conduct a manual count as prescribed by Section 127.201 of the Texas Election Code, unless waived by the Secretary of State. A written report shall be submitted to the Secretary of State as required by Section 127.201(E) of the aforementioned Election Code. If requested, Contracting Officer shall provide a written report to Political Subdivision in a timely manner.

(n) The Contracting Officer shall place the funds paid by Political Subdivision hereunder in a "contract fund" as prescribed by Section 31.100 of the Texas Election Code.

3. DUTIES AND SERVICES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. Political Subdivision shall be responsible for performing the following duties:

(a) Prepare all election orders, resolutions, notices, and other pertinent documents for adoption and execution by the appropriate Political Subdivision officer or body. Take all actions necessary for calling the Political Subdivision Election which are required by the Texas Election Code and/or the Political Subdivision's governing body, charter, ordinances, or other applicable laws. Execute an Election Services Contract Agreement with Jefferson County Clerk for the purpose of election administration. Serve as Custodian of Records for all election records in its possession as provided by law.

(b) Political Subdivision shall be responsible for the legal sufficiency of any order calling their election. Political Subdivision shall be responsible for all substantive and procedural legal issues governing the conduct of their election. Political Subdivision understands and agrees that Contracting Officer provides no legal advice to Political Subdivision.

(c) Adopt the county voting precincts for this election. Political Subdivision shall adopt the early voting locations used by the county located in the Political Subdivision's jurisdictional boundaries with the stipulation to add additional locations and adopt all early voting dates, and hours recommended by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Political Subdivision shall adopt the Election Day Vote Center polling locations for each county voting precinct that is within its jurisdictional boundaries. Political Subdivision shall confirm the accuracy of its jurisdictional boundaries and precincts.

(d) Prepare, post and publish all required election notices for Political Subdivision except for the Public Test Notice that Contracting Officer shall publish. In addition, if this election's polling locations are different than Political Subdivision's previous election, Political Subdivision shall post notice at the entrance to any previous polling places in its jurisdiction stating that the location has changed and provide the polling location and address for those voters for this election, pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 43.062, unless County has posted the notice of the change for their election. Educate the voters in Political Subdivision on early voting times and places and Election Day polling locations.

(e) Political Subdivision shall confirm with Tax-Assessor/Voter Registrar its boundaries, county voting precincts and street details within those boundaries. Political Subdivision will validate all boundaries are defined properly within Jefferson County voter registration database, maps and street lists with block ranges and odd/even/both indicators before the coding and programming of the ballot begins. If changes are necessary after programming has begun, the Political Subdivision responsible will incur the cost of re-programming for all entities involved. Political Subdivision must proof and approve all programming work done for the jurisdiction according to the Election Day Calendar published by the Secretary of State of Texas for the **November 8, 2022** General Election, known as the SOS Election Day Calendar for **November 8, 2022**.

(f) Deliver to Contracting Officer, according to the above mentioned Election Day Calendar, ballot language with Spanish translations, candidate names or measures, the order in which they are to be printed on the ballot with the exact form and spelling. Provide pronunciation for difficult names or words to use on the audio recording. Timely review and sign off on ballot proofs.

(g) Any requests for early voting ballots to be voted by mail received by Political Subdivision must be hand delivered or faxed to Contracting Officer on the day of receipt. If the application is faxed, the original application must be mailed to Contracting Officer. Contracting Officer will process applications, mail appropriate ballots, and tabulate.

(h) If requested, assist Contracting Officer in recruiting bilingual poll workers. Provide documentation on Political Subdivision's efforts to recruit bilingual poll workers if requested by the U. S. Department of Justice.

(i) Pay prorated additional costs incurred by Contracting Officer if a recount for said election is required, the election is contested in any manner, or a runoff is required.

(j) Canvass the returns and declare the election results for Political Subdivision. Political Subdivision is responsible for filing any precinct reports required by the Secretary of State.

(k) The deposit will be waived for this Election Agreement for all Political Subdivisions. All costs will be assessed and a detailed billed will be rendered within a reasonable time after the canvassing of the election or the receipt of all invoices needed to validate the billing. Any discrepancies in billing should be addressed immediately.

(l) Political Subdivision agrees to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with any other political subdivision in Jefferson County which enters into an Election Services Contract with Contracting Officer and which holds an election on **November 8, 2022**.

4. **COST OF SERVICES.** Political Subdivision shall share some expenses for the above services, supplies and equipment. Additional elections may lower costs for each entity, and election cancellations may raise costs for each entity. It is understood that other political entities may wish to participate in the use of the County's electronic voting equipment and polling locations, and it is agreed that Contracting Officer may enter into other contracts with entities for those purposes on terms and conditions generally similar

to those set forth in this Agreement. Only the actual expenses directly attributable to this Agreement and any prorated shared expenses may be charged to Political Subdivision, plus a 10% administrative fee.

- (a) Costs for early voting, election day, equipment delivery, supplies, mail ballots, payroll, equipment leasing, programming, and additional costs will be shared proportionally between all political subdivisions which enter into a joint election agreement with County.

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS.

(a) The parties agree that the timing is critical on all duties in this Agreement. Lack of adherence to any deadline in the Election Day Calendar without prior agreement of Contracting Officer may result in cancellation of Contracting Officer's duties and obligations to conduct Political Subdivision's election under this Agreement or, at the discretion of Contracting Officer, a late penalty surcharge in an amount not to exceed 10% of the final election cost. Adherence to the Secretary of State of Texas' Election Day Calendar is critical because of Jefferson County's obligation to complete all programming and testing and to process, print and mail military and overseas ballots by state/federal deadlines and our duty to conduct federal, state, county elections and/or other contracted elections.

(b) In accordance with Section 31.098 of the Texas Election Code, Contracting Officer is authorized to contract with third persons for election services and supplies and is authorized to hire necessary temporary personnel to perform contracted duties. Part-time personnel will be compensated at the hourly rate set by Jefferson County.

(c) Political Subdivision acknowledges that electronic voting equipment is highly technical and it is conceivable that, despite the best effort of the parties and technical assistance, it might fail during the election. Contracting Officer will do whatever is possible to remedy the situation, but Political Subdivision agrees that should such equipment fail, it will not make any claim for damages of any kind.

(d) Any qualified voter in the Joint Election may vote early by personal appearance at any of the joint early voting locations or at any Vote Center/Polling Location on Election Day.

(e) Jefferson County Elections Department may contract with numerous political entities for the Joint Election, and the parties agree that all ballot styles will be programmed into one voting system. Each voter will receive one ballot which contains all races and issues in the Joint Election for which the voter is eligible at the address and in the precinct in which the voter is currently registered. One joint voter sign in process consisting of a common list of registered voters and common signature rosters shall be used in precincts in which the county polling locations are used.

(f) The Contracting Officer shall file copies of this Agreement with the Auditor and Treasurer of Jefferson County not later than the 10th day from receipt of the fully executed contract by Contracting Officer.

(g) Jefferson County is self-insured for personal liability issues. Should Political Subdivision

desire insurance for injuries during this election or other liabilities, entity shall make such arrangements separate from this Agreement.

(h) In the event that the performance by Contracting Officer of any of its obligations hereunder shall be interrupted or delayed by any occurrence not occasioned by its own conduct, whether such occurrence be an act of God or the result of war, riot, civil commotion, sovereign conduct, or the act or condition of any persons not a party thereof, then it shall be excused from such performance for such period of time as is reasonably necessary after such occurrence to remedy the effects thereof.

(i) The parties to this Agreement agree that Political Subdivision may cancel this Agreement in the event that it has no need to conduct an election by 60th day before Election Day. If Political Subdivision's election is cancelled after deadline, a \$200 contract preparation and processing fee will be due in addition to any costs incurred by Contracting Officer on behalf of Political Subdivision prior to said cancellation.

(j) The Political Subdivision has the option of extending the terms of this Agreement through its runoff election, if applicable. Political Subdivision may reduce the number of the adopted early voting locations and/or Election Day voting locations in which precincts are not involved in a runoff election. In the event of a runoff which Political Subdivision wants Contracting Officer to conduct, Political Subdivision agrees to attempt to coordinate the date with other entities participating in this Joint Election. If Political Subdivision elects to have Contracting Officer conduct a runoff election, the cost will be determined by the number of entities participating and the actual costs plus administrative fees. Political Subdivision will be responsible for all orders, notices, and publications required for their runoff except the publication of the public logic and accuracy test which Contracting Officer will publish.

6. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

The parties agree to use dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under this Agreement. Either party must give written notice to the other party of a claim for breach of this Agreement not later than the 180th day after the date of the event, giving rise to the claim. By their execution of their Agreement, the parties acknowledge and knowingly and voluntarily agree that neither the execution of this Agreement; nor the conduct, act or inaction by any person in the execution, administration, or performance of this Agreement constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of the party's immunity from suit with respect to claims of third parties.

7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/AMENDMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between **Port Neches-Groves ISD** and Contracting Officer. This Agreement may be amended only in writing and signed by the parties.

8. NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided in this section, all notices, consents, approvals, demands, request, or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have duly given or served when

delivered by hand delivery or when deposited in the U.S. mail by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed as set forth below or to such other person or address as may be given in writing by either party to the other in accordance with this section:

PORT NECHES-GROVES ISD Sherri Drawhorn, Business Manager
Port Neches-Groves ISD
776 Magnolia
Port Neches, Texas 77651

JEFFERSON COUNTY: Laurie Leister, County Clerk
P. O. Box 1151
Beaumont, TX 77704

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties agrees to the terms of this Agreement and has caused this Agreement to be executed on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Port Neches-Groves ISD

By: _____
Name:

Attest: _____

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Jefferson County, Texas

By: _____
Name: Jeff Branick
Title: County Judge

By: _____
Name: Laurie Leister
Title: County Clerk

Attest: _____

EARLY VOTING
October 24, 2022 – November 4, 2022

November General Election – Countywide Polling – All precincts may vote at any Vote Center.

(Elecciones generales de noviembre – Lugares de votacion en todo el condado – Todos los precinctos pueden votar en cualquier centro de votacion.)

Election Day Polling Places <i>Localizaciones</i>	Address <i>Direccion</i>	City, State, Zip Code <i>Cuidad, Estado,Codigo postal</i>
Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)	20205 W. Hwy 90	China, TX 77613
Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
Hebert Library (Community Room)	2025 Merriman St	Port Neches, TX 77651
Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)	2712 Nederland Ave	Nederland, TX 77627
Groves Activity Building (Lounge)	6150 39 th Street	Groves, TX 77619
Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)	525 Lakeshore Dr	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)	4615 9 th Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby)	1085 Pearl St	Beaumont, TX 77701
John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr	Beaumont, TX 77703
Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)	4255 Fannett Rd	Beaumont, TX 77705

DATES AND HOURS FOR ALL ABOVE LOCATIONS:

(Fechas y Horas para todas las localizaciones anteriores):

October 24 – 28, 2022 (Octubre 24 – 28, 2022)	Monday - Friday (Lunes -Viernes)	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 29, 2022 (Octubre 29, 2022)	Saturday (Sábado)	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 30, 2022 (Octubre 30, 2022)	Sunday (Domingo)	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 31 – November 4, 2022 (Octubre 31 – Noviembre 4, 2022)	Monday – Friday (Lunes – Viernes)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY November 8, 2022

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Amelia Elementary School (Gymnasium)	565 S. Major Dr	Beaumont, TX 77707
West Brook High School (Mary Nixon Room – Library)	8750 Phelan Blvd	Beaumont, TX 77706
Bevil Oaks City Hall	13560 River Oaks Blvd	Bevil Oaks, TX 77713
BISD Adminisration Building (Boardroom)	3395 Harrison Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
Dishman Elementary (Gymnasium)	3475 Champions Dr	Beaumont, TX 77707
O.C. Mike Taylor Career Center (First Floor Old Library)	2330 North St.	Beaumont, TX 77702
Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)	20205 W. Hwy 90	China, TX 77613
Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
Roy Guess Elementary (Hallway near Gymnasium)	8055 Voth Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77708
Hebert Library (Community Room)	2025 Merriman St	Port Neches, TX 77651
Jefferson County WCID 10 Fire Station (Front Lobby)	2024 Spurlock Rd.	Nederland, TX 77627
Groves Public Library (Front Meeting Room)	5600 West Washington	Groves, TX 77619
Nederland City Hall	207 N. 12 th Street	Nederland, TX 77627
Jerry Ware Airport Terminal (Conference Room off Main Lobby)	5000 Jerry Ware Dr	Beaumont, TX 77705
Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Jefferson County ESD #4 (Main Meeting Room)	12880 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)	2712 Nederland Ave	Nederland, TX 77627
Port Neches City Hall (Council Chambers – Room 104)	1005 Merriman	Port Neches, TX 77651
Groves Activity Building (Lounge)	6150 39 th Street	Groves, TX 77619
DeQueen Elementary (Fifth Grade Hall)	740 DeQueen Blvd	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Zion Hill Baptist Church (Education Building)	5848 Roosevelt Ave	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)	525 Lakeshore Dr	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Former Dowling Elementary (Library)	6301 Pat Ave	Port Arthur, TX 77640
O.W. Collins Retirement Center (Social Service Room)	4440 Gulfway Dr	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)	4615 9 th Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Queen of Vietnam Catholic Church (St. Joseph Hall)	801 9 th Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77642
R.L. Gabby Eldridge Center	5262 S. Gulfway Dr	Sabine Pass, TX 77655
Travis Elementary (Library)	1115 Lakeview Ave	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Willie Ryman Community Center	3248 39 th Street	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Alice Keith Park Recreation Center	4075 Highland Ave	Beaumont, TX 77705
Charlton-Pollard Elementary (Gymnasium)	825 Jackson St	Beaumont, TX 77701
Lamar University Montagne Center (Cardinal Club Room)	4401 S. MLK Pkwy	Beaumont, TX 77705
Hamshire VFD and Community Center	12318 2 nd St	Hamshire, TX 77622
Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby)Main Polling location	1085 Pearl St	Beaumont, TX 77701
MLK Middle School (Gymnasium)	1400 Avenue A	Beaumont, TX 77701
John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr	Beaumont, TX 77703
Precinct 4 Service Center (Conference Room)	7780 Boyt Rd	Beaumont, TX 77713
Sterling Pruitt Center (Multi-purpose Room)	2930 Gulf St	Beaumont, TX 77703
Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)	4255 Fannett Rd	Beaumont, TX 77705

CONTRACT COSTS

Voting Equipment	
Judge's Booth Controller	\$330.00
eSlate	\$330.00
Disable Access Unit (DAU)	\$396.00
Privacy Booth	\$20.00
Ballot Box	\$5.00
Communication Devices	
EA Tablet + WIFI	\$125.00
Cell Phone	\$35.00
Mandatory Signs	
Large A-Frame (ID Required)	\$15.00
Large A-Frame (Notices)	\$15.00
PROGRAMMING	COUNTY COST
1 - 5 RACES	\$1,125.00
6 - 10 RACES	\$1,898.00
11-20 RACES	\$2,475.00
21-40 RACES	\$3,135.00
41-75 RACES	\$3,960.00
76-100 RACES	\$4,704.00
BALLOT PRINTING	COUNTY COST
8.5 X 11	\$0.25
8.5 X 14	\$0.27
8.5 X 17	\$0.30
Sample Ballots	\$0.06
SUPPLIES	
ELECTION KITS / w Seals EV & ED	\$45.00
Mail Ballots (Per Set)	\$2.30
Supply Bag Consumables (per location)	\$25.00