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STATE OF GEORGIA

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OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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STATE OF GEORGIA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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 OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, )  
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 Defendant. )

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-0030-N  
BOND VALIDATION

PETITION AND COMPLAINT

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF OCONEE COUNTY:

THE STATE OF GEORGIA, by and through the Honorable Deborah Gonzalez, District Attorney of the Western Judicial Circuit, files this petition and complaint against OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA (the "County"), as defendant, and respectfully shows the following facts, to-wit:

1.

The defendant County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, duly created and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof.

2.

The District Attorney of the Western Judicial Circuit has been served with notice of the calling and holding of an election for (1) the issuance by the defendant County of its General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$12,500,000 and (2) the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax on all sales and uses in the County (the

“Sales and Use Tax”) as authorized by O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-3 et seq., as amended (the “Sales and Use Tax Act”), the original notice being hereto attached, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit A.

3.

Pursuant to and in conformity with said notice and pursuant to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Sections 36-82-1 -- 36-82-6, as amended, said election was held in all election districts in the County, and the results of said election were prima facie in favor of the issuance of the Bonds and the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax, the consolidated returns being as follows:

Total number of votes case FOR the issuance of general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of (a) the County Projects listed in (a)(7) below, (b) paying capitalized interest through February 1, 2021, and (c) paying the costs of issuance of the general obligation bonds; during the period of the hereinafter mentioned special one percent sales and use tax is imposed, the debt service on such bonds will be paid from the County’s portion of the proceeds of the special one percent sales and use tax, to the extent available, AND shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Oconee County for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years) and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the following capital outlay projects, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated July 7, 2020, between Oconee County, Georgia, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (a) funding the following capital outlay projects for Oconee County: (1) Recreational facilities, (2) Water and sewer facilities, (3) Roads, streets and bridges, (4) Farmland protection, (5) Fire station and rescue facilities and equipment, (6) Historic and scenic facilities, (7) Library and administrative facilities, (8) General County facilities, (9) Broadband facilities, (10) Recreational and park facilities, (11) Courthouse facilities, and (12) Law enforcement vehicles; (b) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bishop: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks; (c) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bogart: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities, (2) Fire department equipment, (3) Sewer facilities, (4) General city facilities, (5) Park facilities, and (6) Broadband facilities; (d) funding the following capital outlay

projects for the Town of North High Shoals: (1) Park facilities, (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control facilities, (3) Community building, (4) Fire station equipment, and (5) Greenway facilities; and (e) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Municipality of Watkinsville: (1) Public safety facilities and equipment, (2) Recreational, park and greenspace facilities, (3) Roads, streets, bridges, drainage and sidewalks, and (4) Multi-purpose city facilities, signage and equipment.

16,102

Total number of votes cast AGAINST the issuance of general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of (a) the County Projects listed in (a)(7) below, (b) paying capitalized interest through February 1, 2021, and (c) paying the costs of issuance of the general obligation bonds; during the period of the hereinafter mentioned special one percent sales and use tax is imposed, the debt service on such bonds will be paid from the County's portion of the proceeds of the special one percent sales and use tax, to the extent available, AND shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Oconee County for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years) and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the following capital outlay projects, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated July 7, 2020, between Oconee County, Georgia, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (a) funding the following capital outlay projects for Oconee County: (1) Recreational facilities, (2) Water and sewer facilities, (3) Roads, streets and bridges, (4) Farmland protection, (5) Fire station and rescue facilities and equipment, (6) Historic and scenic facilities, (7) Library and administrative facilities, (8) General County facilities, (9) Broadband facilities, (10) Recreational and park facilities, (11) Courthouse facilities, and (12) Law enforcement vehicles; (b) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bishop: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks; (c) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bogart: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities, (2) Fire department equipment, (3) Sewer facilities, (4) General city facilities, (5) Park facilities, and (6) Broadband facilities; (d) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of North High Shoals: (1) Park facilities, (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control facilities, (3) Community building, (4) Fire station equipment, and (5) Greenway facilities; and (e) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Municipality of Watkinsville: (1) Public safety facilities and equipment, (2) Recreational, park and greenspace facilities, (3) Roads, streets, bridges, drainage and sidewalks, and (4) Multi-purpose city facilities, signage and equipment.

7,811

Total number of VOID votes

0

The total number of votes cast in favor of the issuance of Bonds and the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax being more than a majority of the registered qualified voters of the County voting at said election held for that purpose, the Bonds are authorized to be issued and said Sales and Use Tax is authorized to be imposed.

4.

Said election was called by the Board of Commissioners of the County (the “Board of Commissioners”) and ordered to be held in said County on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, and said Board of Commissioners caused to be published a notice of said election as required by law in the newspaper in which sheriff’s advertisements for the County are published, and pursuant to and in conformity with said notice and advertisement, said election was held in all the territory within the boundaries of said County, as provided by law.

5.

The Oconee County Board of Elections and Registration (the “Board of Elections”), concurred in the call of said election and in the appointment of the Managers of said election; said election was held under the supervision of the Board of Commissioners and said Board of Elections; the Election Managers brought up the ballots and the returns were consolidated in the presence of, and the results were declared and certified by, said Board of Commissioners and the Board of Elections, all as provided by law.

6.

The defendant County desires to issue the Bonds authorized to be issued by the aforesaid election for the purposes of providing funds to pay or to be applied toward the costs of: (i) the acquisition, construction, and equipping of library and administrative facilities for the

County; (ii) paying capitalized interest on the Bonds; and (iii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

7.

The Bonds to be issued shall be designated to be issued as the “Oconee County, Georgia General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021,” shall be in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$12,500,000, shall be dated as of their date of delivery or from such other date as may be designated by the Board of Commissioners prior to the issuance of the Bonds, shall be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 or an integral multiple thereof each numbered from R-1 upward in order of issuance, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed five and one-half percent (5.50%) per annum, payable on the 1st day of each February and July in each year, and the principal of the Bonds shall mature on the first day of February, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$645,000
2024	655,000
2025	665,000
2026	675,000
2027	685,000
2028	695,000
2029	1,360,000
2030	1,380,000
2031	1,405,000
2032	1,425,000
2033	1,445,000
2034	1,465,000

8.

The County shall impose the Sales and Use Tax as authorized by the Sales and Use Tax Act and as further authorized by the election, for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four calendar quarters commencing upon the expiration of the current Sales and Use Tax on October 1, 2021, for the purpose of raising an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the purpose of funding (i)

the Projects referred to in the resolution adopted by the Oconee County Board of Commissioners on July 28, 2020 (the "Election Resolution"); and (ii) the payment of the principal and interest (during the period the one percent sales and use tax is to be imposed) on the Bonds.

9.

Prior to issuing the Bonds, the precise terms, conditions and particulars with respect to the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds will be set forth more fully in a resolution to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners (the "Resolution"), which Resolution, *inter alia*, will establish the interest rates for each bond maturity within the interest rate limitation specified above, will provide a form for the Bonds, the terms of their payment, registration and other terms in connection with their issuance and delivery.

10.

During each year in which any principal or interest on the Bonds comes due, the defendant County anticipates that it will receive from the continuation of the Sales and Use Tax net proceeds fully sufficient to satisfy its liability on the Bonds.

11.

In compliance with Article IX, Section V, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, the Resolution will further authorize the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable and when said Bonds are issued, the Bonds shall be valid and binding general obligations of the County and all property located within the territorial limits of the defendant County will be subject to the levy of an ad valorem tax unlimited as to rate or amount to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds at their respective maturities. During the period the one percent sales and use tax is to be imposed, the Bonds shall be payable first from the separate account in which will be placed the proceeds received by the

defendant County from the Sales and Use Tax, provided, however, that such general obligation debt represented by the Bonds shall constitute a pledge of the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the defendant County, and to the extent liability on such debt which is not satisfied from the proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax shall be satisfied from the general funds of the County. Further, as required by Article IX, Section V, Paragraph VI, the defendant County shall at or before the time of incurring the bonded indebtedness represented by the Bonds provide for the assessment and collection of an annual tax sufficient in amount to pay the principal and interest of said debt.

12.

The District Attorney, pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia, particularly O.C.G.A. Section 9-11-52, waives, in the name of the State of Georgia, the requirement that separate findings of fact and conclusions of law be entered in this action.

WHEREFORE, within twenty (20) days from the date of service of the notice hereinabove described, said District Attorney files this petition and complaint in the name of the State of Georgia against the defendant County and prays:

a. That an order be issued requiring the County, by and through the proper officers of the Board of Commissioners, to show cause, if any exist, at such time and place, whether at term time or in Chambers, within the time prescribed by law, as the Judge of this Court may direct, why the Bonds, the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax and the levy of an ad valorem tax should not be confirmed and validated;

b. That this petition and complaint and such order as shall be issued be served upon the defendant, Oconee County, in the manner provided by law; and

c. That the Bonds, the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax and the levy of an ad valorem tax to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds be confirmed and validated in all respects.

This 3 day of February, 2021.


  
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District Attorney  
Western Judicial Circuit



Exhibit A

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

TO THE HONORABLE DEBORAH GONZALEZ  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE WESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Oconee County Board of Commissioners, on July 28, 2020 (the "Election Resolution"), a certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit 1, there was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, an election in all the election districts of Oconee County, Georgia (the "County"), which lies within the Western Judicial Circuit of the State of Georgia, at which election there was submitted to the qualified voters of said County the questions, inter alia, of the issuance or non-issuance of \$12,500,000 in maximum aggregate principal amount of OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (the "Bonds") be issued for the purposes of providing funds for (i) the acquisition, construction, and equipping of library and administrative facilities for the County, (ii) paying capitalized interest on the Bonds; and (iii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds; and the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax be continued in the County for a period of time for twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years) and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the following capital outlay projects, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated July 7, 2020, between the County, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (a) funding the following capital outlay projects for Oconee County: (1) Recreational facilities, (2) Water and sewer facilities, (3) Roads, streets and bridges, (4) Farmland protection, (5) Fire station and rescue

facilities and equipment, (6) Historic and scenic facilities, (7) Library and administrative facilities, (8) General County facilities, (9) Broadband facilities, (10) Recreational and park facilities, (11) Courthouse facilities, and (12) Law enforcement vehicles; (b) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bishop: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks; (c) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bogart: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities, (2) Fire department equipment, (3) Sewer facilities, (4) General city facilities, (5) Park facilities, and (6) Broadband facilities; (d) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of North High Shoals: (1) Park facilities, (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control facilities, (3) Community building, (4) Fire station equipment, and (5) Greenway facilities; and (e) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Municipality of Watkinsville: (1) Public safety facilities and equipment, (2) Recreational, park and greenspace facilities, (3) Roads, streets, bridges, drainage and sidewalks, and (4) Multipurpose city facilities, signage and equipment.

The Oconee County Board of Elections and Registration (the “Board of Elections”), concurred and joined in the calling of the election in a Resolution adopted July 29, 2020. Said Resolution is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit 2.

The date, denomination, interest rate, maturities and all other pertinent facts pertaining to the Bonds and the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax are shown in detail in the notice of election, which said notice, together with an affidavit of the publisher of the newspaper in which said notice was published, showing the dates of publication are hereto attached, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit 3.

The Election Managers of said election brought in the returns of said election in person on the day of said election and, together with the Board of Elections, consolidated said returns from the tally sheets thereof, which said consolidated returns show that at said election the issuance of the proposed Bonds and the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax carried by more than

a majority of the qualified voters voting at the election held for that purpose. A copy of the Resolution Declaring the Results of the Election signed by the Chairman of the Board of Elections is hereto attached, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit 4. A copy of the Certification of Results of Election, dated November 10, 2020, to the effect that five business days have elapsed after the computation of said election returns and no petition for a recount or recanvass was filed during such five-day period is hereto attached, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit 5. A certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on November 24, 2020, to declare the results of the election and to provide for notification of the desire of Oconee County to issue said Bonds and to impose said Sales and Use Tax approved at said election is hereto attached, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit 6.

You are, therefore, notified that said election resulted in favor of the issuance of the Bonds, the levy of an ad valorem tax to pay principal and interest on the Bonds, and the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax and the County desires to issue the Bonds and to impose the Sales and Use Tax.

This notice is served on you in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Georgia and pursuant to the aforesaid resolution of said Board of Commissioners adopted on November 24, 2020.

You are requested to immediately file validation proceedings to confirm and validate said General Obligation Bonds and said Sales and Use Tax as by law provided.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2021.

OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

(SEAL)

By:

  
Chairman, Oconee County  
Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
Clerk, Oconee County, Georgia



**EXHIBIT 1**

Board of Commissioners Referendum Resolution

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Board of Commissioners Referendum Resolution

A REFERENDUM RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA TO REGULATE AND TO CALL AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE THE ISSUANCE OR NON-ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND, IN ORDER TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON SUCH BONDS AND TO RAISE FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS, THE IMPOSITION OF A COUNTY SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY PART 1 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 48 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED; THE IMPOSITION OF A SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM APPROVAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT; TO SPECIFY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX ARE TO BE USED; TO SPECIFY THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH SUCH TAX SHALL BE IMPOSED; TO SPECIFY THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX; TO SPECIFY THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE ISSUED; TO SPECIFY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ARE TO BE ISSUED; TO SPECIFY THE MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE OR RATES OF INTEREST WHICH SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS MAY BEAR; TO SPECIFY THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID IN EACH YEAR DURING THE LIFE OF SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES TO SERVICE SAID BONDS NOT PAID BY THE PROCEEDS OF THE SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX; TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION OF OCONEE COUNTY, ACTING AS ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT, TO CALL AN ELECTION OF THE VOTERS OF OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX; TO APPROVE THE FORM OF BALLOT TO BE USED IN SUCH AN ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (the "Act") authorizes the imposition of a county one percent sales and use tax (the "SPLOST") for the purpose, *inter alia*, of financing certain capital outlay projects which include those set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County (the "Board") is the governing authority of Oconee County, Georgia (the "County"), a political subdivision created and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, and is charged with the duties of levying taxes, contracting debts, and managing the affairs of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville (collectively, the "Municipalities"), which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the County, and the County deem it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the special district created by the Act, comprising the entire County (the "Special District") to improve the public services in the Special District by

carrying out the hereinafter described capital outlay projects, and the County and the Municipalities have entered into an Intergovernmental Contract, dated as of July 7, 2020 (the "Intergovernmental Contract"), which provides for the following capital outlay projects in the following estimated amounts:

- (a) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the County (the "County Projects") at an estimated total cost of \$55,591,030:
  - (1) Recreational facilities;
  - (2) Water and sewer facilities;
  - (3) Roads, streets and bridges;
  - (4) Farmland protection;
  - (5) Fire station and rescue facilities and equipment;
  - (6) Historic and scenic facilities;
  - (7) Library and administrative facilities;
  - (8) General County facilities;
  - (9) Broadband facilities;
  - (10) Recreational and park facilities;
  - (11) Courthouse facilities; and
  - (12) Law enforcement vehicles.
  
- (b) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of Bishop (the "Bishop Projects") at an estimated total cost of \$439,608:
  - (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks.
  
- (c) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of Bogart (the "Bogart Projects") at an estimated total cost of \$1,758,433:
  - (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities;
  - (2) Fire department equipment;
  - (3) Sewer facilities;
  - (4) General city facilities;
  - (5) Park facilities; and
  - (6) Broadband facilities.
  
- (d) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of North High Shoals (the "North High Shoals Projects") at an estimated total cost of \$1,280,035:
  - (1) Park facilities;
  - (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control facilities;
  - (3) Community building;
  - (4) Fire station equipment; and
  - (5) Greenway facilities.



- (e) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Municipality of Watkinsville (the “Watkinsville Projects”) at an estimated total cost of \$5,579,144:
  - (1) Public safety facilities and equipment;
  - (2) Recreational, park and greenspace facilities;
  - (3) Roads, streets, bridges, drainage and sidewalks; and
  - (4) Multi-purpose city facilities, signage and equipment.

The County Projects, the Bishop Projects, the Bogart Projects, the North High Shoals Projects, and the Watkinsville Projects are collectively referred to herein as the “Projects.”

WHEREAS, the Board delivered a written notice (the “Notice”) to the mayor in each municipality located within the County regarding the imposition of the SPLOST; and

WHEREAS, the Notice contained the date, time, place, and purpose of a meeting at which designated representatives of the County and the Municipalities met and discussed the possible projects for inclusion in the referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Notice was delivered or mailed at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, and the meeting was held at least 30 days prior to the issuance of a call for the referendum; and

WHEREAS, in order to raise funds to pay a portion of the costs of the Projects requires the imposition of a SPLOST to raise an estimated amount of \$64,648,250, commencing October 1, 2021, following the expiration of the SPLOST presently in effect, pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Projects are projects authorized to be financed through the imposition of a SPLOST; and

WHEREAS, it appears that \$12,500,000 will be required to finance the County Projects listed in (a)(7) above (the “Bond Financed Projects”); and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that the most feasible plan for providing funds to pay the costs of the Bond Financed Projects, to pay capitalized interest, and to pay expenses incidental to accomplishing the foregoing requires the issuance and sale of the Oconee County General Obligation Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000 (the “Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia and O.C.G.A. §36-82-1 *et seq.*, the County is authorized to incur bonded indebtedness upon the assent of a majority of the qualified voters voting in an election held for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds, if authorized, shall be issued, shall bear interest and shall be payable at such time or times as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby declare that during the period the SPLOST is imposed, the principal and interest on the Bonds will be paid from the County's portion of the proceeds of the SPLOST, to the extent available; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, it is necessary to submit to the qualified voters of Oconee County the question of (a) whether or not said Bonds shall be issued and (b) whether or not said SPLOST shall be imposed accordingly for the permitted purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Call for Election. There is hereby authorized to be called and the Board of Elections and Registration of Oconee County, as election superintendent (the "Election Superintendent") is hereby requested to call an election to be held in all the precincts in the County, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters residing within the Special District comprising the entire County the question set forth in section 4 below.

Section 2. Authorization of Sales and Use Tax. In order to pay debt service on the Bonds and to finance the Projects, there is hereby authorized to be levied and collected within the County a sales and use tax in the amount of one percent on all sales and uses in the County as provided in the Act, subject to the approval by a majority of the qualified voters (residing within the Special District comprising the entire County) voting in the referendum authorized to be called in Section 1 hereof. As required by Section 48-8-111(a) of the Act, (a) the proceeds of the SPLOST will be used to finance the payment of debt service on the Bonds and all or a portion of the Projects, (b) the SPLOST shall be imposed for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters, and (c) the estimated costs of the Projects are as set forth above.

Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, SPLOST proceeds received in any year shall be distributed to the County and the Municipalities to fund all or a portion of the Projects pro rata based upon the ratio of County's and each of the Municipality's population to the overall population of the County at the time of the call of the election, all as more fully provided in the Intergovernmental Agreement.

The SPLOST proceeds received for the County Projects in any year pursuant to the imposition of such tax, shall be deposited in a separate fund or account to be maintained by the County and applied toward paying debt service on the Bonds, to the extent available, or funding the County Projects, all as more fully provided for in the Intergovernmental Agreement. The pro rata portion of the SPLOST proceeds received for the Bishop Projects, the Bogart Projects, the North High Shoals Projects, and the Watkinsville Projects shall be deposited in separate funds or accounts to be maintained by the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville, respectively, and applied toward funding the Bishop Projects, the Bogart Projects, the North High Shoals Projects, and the Watkinsville Projects, respectively, all as more fully provided in the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Section 3. General Obligation Bonds. The County is hereby authorized to issue the Bonds, if so approved, in a maximum aggregate principal amount equal to \$12,500,000 pursuant

to the Constitution of the State of Georgia and O.C.G.A. §36-82-1 *et seq.*. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to pay all or a portion of the costs of the Bond Financed Projects, capitalized interest on the Bonds through January 1, 2021, and the costs of issuing the Bonds. The Bonds shall be dated as of their date of delivery or such other date(s) as the Board may approve and shall be in such denomination or denominations as the Board may approve. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date of delivery or from such other date(s) as the Board may approve, at such rate or rates as the Board may approve in a supplemental resolution adopted by the Board prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Supplemental Resolution"), which rates shall not exceed 5.50% per annum in any year. All interest shall be payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 in each year, beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and the principal shall mature (by scheduled maturity or by mandatory redemption, as the Board may approve) on January 1 in the years and in the amounts as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$645,000
2024	655,000
2025	665,000
2026	675,000
2027	685,000
2028	695,000
2029	1,360,000
2030	1,380,000
2031	1,405,000
2032	1,425,000
2033	1,445,000
2034	1,465,000

The Bonds may be issued in one or more series, and on one or more dates of issuance as the Board may approve; provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$12,500,000. The Bonds may be made subject to redemption prior maturity, to the extent permitted by law, upon terms and conditions to be determined by the Board pursuant to a Supplemental Resolution.

During the period the SPLOST is imposed, part of the County's portion of the proceeds of the SPLOST will be used for payment of debt service on the Bonds, to the extent available, and the remaining proceeds of the County's portion of the SPLOST, if any, will be used to fund the County Project to the extent the County Project has not been funded with proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 4. Form of Ballot. The ballots to be used in such election should have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

YES ( )      Shall Oconee County (the "County") issue general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of (a) the County Projects listed in (a)(7) below, (b)

NO ( )

paying capitalized interest through January 1, 2021, and (c) paying the costs of issuance of the general obligation bonds; during the period of the hereinafter mentioned special one percent sales and use tax is imposed, the debt service on such bonds will be paid from the County's portion of the proceeds of the special one percent sales and use tax, to the extent available, AND shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Oconee County for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years) and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the following capital outlay projects, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated July 7, 2020, between Oconee County, Georgia, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (a) funding the following capital outlay projects for Oconee County: (1) Recreational facilities, (2) Water and sewer facilities, (3) Roads, streets and bridges, (4) Farmland protection, (5) Fire station and rescue facilities and equipment, (6) Historic and scenic facilities, (7) Library and administrative facilities, (8) General County facilities, (9) Broadband facilities, (10) Recreational and park facilities, (11) Courthouse facilities, and (12) Law enforcement vehicles; (b) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bishop: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks; (c) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bogart: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities, (2) Fire department equipment, (3) Sewer facilities, (4) General city facilities, (5) Park facilities, and (6) Broadband facilities; (d) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of North High Shoals: (1) Park facilities, (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control facilities, (3) Community building, (4) Fire station equipment, and (5) Greenway facilities; and (e) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Municipality of Watkinsville: (1) Public safety facilities and equipment, (2) Recreational, park and greenspace facilities, (3) Roads, streets, bridges, drainage and sidewalks, and (4) Multi-purpose city facilities, signage and equipment?

Section 5. Manner of Election. The date of such election shall be and is hereby set for November 3, 2020, the polls of each election district of the County shall be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m., and the election shall be held by the same persons and under and in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia, and the returns of such election shall be made to the

Board and the Election Superintendent, which shall count the votes, consolidate the returns and declare the result of said election in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Notice to Election Superintendent. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Election Superintendent, with a request that the Election Superintendent issue the call of the election, at least ninety days prior the election date.

Section 7. Publication of Notice of Election. The Election Superintendent is hereby authorized and requested to publish the notice of said election as required by law in the newspaper in which Sheriff's advertisements for the County are published once a week for five weeks immediately preceding the date of the election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Prior to the date of the election authorized herein, there shall be appointed proper election managers to supervise and hold said election.

Section 8. Advertisements as Binding Statements of Intention. Any brochures, listings or other advertisements issued by the Board or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board concerning the use of the proceeds of the Bonds; and such statement of intention shall be binding upon the Board in the expenditure of any such proceeds or interest received from such funds which have been invested to the extent provided in O.C.G.A §36-82-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Section 9. Levy of Ad Valorem Tax. Should the Bonds be authorized by the requisite number of qualified voters, the Board shall, prior to the issuance of any of the Bonds, levy an ad valorem tax upon all the property subject to taxation for general obligation bond purposes, within the territorial limits of the County, sufficient in amount to pay the portion of the principal of and the interest on such Bonds, at their respective maturities.

Section 10. Further Authority. The proper officers and agents of the County are hereby authorized to take any and all further actions as may be required in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and the imposition of the SPLOST.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA



By: *Stephany Hayes*  
Clerk of Board of Commissioners  
of Oconee County, Georgia

By: *Al Deonell*  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners  
of Oconee County, Georgia

*Mark Gher*  
Commissioner

*RA*  
Commissioner

Commissioner (Vacant)

*Michael J. ...*  
Commissioner

## EXHIBIT A

### NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF OCONEE COUNTY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, an election will be held in all of the precincts of Oconee County, Georgia (the "County") at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of County, for their determination the question of whether or not general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,500,000 shall be issued by the County (the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of (a) the County Projects listed in (a)(7) below (the "Bond Financed Projects"), (b) paying capitalized interest on the Bonds through January 1, 2021 and (c) paying the costs of issuance of the general obligation bonds; during the period of the hereinafter mentioned special one percent sales and use tax is imposed, the debt service on such bonds will be paid from the County's portion of the proceeds of the special one percent sales and use tax, to the extent available, AND in order to pay debt service on the Bonds and to raise funds to pay the costs of the other projects described below, a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "SPLOST") should be imposed on all sales and uses in the special district comprising the entire County, for a period of time of twenty-four consecutive quarters, commencing October 1, 2021, following the expiration of the SPLOST presently in effect, to raise an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the hereinafter described capital outlay projects pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement, dated July 7, 2020, between the County, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville:

- (a) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the County (the "County Projects") at an estimated total cost of \$55,591,030:
  - (1) Recreational facilities;
  - (2) Water and sewer facilities;
  - (3) Roads, streets and bridges;
  - (4) Farmland protection;
  - (5) Fire station and rescue facilities and equipment;
  - (6) Historic and scenic facilities;
  - (7) Library and administrative facilities;
  - (8) General County facilities;
  - (9) Broadband facilities;
  - (10) Recreational and park facilities;
  - (11) Courthouse facilities; and
  - (12) Law enforcement vehicles.
  
- (b) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of Bishop (the "Bishop Projects") at an estimated total cost of \$439,608:
  - (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks.
  
- (c) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of Bogart (the "Bogart Projects") at an estimated total cost of \$1,758,433:

- (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities;
  - (2) Fire department equipment;
  - (3) Sewer facilities;
  - (4) General city facilities;
  - (5) Park facilities; and
  - (6) Broadband facilities.
- (d) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of North High Shoals (the “North High Shoals Projects”) at an estimated total cost of \$1,280,035:
- (1) Park facilities;
  - (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control facilities;
  - (3) Community building;
  - (4) Fire station equipment; and
  - (5) Greenway facilities.
- (e) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Municipality of Watkinsville (the “Watkinsville Projects”) at an estimated total cost of \$5,579,144:
- (1) Public safety facilities and equipment;
  - (2) Recreational, park and greenspace facilities;
  - (3) Roads, streets, bridges, drainage and sidewalks; and
  - (4) Multi-purpose city facilities, signage and equipment

Such Bonds, if authorized, shall be dated their date of delivery or from such other date as may be designated by the County, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed five and one-half percent (5.50%) per annum, and shall provide for interest to be payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 of each year, commencing on or after January 1, 2021 and for the principal to mature on January 1 of each year in the following amounts:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$645,000
2024	655,000
2025	665,000
2026	675,000
2027	685,000
2028	695,000
2029	1,360,000
2030	1,380,000
2031	1,405,000
2032	1,425,000
2033	1,445,000
2034	1,465,000



The Bonds may be issued in one or more series with each series having a different issuance date as determined by the County; provided, that the aggregate principal amount of such Bonds shall not exceed \$12,500,000.

Voters desiring to vote *for* the imposition of said SPLOST for the purposes set forth above and the issuance of the Bonds shall do so by voting “Yes” and voters desiring to vote *against* the imposition of said SPLOST for such purposes and the issuance of said bonds shall do so by voting “No” as to the question propounded, to wit:

YES ( )

Shall Oconee County (the “County”) issue general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of (a) the County Projects listed in (a)(7) below, (b) paying capitalized interest through January 1, 2021, and (c) paying the costs of issuance of the general obligation bonds; during the period of the hereinafter mentioned special one percent sales and use tax is imposed, the debt service on such bonds will be paid from the County’s portion of the proceeds of the special one percent sales and use tax, to the extent available, AND shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Oconee County for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years) and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the following capital outlay projects, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated July 7, 2020, between Oconee County, Georgia, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (a) funding the following capital outlay projects for Oconee County: (1) Recreational facilities, (2) Water and sewer facilities, (3) Roads, streets and bridges, (4) Farmland protection, (5) Fire station and rescue facilities and equipment, (6) Historic and scenic facilities, (7) Library and administrative facilities, (8) General County facilities, (9) Broadband facilities, (10) Recreational and park facilities, (11) Courthouse facilities, and (12) Law enforcement vehicles; (b) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bishop: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks; (c) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bogart: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities, (2) Fire department equipment, (3) Sewer facilities, (4) General city facilities, (5) Park facilities, and (6) Broadband facilities; (d) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of North High Shoals: (1) Park facilities, (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic

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control facilities, (3) Community building, (4) Fire station equipment, and (5) Greenway facilities; and (e) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Municipality of Watkinsville: (1) Public safety facilities and equipment, (2) Recreational, park and greenspace facilities, (3) Roads, streets, bridges, drainage and sidewalks, and (4) Multi-purpose city facilities, signage and equipment?

The several places for holding the election shall be in the regular and established precincts of the County, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the election. Those qualified to vote at the election shall be determined in all respects in accordance and in conformity with the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America and of the State of Georgia.

The last day to register to vote in this special election is October 5, 2020, through 5:00 p.m.

Any brochures, listings or other advertisements issued by the County or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the County, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the County concerning the use of the proceeds of the Bonds; and such statement of intention shall be binding on the County in the expenditure of any such proceeds or interest received from such funds which have been invested.

Those residents of the County qualified to vote at said election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given pursuant to joint action of the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County and the Election Superintendent of Oconee County.

**OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

By: /s/ John Daniel  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

**ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT OF OCONEE  
COUNTY**

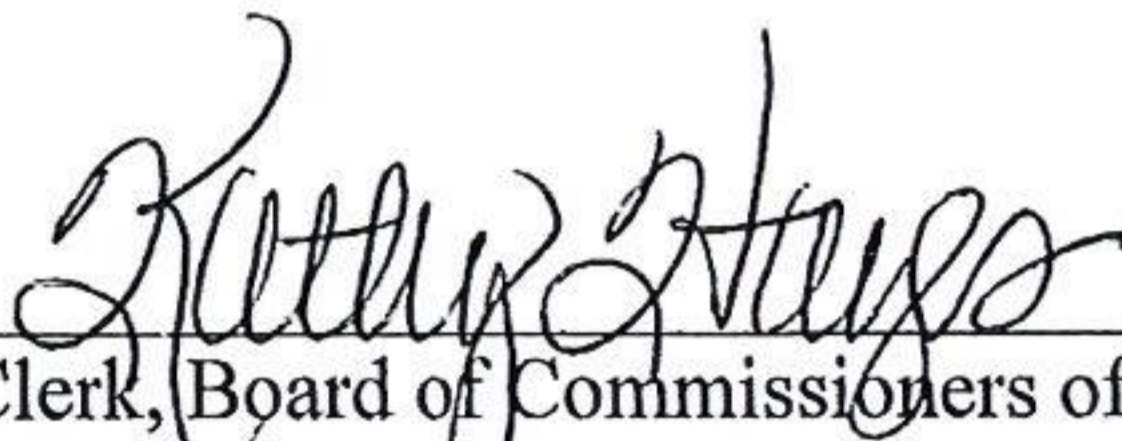
By: /s/ Fran Leathers  
Chairman, Board of Elections and Registration of  
Oconee County

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County, Georgia on July 28, 2020 at a meeting which was duly called and assembled and open to the public and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, which resolution has not been modified, repealed, revoked or rescinded as of the date hereof.

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



  
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Clerk, Board of Commissioners of  
Oconee County, Georgia

**EXHIBIT 2**

Board of Elections Referendum Resolution

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Board of Elections Referendum Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION TO REGULATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE CALLING OF AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE (1) THE IMPOSITION OF A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 5A OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 48 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED; AND (2) THE ISSUANCE OR NON-ISSUANCE OF OCONEE COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County (the "Board of Commissioners") has furnished the Oconee County Board of Elections and Registration (the "Election Superintendent") with a certified copy of its resolution (the "County Resolution") calling an election to determine whether (1) a one percent transportation sales and use tax shall be imposed and (2) Oconee County general obligation bonds shall be issued for the purposes described in the County Resolution, and has requested that the Election Superintendent join the Board of Commissioners in the call of the election for such questions on November 3, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that there be and there is hereby called to be held in all the voting precincts in Oconee County, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, an election by the qualified voters of said County to determine whether (1) a one percent transportation sale and use tax shall be imposed and (2) Oconee County general obligation bonds shall be issued for the purposes described in the County Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such election be conducted pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Georgia, that managers and election officials for all voting precincts be appointed and that election returns be consolidated in the presence of the Election Superintendent, and that the result be declared, all as is provided by law.

Adopted and approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2020.

OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Tom Gaetters  
Chairperson

Attest:

Paul Hanley  
Secretary

**EXHIBIT 3**

Notice of Election

**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF OCONEE COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, an election will be held in all of the precincts of Oconee County, Georgia (the "County") at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of County, for their determination the question of whether or not general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,500,000 shall be issued by the County (the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of (a) the County Projects listed in (a)(7) below (the "Bond Financed Projects"), (b) paying capitalized interest on the Bonds through January 1, 2021 and (c) paying the costs of issuance of the general obligation bonds; during the period of the hereinafter mentioned special one percent sales and use tax is imposed, the debt service on such bonds will be paid from the County's portion of the proceeds of the special one percent sales and use tax, to the extent available, AND in order to pay debt service on the Bonds and to raise funds to pay the costs of the other projects described below, a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "SPLOST") should be imposed on all sales and uses in the special district comprising the entire County, for a period of time of twenty-four consecutive quarters, commencing October 1, 2021, following the expiration of the SPLOST presently in effect, to raise an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the hereinafter described capital outlay projects pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement, dated July 7, 2020, between the County, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville:

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- (b) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of Bishop (the "Bishop Projects") at an estimated total cost of \$439,608:
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- (c) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of Bogart (the “Bogart Projects”) at an estimated total cost of \$1,758,433:
- (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities;
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  - (3) Sewer facilities;
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- (d) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Town of North High Shoals (the “North High Shoals Projects”) at an estimated total cost of \$1,280,035:
- (1) Park facilities;
  - (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control facilities;
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- (e) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the Municipality of Watkinsville (the “Watkinsville Projects”) at an estimated total cost of \$5,579,144:
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Such Bonds, if authorized, shall be dated their date of delivery or from such other date as may be designated by the County, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed five and one-half percent (5.50%) per annum, and shall provide for interest to be payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 of each year, commencing on or after January 1, 2021 and for the principal to mature on January 1 of each year in the following amounts:

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The Bonds may be issued in one or more series with each series having a different issuance date as determined by the County; provided, that the aggregate principal amount of such Bonds shall not exceed \$12,500,000.

Voters desiring to vote *for* the imposition of said SPLOST for the purposes set forth above and the issuance of the Bonds shall do so by voting "Yes" and voters desiring to vote *against* the imposition of said SPLOST for such purposes and the issuance of said bonds shall do so by voting "No" as to the question propounded, to wit:

YES ( )

NO ( )

Shall Oconee County (the "County") issue general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of (a) the County Projects listed in (a)(7) below, (b) paying capitalized interest through January 1, 2021, and (c) paying the costs of issuance of the general obligation bonds; during the period of the hereinafter mentioned special one percent sales and use tax is imposed, the debt service on such bonds will be paid from the County's portion of the proceeds of the special one percent sales and use tax, to the extent available, AND shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Oconee County for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years) and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$64,648,250 for the following capital outlay projects, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated July 7, 2020, between Oconee County, Georgia, the Town of Bishop, the Town of Bogart, the Town of North High Shoals, and the Municipality of Watkinsville, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (a) funding the following capital outlay projects for Oconee County: (1) Recreational facilities, (2) Water and sewer facilities, (3) Roads, streets and bridges, (4) Farmland protection, (5) Fire station and rescue facilities and equipment, (6) Historic and scenic facilities, (7) Library and administrative facilities, (8) General County facilities, (9) Broadband facilities, (10) Recreational and park facilities, (11) Courthouse facilities, and (12) Law enforcement vehicles; (b) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bishop: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks; (c) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Bogart: (1) Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalk facilities, (2) Fire department equipment, (3) Sewer facilities, (4) General city facilities, (5) Park facilities, and (6) Broadband facilities; (d) funding the following capital outlay

projects for the Town of North High Shoals: (1) Park facilities, (2) Roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control facilities, (3) Community building, (4) Fire station equipment, and (5) Greenway facilities; and (e) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Municipality of Watkinsville: (1) Public safety facilities and equipment, (2) Recreational, park and greenspace facilities, (3) Roads, streets, bridges, drainage and sidewalks, and (4) Multi-purpose city facilities, signage and equipment?

The several places for holding the election shall be in the regular and established precincts of the County, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the election. Those qualified to vote at the election shall be determined in all respects in accordance and in conformity with the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America and of the State of Georgia.

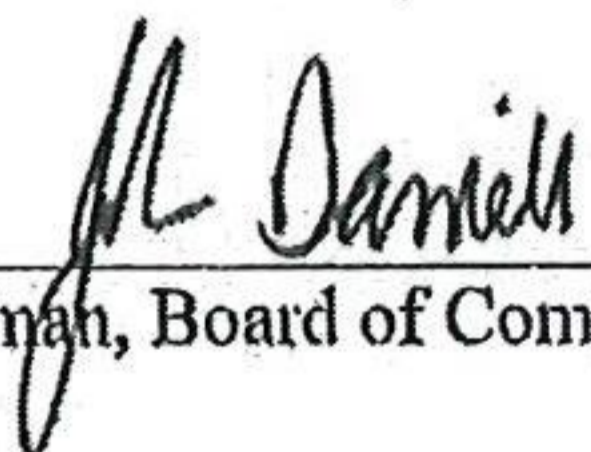
The last day to register to vote in this special election is October 5, 2020, through 5:00 p.m.

Any brochures, listings or other advertisements issued by the County or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the County, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the County concerning the use of the proceeds of the Bonds; and such statement of intention shall be binding on the County in the expenditure of any such proceeds or interest received from such funds which have been invested.

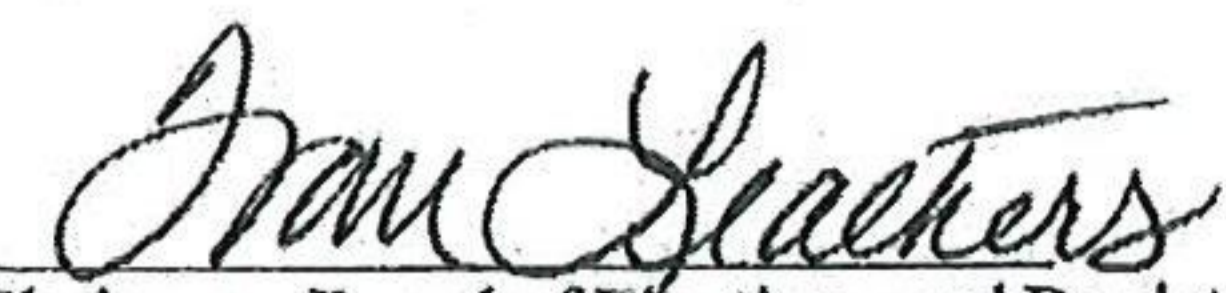
Those residents of the County qualified to vote at said election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given pursuant to joint action of the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County and the Election Superintendent of Oconee County.

**OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

By:   
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

**ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT OF OCONEE COUNTY**

By:   
Chairman, Board of Elections and Registration of Oconee County

**EXHIBIT 4**

Board of Elections Resolution Declaring the Results of the Election

A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 TO DETERMINE THE IMPOSITION OR NON-IMPOSITION OF A SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX AND THE ISSUANCE OR NON-ISSUANCE OF OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County (the "Board of Commissioners") the body charged with the duties of contracting debts and managing the affairs of Oconee County, Georgia (the "County") and the Oconee County Board of Elections and Registration (the "Board of Elections") called an election on November 3, 2020 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the County the question of (1) whether a one percent sales and use tax shall be imposed; and (2) whether the County's general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued;

WHEREAS, the returns of said election were duly brought up by the election managers of said election, and thereupon the several election managers who brought up the returns, in the presence of and together with the Board of Elections, which is the Superintendent of Elections of Oconee County, did consolidate the same and did declare the result of the election to be, as follows:

Total number of votes cast FOR the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt	16,102
Total number of votes cast AGAINST the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt	7,811
Total number of VOID votes	0

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by authority of the same, that said election resulted in favor of the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of the Bonds, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in said election held for said purpose and that the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of the Bonds have been authorized as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid that the election returns of the several managers on file with the Superintendent of Elections are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Elections is hereby authorized to give a final certification of the result of the election after five business days have elapsed from the computation of the election results and to certify, *inter alia*, that no petition for recount or recanvass has been filed.

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AND REGISTRATION



*Iraun Leathers*

Chairperson

(SEAL)

VICE CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATE

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

The undersigned Vice Chairperson of the Oconee County Board of Elections and Registration (the "Board of Elections"), DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages of the typewritten matter constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Elections on the 10th day of NOVEMBER, 2020, at a meeting which was duly called and assembled and open to the public and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, which resolution has not been modified, repealed, revoked or rescinded as of the date hereof.

This 10th day of November, 2020

Ray Hanley  
Vice Chairperson,  
Oconee County Board of Elections and  
Registration

(SEAL)

**EXHIBIT 5**

Board of Elections Certification of Results of Election



CERTIFICATE OF THE OCONEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION  
CERTIFYING RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

WHEREAS, at a special election held in all the election districts in Oconee County, Georgia, Georgia (the "County"), on November 3, 2020, to determine whether the imposition or non-imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance or nonissuance of Oconee County, Georgia General Obligation Bonds shall be authorized and, the election returns as heretofore made by the election managers, consolidated and declared by the Oconee County Board of Elections and Registration and the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County, Georgia, were as follows:

Total number of votes cast FOR the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt	16,102
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Total number of votes cast AGAINST the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt	7,811
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Total number of VOID votes	0
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WHEREAS, at least five days have elapsed since the computation of the election returns and no petition for a recount or recanvass has been filed; IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the election returns are true and correct.

This 30th day of November, 2020.

OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AND REGISTRATION

  
Chairperson



**EXHIBIT 6**

Board of Commissioners Resolution Declaring Results of Election

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA DECLARING THE RESULTS  
OF THE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AND FOR  
OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County, Georgia and the Oconee County Board of Elections and Registration, as Election Superintendent (the "Election Superintendent"), called an election on November 3, 2020, to determine the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt; and

WHEREAS, the returns of said election were duly brought up by the election managers of said election, and thereupon the several election managers who brought up the returns, in the presence of and together with the Election Superintendent, did consolidate the same and did declare the result of the election to be, as follows:

Total number of votes cast FOR the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt	16,102
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Total number of votes cast AGAINST the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt	7,811
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Total number of VOID votes	0
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by authority of the same, that said election resulted in favor of the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters voting in said election held for said purpose and that the imposition of said special one percent sales and use tax and issuance of said general obligation debt have been authorized as required by law.


Adopted and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.



OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

  
Clerk of  
Oconee County, Georgia

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

I, the undersigned Clerk of Oconee County, Georgia DO HERBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County, Georgia, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, in connection with the election held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, to determine the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of certain general obligation debt and declaring the results of said election, the original of which resolution has been duly recorded in the Minute Book of the County which is in my custody and control.

Witness my hand and the official seal of said County this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

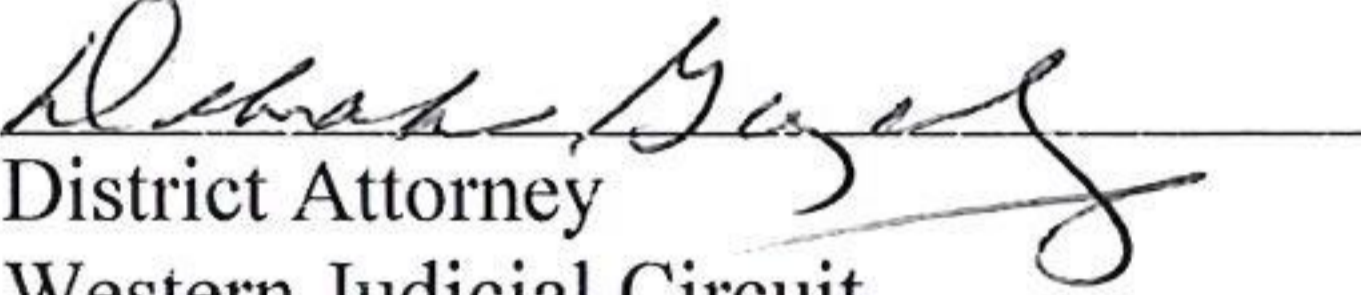
  
Clerk of  
Oconee County, Georgia



**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**COUNTY OF OCONEE**

I, Deborah Gonzalez, do hereby acknowledge personal service of the above and foregoing notice; copy received; any and all other further service waived, this 3 day of February, 2021.

  
District Attorney  
Western Judicial Circuit

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF OCONEE COUNTY 2021 FEB -3 PM 1:28

STATE OF GEORGIA

ANGELA ELDER-JOHNSON  
OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

DEP. CLK.

STATE OF GEORGIA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SU CV 2021 000030
	)	
v.	)	BOND VALIDATION
	)	
OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

ORDER

The foregoing petition and complaint having been presented and read, same is hereby sanctioned. Let it be filed and let the same and this order be served upon the defendant, Oconee County.

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant, Oconee County, by its proper officers, show cause before the Judge of the Superior Court of Oconee County, Georgia, at the Courthouse in Watkinsville, Georgia, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021, why the prayers of the petition and complaint should not be granted, and why the Oconee County, Georgia General Obligation Bonds, the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax and the levy of an ad valorem tax to pay principal and interest on said Bonds referred to in said petition and complaint should not be confirmed and validated as provided by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court of Oconee County, Georgia, publish in the official newspaper in which sheriff's advertisements are published for Oconee County, Georgia, once a week for two successive weeks next preceding the week of



the hearing of this cause, a notice to the public that on the day specified above said cause will be heard.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive letter 'E' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Judge, Superior Court of  
Oconee County, Georgia

SUCV 2021006030

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

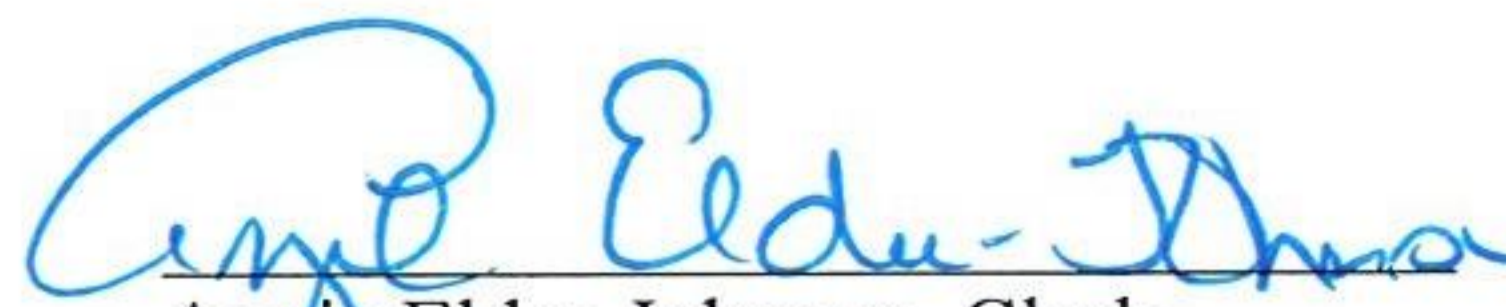
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there will be heard before the presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Oconee County, Georgia, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021, at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., at the Courthouse in the City of Watkinsville, Georgia, the case of the State of Georgia v. Oconee County, Georgia, Civil Action File No. SU CV 2021 000030, pending in said Court, the same being a proceeding to confirm and validate up to \$12,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of Oconee County, Georgia General Obligation Bonds approved at the referendum held on November 3, 2020, proposed to be issued by Oconee County, Georgia (the "County"), the levy of an ad valorem tax to pay said Bonds, and the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax on all sales and uses in the County for a period of not more than twenty-four calendar quarters.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the County will not conduct any performance audit or performance review with respect to the Bonds as such terms are described in Section 36-82-100, Official Code of Georgia Annotated;** however, the County will continue to engage an independent accounting firm to perform an annual audit of the County's financial statements.

Any citizen of the State of Georgia residing in the County, or any other person wherever residing, who has a right to object, may intervene and become a party to this proceeding.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.



Angie Elder-Johnson, Clerk  
Superior Court of Oconee County, Georgia

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF OCONEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

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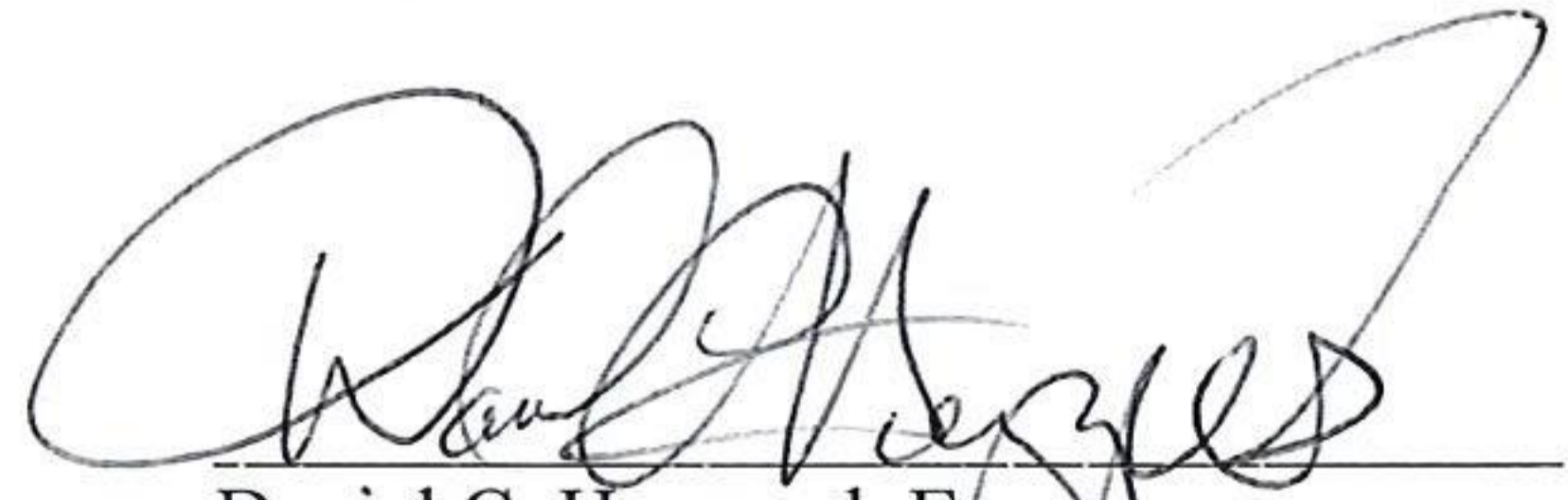
STATE OF GEORGIA, )  
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 vs. )  
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 OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, )  
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 Defendant. )

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-0030-N

BOND VALIDATION

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE BY  
OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Due and legal service of the foregoing petition and complaint with exhibits and order dated February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, is hereby acknowledged; copy received; process and any and all other notice and service waived this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
Daniel C. Haygood, Esq.  
Oconee County Attorney

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DEP. CLK.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF OCONEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 vs. )  
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 OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, )  
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 Defendant. )

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-0030-N

BOND VALIDATION

ANSWER

COMES NOW the defendant, Oconee County, Georgia (the "County"), through the duly elected, qualified, and acting members of the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County (the "Board"), and files this its answer to the petition and complaint filed in the above-stated cause by the District Attorney of the Western Judicial Circuit, which said petition and complaint and order thereon has been duly served upon the County, and for answer says:

1.

The defendant County admits each and every paragraph of the District Attorney's petition and complaint, and each and every allegation contained therein.

2.

Answering further, the defendant County shows that under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, all of the affairs of the County are under the jurisdiction and control of the Board.

3.

Answering further, the defendant County shows that the Board and the Board of Elections and Registration, as Election Superintendent (the "Election Superintendent"), duly called the election referred to in the aforesaid petition and complaint of the District Attorney, that said election was held under the supervision of the Election Superintendent, and that the Board and said Election Superintendent, did consolidate the returns of said election and declare the results of said election, all as set forth in said petition and complaint.

4.

Answering further, the defendant County shows that it desires to issue the Oconee County, Georgia General Obligation Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,500,000 (the "Bonds"), more fully described in the aforesaid petition and complaint of the District Attorney, for the purposes therein stated.

5.

Answering further, the defendant County shows that due and legal notice of the date of the hearing pertaining to the validation of the Bonds, the imposition of a special one percent sales and use tax pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-110, et seq., as amended, and the levy of an ad valorem tax, has been published by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Oconee County, Georgia, in The Oconee Enterprise, and an affidavit of the publisher of said newspaper as to its publication, together with a copy of said notice, is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "A".

6.

Answering further, the defendant County shows that the precise terms, conditions and particulars with respect to the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds will be set forth more

fully in a resolution to be adopted by the Board, which resolution, *inter alia*, will establish the interest rates for each bond maturity within the interest rate limitation specified in the aforesaid petition and complaint of the District Attorney, will provide a form for the Bonds, the terms of their payment, registration and other terms in connection with their issuance and delivery, and will, in conformity with Article IX, Section V, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, provide for the assessment and collection of an annual tax sufficient in amount to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds within thirty years from the delivery thereof.

7.

Answering further, the defendant County shows that according to the 2020 Tax Digest of the County (which is the latest digest available), the value of net assessed property located within the County subject to taxation for general obligation bond purposes is as specified in the affidavit of the Tax Commissioner of the County, attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "B". The Bonds, when added to all other indebtedness of the County will be within the applicable 10% constitutional debt limitation imposed by Article IX, Section V, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia when that limitation is measured with respect to the taxable property figure recited above.

8.

This defendant further shows that it will pledge to the payment of the Bonds the proceeds received by it from the imposition of the special sales and use tax described in the aforesaid petition and complaint.

9.

This defendant further shows that upon the imposition of the sales and use tax upon the expiration of the current sales and use tax, it will not be collecting any one percent sales and use

tax levied pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-110 et seq., as amended, other than the special sales and use tax described in the aforesaid petition and complaint.

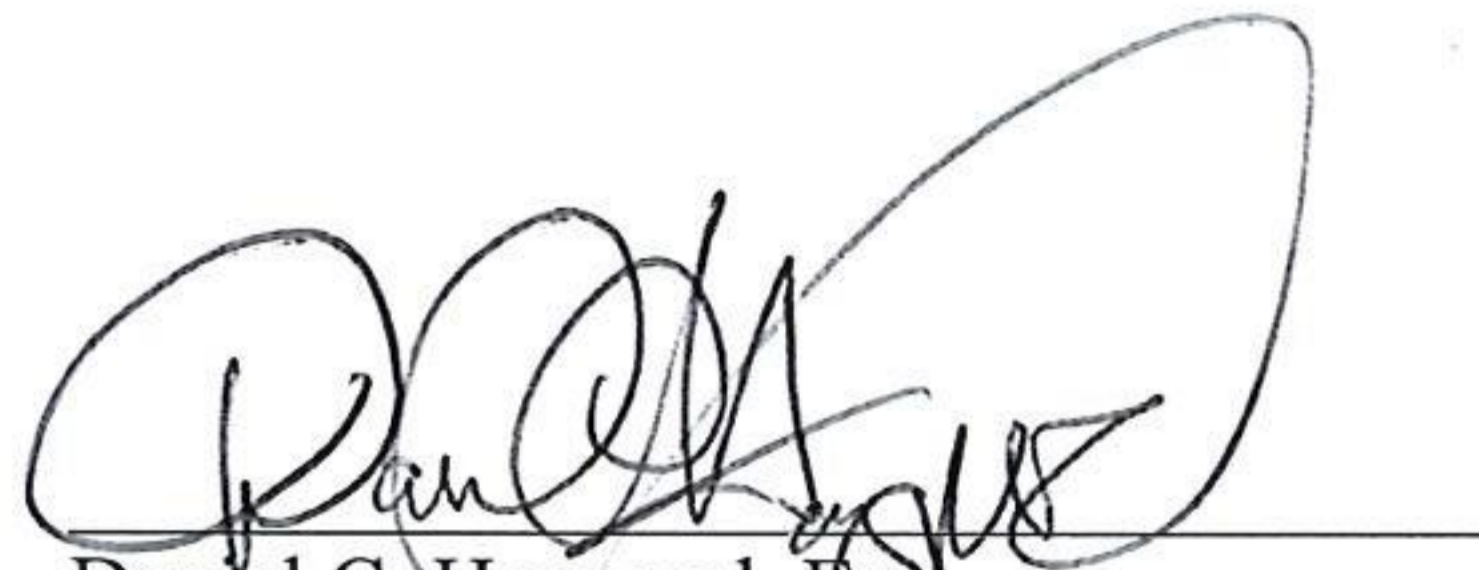
10.

This defendant further shows that based upon the historical levels of sales and use tax collections in the County and the debt service required on the Bonds, that during each year in which any payments on the Bonds come due, the County will received from the Sales and Use Tax net proceeds sufficient to fully satisfy such payments in a timely manner.

11.

The defendant County, pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia, particularly O.C.G.A. Section 9-11-52, waives the requirement that separate findings of fact and conclusions of law be entered in this action.

WHEREFORE, having answered fully, the defendant County, having in all things relating to the issuance of the Bonds, the imposition and pledge of said special one percent sales and use tax, and the levy of an ad valorem tax complied with the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, prays that the Bonds, the imposition of said special one percent sales and use tax and the levy of an ad valorem tax described in said petition and complaint and referred to in this answer and the security therefor be confirmed and validated, that the Clerk of the Superior Court of Oconee County, Georgia, be authorized to execute the certificate of validation on each of the Bonds and exchanges therefor, and that this Honorable Court consider, determine, order and adjudge that said Bonds, when issued, sold and delivered in conformity with the law as in such cause made and as described in said petition and complaint, shall be valid and binding general obligations of the defendant County.



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EXHIBIT "A"

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

[Attached.]

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

I, the undersigned, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the publisher of The Oconee Enterprise, the newspaper in which sheriff's advertisements appear for Oconee County, Georgia and that the attached notice of a bond validation hearing was published in said newspaper on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as provided by law.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 2021.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



[Attach Clipping]

# The Oconee Enterprise Legal

## Advertisement for Bids

Oconee County Board of Commissioners  
23 N. Main Street  
Watkinsville, GA 30677

Invitation to Bid  
ITB #21-02-012  
Bogart Sports Complex  
Maintenance Building Replacement  
Issue Date: February 9, 2021

The Oconee County Board of Commissioners is soliciting bids from qualified contractors interested in constructing a replacement maintenance building at the Bogart Sports Complex located 130 Thompson Street Bogart, Georgia 30622. Specifications can be found in the ITB documents.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **February 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM EST** on site at 130 Thompson Street Bogart, Georgia 30622.

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Oconee County Finance Department located at the Oconee County Courthouse, 23 N. Main Street, Suite 203, Watkinsville, Georgia, 30677 until **2:00 PM EST, February 25, 2021**. At the time and date above, sealed bids will be publicly opened and the names read aloud in the Oconee County Board of Commissioners Commission Chambers located at 23 N. Main Street, Suite 205, Watkinsville, GA 30677. Bids received after this time will not be accepted.

Each sealed envelope must be marked on the outside as "BSC Maintenance Building Replacement ITB #21-02-012" and should include the respondent's name and address.

Questions regarding this ITB should be directed to Ms. Jessica Ellis, Procurement Officer via email at [ocbids@oconee.ga.us](mailto:ocbids@oconee.ga.us) and shall be received no later than **2:00 PM EST, February 18, 2021**. Bid forms and Scope of Work may be obtained from the County's website on the "Doing Business" tab under "Bid Opportunities" and are available to view at the Finance Department.

The Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose combined bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the advertisement for bids; provided, however, that if the bid from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder exceeds funds budgeted for the Work, the Oconee County Board of Commissioners may negotiate with such apparent low bidder to obtain a contract price within the budgeted amount. Such negotiations may include changes in the scope of work and other bid requirements. OWNER reserves the rights to waive any informality or to reject any or all Bids, to evaluate Bids, and to accept any Bid which in its opinion may be in the best interest of the OWNER. No Bid will be rejected without just cause.

By Oconee County Board of Commissioners  
The Honorable John Daniell

ITB: 2/11,18

## Notice to Creditors

all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the executor.

James D. Edwards, Jr., Executor  
5540 Chestnut Hill Rd.  
Athens, GA 30606

NTC: 2/11,18,25,3/4

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **RANDELL HENRY BAKER**, late of Oconee County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demand to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 29th day of January, 2021.

Sandra Fay Baker  
Administrator  
Estate of **RANDELL HENRY BAKER**

David M. Hudgins  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 93  
Athens, GA 30603  
(706) 548-0085

NTC: 2/11,18,25,3/4

GEORGIA  
OCONEE COUNTY

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **JAMES RAYMOND CHAMPLIN**, deceased, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned, and all debtors are required to make immediate payment.

This 22nd day of January, 2021.

Helene Dickey Champlin,  
Executor of the Estate of  
**JAMES RAYMOND CHAMPLIN**

Dennise L. Grayson  
The Law Office of Dennise L. Grayson, LLC  
P.O. Box 1615  
Watkinsville, GA 30677

NTC: 2/4,11,18,25

### Notice to Debtors and Creditors

State of Georgia  
County of Oconee

Creditors of the Estate of **NED DAWSON a/k/a ROYAL N. DAWSON a/k/a R. NED DAWSON**, deceased, late of Oconee County, Georgia, are hereby notified to submit their claims to the undersigned and all persons indebted to the

## Notice to Creditors

der an account of their demands to the undersigned and all debtors are required to make immediate payment.

This 19th day of January, 2021.

Marjorie Ross, Executor of the Estate  
of **WILLIAM ARTHUR MEELER**, deceased.

1243 Branch Road  
Bishop, GA 30621  
(706)818-0444

NTC: 2/4,11,18,25

## Public Notice

### NOTICE

GEORGIA, OCONEE COUNTY PROBATE  
COURT

TO: Whom It May Concern:

The Petition of Dana Lawson Nations, for a year's support from the estate of **MICHAEL CLAY NATIONS**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse/minor child, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before February 22, 2021, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections must be signed in the presence of a notary public or probate clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be in the Probate Court of the above named County, courtroom scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Mike Hunsinger  
Probate Judge

By: Julie Jackson  
Clerk of the Probate Court

PO Box 54  
WATKINSVILLE, GA 30677  
(706) 769-3936

PN: 1/28,2/4,11,18

NOTICE TO PUBLIC  
OF IMPORTANT WATKINSVILLE  
MASTER TRACTS PRELIMINARY PLAT  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021  
AT 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL  
REGARDING PARCEL NUMBER C 04 005  
(111 S. BARNETT SHOALS ROAD)

## Public Notice

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Oconee County School District (the "Board of Education"), the managing body of the Oconee County School District ("School District"), on December 15, 2020, a call of election issued by the Board of Education and Registration of Oconee County Election Superintendent, NO. 2020-0001, GIVEN as follows:

On the 16th day of March, 2021, an election will be held at the regular polling places in the election districts of the School District. The election embraces all of Oconee County. There will be submitted to the voters of Oconee County for their determination the following question:

( ) YES

( ) NO Shall a total of \$42,500,000 in num aggregate principal amount aggregate principal amount of Oconee County School District General Obligation Bonds be issued for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition, and equipping, and capital outlay projects for schools, administrative facilities and or additions of, repairs to, improvement of, equipment for existing administrative and service properties, and facilities of the School District, including, without limitation, athletic facilities, transportation and educational network infrastructure to be used at educational facilities, including, but not limited to, classroom technology, structure, computers, laptops, and mobile devices for staff, servers, wiring, wireless displays and other upgrades with necessary software, and programs and personal property for school or administrative facility sites (collectively, the "Bonds"); (collectively, the "Bonds"); (b) paying capitalized interest on the Bonds; and (c) paying the costs of the Bonds; and shall one percent sales and use taxes be levied for the purpose of the Oconee County School District for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) years and for the purpose of (a) paying a portion of the costs of the Bonds, and (c) financing buses?

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the estate of JAMES WALTER ELDER, deceased, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned, and all debtors are required to make immediate payment.

This 3rd day of February, 2021.

Timothy J. Carthiers  
Personal Representative  
of the estate of James W. Elder  
4121 Greensboro Highway  
Watkinsville, Georgia 30677

NTC 2/11,18,25, 3/4

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA,  
OCONEE COUNTY.

All creditors of the Estate of PHYLLIS D. GLENN, deceased, late of Oconee County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

This 11th day of January, 2021.

Larry N. Glenn, Personal Representative  
Estate of Phyllis D. Glenn, Deceased

Care of: Victor Y. Johnson  
Graham Law Firm, LLC  
P.O. Box 300  
Danielsville, GA 30633-0300  
706-795-2184  
www.grahamlawfirmllc.com

NTC: 2/4,11,18,25

STATE OF GEORGIA,  
OCONEE COUNTY.

All creditors of the Estate of EMMA LOU HUBBARD, deceased, late of Oconee County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make an immediate payment to the undersigned, this 22nd day of January, 2021.

EMMA LOU HUBBARD, deceased  
Maxine H. Burton, Executor  
P.O. Box 171  
Cumming, GA 30028

Michael C. Pruett  
HALL BOOTH SMITH, P.C.  
440 College Avenue North  
Suite 120  
Athens, Georgia 30601  
(706) 316-0231

NTC: 2/4,11,18,25

GEORGIA  
OCONEE COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of WILLIAM ARTHUR MEELER, deceased, are hereby notified to ren-

Watkinsville, GA 30677. A decision will be made at that meeting or soon after at an announced public meeting.

Copies of the Master Tracts preliminary plat are available for review at City Hall, during regular business hours, and will be available at the public hearing. Public input is welcome. All persons having an interest may either attend the public hearing to voice their interest and provide comments for or against or access the simultaneous broadcast of the meeting via Ring-Central through an internet link or by phone. Information on how to connect is posted at City Hall and available online at [www.cityofwatkinsville.com](http://www.cityofwatkinsville.com). Interest/concerns may also be submitted by letter to: City of Watkinsville, PO Box 27, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677 or email: [jklein@cityofwatkinsville.com](mailto:jklein@cityofwatkinsville.com). Call 706-769-5161 for more details.

CITY OF WATKINSVILLE  
By: S/ Julie Klein, City Clerk

PN: 2/18

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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Any citizen of the State of Georgia residing in the County, or any other person wherever residing, who has a right to object, may intervene and become a party to this proceeding.

This 3rd day of February, 2021.

/S/ Angie Elder-Johnson  
Clerk, Superior Court  
Oconee County, Georgia

PN: 2/11,18

**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF  
OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
GEORGIA**

2024	\$1,600,000
2025	4,750,000
2026	4,850,000
2027	5,100,000
2028	5,250,000
2029	3,900,000
2030	4,100,000
2031	4,300,000
2032	4,450,000
2033	4,650,000

The principal and interest on the Bonds are expected to be paid from proceeds of the sales and use tax and shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at a paying agent bank which will be designated by the Board of Education prior to the issuance of the Bonds.

Any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Board of Education, or by any other person, firm, corporation, or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Education, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Education concerning the use of the proceeds of the Bonds.

The several places for holding said election shall be at the regular and established voting precincts of the election districts of Oconee County, Georgia, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the election.

The last day to register to vote in this election shall be Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Those residents of Oconee County qualified to vote at such election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given pursuant to resolutions of the Board of Education and the Board of Elections and Registration of Oconee County.

/s/ Fran Leathers  
Chairman, Board of Elections  
and Registration of Oconee County

PN: 1/21, 2/11,18,25, 3/4,11

**NOTICE**

PROBATE COURT OF OCONEE COUNTY,  
GEORGIA

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Kenneth Doyle Bates has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DOYLE LINDSEY BATES, deceased, of said county. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before February 22, 2021. All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required

**Call-in Num**

**Password: \***

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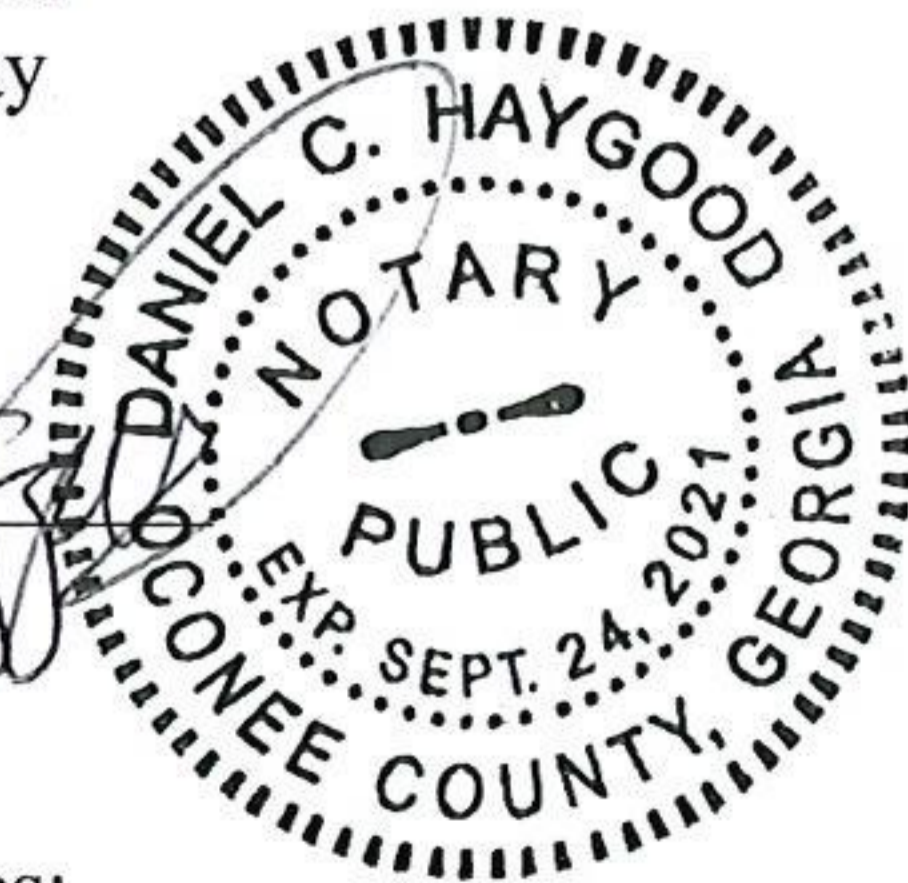
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Personally appeared before the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, Jennifer T. Riddle, who under oath deposes and says: (i) that she is Tax Commissioner of Oconee County, Georgia, and, as such, is familiar with the taxable value of property located within Oconee County subject to taxation for general obligation bond purposes; (ii) that according to the 2020 Tax Digest (which is the latest digest available) the net assessed value of property located within Oconee County, Georgia subject to taxation for general obligation bond purposes amounts to at least \$2,619,228,506; and (iii) that the \$12,500,000 in principal amount of Oconee County, Georgia General Obligation Bonds, when added to the presently outstanding general obligations indebtedness of Oconee County, will not exceed 10% of the assessed value of property within said County subject to taxation for bond purposes.

*Jennifer T. Riddle*  
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Tax Commissioner,  
Oconee County, Georgia

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 2021.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public



My commission expires:

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

VERIFICATION

STATE OF GEORGIA            )  
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Personally appeared before the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, John Daniel, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County, Georgia, who on oath deposes and says that he is the duly elected, qualified and acting Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Oconee County, Georgia, which said Board is charged with the duty of managing the affairs of Oconee County; that he has read the above and foregoing answer; and, that the facts set forth in said answer are true and correct.

OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

(SEAL)



  
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Chairman, Board of Commissioners of  
Oconee County, Georgia

Attest:

  
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Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 2021.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

Due and legal service of the within and foregoing answer of the defendant Oconee County, Georgia, together with copies of all the exhibits attached thereto, is hereby acknowledged; copy received; all other and further service is hereby waived.

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
District Attorney,  
Western Judicial Circuit

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF OCONEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

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STATE OF GEORGIA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 vs. )  
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 OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, )  
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 Defendant. )

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-0030-N

BOND VALIDATION

VALIDATION ORDER

The above-entitled cause coming on for a hearing in its regular order, pursuant to an order heretofore granted, and after an examination and inspection of all the proceedings concerning the issuance of the Oconee County, Georgia General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021, in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,500,000 (the "Bonds"), the imposition and pledge of a special one percent sales and use tax on all sales and uses within Oconee County, Georgia relating thereto (the "Sales and Use Tax"), the election therefor and the levy of an ad valorem tax now sought to be validated, it appears that the same are regular and in due form and after hearing the evidence on all matters bearing upon the Bonds and the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax, the right of the defendant Oconee County, Georgia (the "County") to issue the Bonds and the security therefore and to impose the Sales and Use Tax, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED, DECLARED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, as a matter of fact and as a matter of law, as follows:



1.

This Court has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and subject matter hereof; and

2.

The defendant County has shown that it is a duly created and validly existing political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

3.

The Board of Commissioners of the County (the "Board") is the governing body of the defendant County and as such is charged with the duty of managing the affairs of the County, and the Board, along with the Oconee County Board of Elections and Registration, as Election Superintendent (the "Election Superintendent"), are the proper bodies charged with the duty of calling the election to determine whether or not general obligation bonds shall be issued and a special one percent sales and use tax shall be imposed by the County and are the proper bodies to consolidate the returns of said election and to declare the results thereof, and the acts of the Board and the Election Superintendent in calling, holding and declaring the results of, the election for the issuance of the Bonds and the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax were proper and legal in all respects; and

4.

The defendant County, acting by and through the Board, has the power and authority to issue the Bonds and the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax described in the petition and complaint and answer in this cause, and to levy a tax to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable; and

5.

The precise terms, conditions and particulars with respect to the sale, issuance and delivery

of the Bonds will be set forth more fully in a resolution to be adopted by the Board which resolution, *inter alia*, will establish the interest rates for each bond maturity within the interest rate limitation specified in the petition and complaint of the District Attorney, will provide a form for the Bonds, the terms of their payment, registration and other terms in connection with their issuance and delivery, and will, in conformity with Article IX, Section V, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, provide for the assessment and collection (if necessary) of an annual tax sufficient in amount to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds within thirty years from the delivery thereof; and

6.

The issuance of the Bonds by the County is in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, and such issuance will not cause the County to exceed the 10% debt limitation as prescribed by Article IX, Section V, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia; and

7.

The Board has the authority to levy and, as required by Article IX, Section V, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, shall be required to levy a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said Bonds as the same become due and payable, and when said tax is levied and said Bonds are issued, they shall be valid and binding general obligations of the defendant County, and all taxable property located within the County subject to taxation for general obligation bond purposes will be subject to the levy of an ad valorem tax, unlimited as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable; such ad valorem tax to be collected only if the proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax are insufficient to pay principal and interest on the Bonds; and

8.

The purposes for which the Bonds are issued, for which the Sales and Use Tax is imposed and for which the ad valorem tax levy is made as more fully set forth by the petition and complaint in this cause and exhibits thereto are lawful and valid public purposes for which the defendant County may incur debt, levy taxes, expend funds, and impose a special one percent sales and use tax; and

9.

Upon the imposition of the sales and use tax upon the expiration of the current sales and use tax, defendant County will not be collecting any one percent sales and use tax levied pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-110 et seq., as amended of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, other than the Sales and Use Tax described in the petition and complaint in this cause; and

10.

The Bonds as described in said petition and complaint and referred to in the answer in this cause and the security therefor be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and validated, the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax and the pledge of the proceeds thereof to the payment of the Bonds are hereby confirmed and validated subject to the levy of an ad valorem tax to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable (such ad valorem tax to be collected only if the proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax are insufficient) and the same are hereby confirmed and validated, and the defendant County is authorized and empowered to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds, which Bonds shall be executed by the proper officers of the Board, for and on behalf of the defendant County, and when the Bonds have been issued, sold and delivered, the same shall be valid and binding general obligations of the defendant County; and

11.

The Clerk of the Superior Court of Oconee County, Georgia, is authorized to execute the certificate of validation upon each of the Bonds and that the provisions of the Bonds regarding the issuance of Bonds in exchange for Bonds previously issued are lawful and proper and said Clerk of the Superior Court of Oconee County is hereby authorized and directed to execute a certificate of validation upon each such Bond issued in exchange for a bond previously issued upon the written request of the defendant County or its agent specifying that such Bond is being issued in exchange for one of the Bonds issued and delivered to the initial purchaser thereof or one of the Bonds previously issued in exchange therefor; and

12.

The requirement that separate findings of fact and conclusions of law be entered into this action have been waived by the parties hereto.

Let Oconee County, Georgia pay the cost of these proceedings, from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds.

IN OPEN COURT, this the 22 day of February, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'E' followed by a long horizontal line.

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Judge, Superior Court of Oconee  
County, Georgia

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF OCONEE COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Oconee County, DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing copy of all pleadings, including the petition and complaint and all exhibits, notices, orders and documents attached thereto, the answer of Oconee County, Georgia and an order of the Court dated February \_\_\_\_, 2021, the same constituting the entire file of the Clerk of the Court in said cause, there being no other matter of record other than the foregoing, with the original record thereof now remaining in this office, and the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of whole of such original record, and that this Court is a Court of Record.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that no intervention or objection was raised or filed in connection with the validation of the general obligation bonds referred to in said record and that the validation order has been entered.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
of said Court this the 21 day of February, 2021.

  
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CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT,  
OCONEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

