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CAUSE NO CV00775

IN RE PETITION FOR ELECTION ON § IN THE COUNTY COURT
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THE APPLICATION OF BLANCO §
CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CONTROL § BLANCO COUNTY, TEXAS

**AGREED ORDER ON MOVANTS' REQUEST FOR
INJUNCTIVE AND MANDAMUS RELIEF**

BEFORE THE COURT is the Application for Injunctive and Mandamus relief filed by Jeff Sandefer and Samuel Sandefer ("Movants"). This order is consistent with the agreement announced in Court on March 12, 2025 on which the Court rendered Judgment pursuant to Rule 11.

The Parties **AGREE** and the Court **FINDS** that:

(i) Judge Brett Bray validly recused himself on August 12, 2024 from "*from further consideration on matters connected to the application styled above¹,*" and in accordance with *Local Government Code* § 171.004, shall abstain from further participation in the incorporation election and election of initial officers in the upcoming election for Hobbes, Texas on May 3, 2025 ("the Election");

(ii) Judge Waldrip as Blanco County Judge Pro Tem is responsible for fulfilling all duties of the County Judge for the Election, and Ms. Rosemary Adame, Blanco County Elections Administrator, shall work with Judge Waldrip, and as he requires, Applicant², in conducting the upcoming election;

¹ This being the Application seeking to create Hobbes, Texas as filed with and accepted by Judge Brett Bray in May 2024, and later known as Cause No. CV00775, in the County Court of Blanco County, Texas.

² Applicant being the party (and its counsel) that filed the Application seeking to create Hobbes, Texas as filed with and accepted by Judge Brett Bray in May 2024, and later known as Cause No. CV00775, in the County Court of Blanco County, Texas

(iii) Amanda Allen does not meet the qualifications to be placed on the ballot for City Commissioner for Hobbes, Texas in accordance with *Election Code* § 141.001 as her voter registration was not effective as of the filing deadline, and accordingly, Ms. Allen will not appear on the ballot;

(iv) Jeff Sandefer's applications for a place on the ballot for Mayor of Hobbes, Texas meets the requirements with regard to form, content, and procedure specified by *Elections Code* § 141.031, and accordingly, Mr. Sandefer will appear on the ballot;

(v) Sam Sandefer's application for a place on the ballot for City Commissioner, Place 1, of Hobbes, Texas meets the requirements with regard to form, content, and procedure specified by *Election Code* § 141.031 as held by the Texas Supreme Court in *In Re Anthony*, 642 S.W.3d 588 (Tex. 2022), as Sam Sandefer has no compensated employment and therefore has no occupation in accordance with the ruling of the Texas Supreme Court, and accordingly, Mr. Sandefer will appear on the ballot;

(vi) Paul Diehl's application for a place on the ballot for City Commissioner, Place 2, of Hobbes, Texas meets the requirements with regard to form, content, and procedure specified by *Election Code* § 141.031, and accordingly, Mr. Diehl will appear on the ballot;

(vii) Paula Benningfield's application for a place on the ballot for Mayor of Hobbes, Texas meets the requirements with regard to form, content, and procedure specified by *Election Code* § 141.031, and accordingly, Ms. Benningfield will appear on the ballot;

(viii) Christina Gonzales's application for a place on the ballot for City Commissioner, Place 1, of Hobbes, Texas meets the requirements with regard to form, content, and procedure specified by *Election Code* § 141.031, and accordingly, Ms. Gonzales will appear on the ballot;

(ix) Ron Gay's application for a place on the ballot for City Commissioner, Place 2, of

Hobbes, Texas meets the requirements with regard to form, content, and procedure specified by *Election Code* § 141.031, and accordingly, Mr. Gay will appear on the ballot;

(x) In Court on March 12, 2025, it was agreed and ordered that a new ballot drawing would occur for City Commissioner Places 1 and 2 at 3:30 P.M. on March 12, 2025 at the Blanco County Annex, District Courtroom (“the Drawing”). All Parties were present or represented, the Drawing occurred, and the results of the Drawing are:

City Commissioner, Place 1, of Hobbes, Texas
Samuel Sandefer
Christina Gonzales

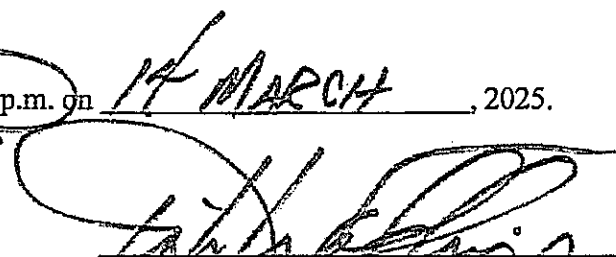
City Commissioner, Place 2, of Hobbes, Texas
Ron Gay
Paul Diehl

(xi) The County Attorney’s office will only participate in the Election to the extent it is required to under its statutory duties.

(xii) In Court on March 12, 2025, it was agreed and ordered that Ms. Adame shall prepare the ballot for the upcoming election in accordance with this order and the results of the ballot drawing. Ms. Adame has done so.

It is **AGREED** and **ORDERED** that this Order disposes of the matters raised in Movants’ Petition for Injunctive and Mandamus Relief pursuant to *Election Code* §§ 273.062 and 273.081 filed on March 11, 2025. All other relief requested therein is **DENIED**.

SIGNED at 3:44 ~~am.~~ p.m. on 14 MARCH, 2025.



THE HONORABLE D.B. WALDRIP
BLANCO COUNTY JUDGE PRO TEM
IN THE BLANCO COUNTY COURT