

**ELECTION AGREEMENT &**  
**LEASE AGREEMENT OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT**

This Agreement is made and entered by the County of Montague, acting through its officers, Judge Kevin Benton, Montague County Judge, Ginger Wall, Montague County Election Administrator and the Nocona Hospital District acting through their representatives, for the leasing, programming, supervision, and tabulation of the May 2, 2026 Uniform Election.

This contract must be signed and returned to Montague County Elections Administrator before any actions listed will be conducted.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises hereinafter set out. It is agreed to as follows:

- I. The election to be held on May 2, 2026 known as the Uniform Election, shall be held with the Nocona Hospital District.
- II. The following location shall serve as the common Vote Center in the voting precincts where the Entity is conducting an Election according to Chapter 41 of the Texas Election Code.

**Early Voting/Election Day**  
Nocona City Council Room

**Location**  
102 Clay St., Nocona, TX

Montague County Elections Administrator in connection with conducting the Election of the Nocona Hospital District, listed above, shall assume the following responsibilities:

- A. Prepare lists of registered voters in the Hospital District of Nocona.
- B. Establish Early Voting and Election Day polling locations.
- C. Select Early Voting, Election Day, and Ballot Board workers.
- D. Order and distribute supplies for Early Voting and Election Day.
- E. Conduct training on the voting machines.
- F. Program and test voting machines for Early Voting and Election Day.
- G. Post notice of the test of the voting machines.
- H. Deliver and setup voting machines for Early Voting and Election Day.
- I. Print and process ballots for Early Voting by mail.
- J. Tabulate ballots voted by mail and in person for Early Voting and Election Day.
- K. Prepare daily reports for Early Voting and total reports for final results.

L. Perform any and all other duties as necessary required under the Texas Election Code in order to conduct the May 2, 2026 Election.

III. Nocona Hospital District in connection with conducting the May 2, 2026 Election shall assume the following responsibilities and shall directly bear any attendant cost of the same:

A. Post notices of election.

B. Deliver to the Contracting Officer as soon as possible, but not later than 75 days before the election, the proposition, issues, and/or candidates' names to be printed on the ballot with the exact wording, spelling, and order that is to be used on the official ballot.

C. Comply with all deadlines set by Secretary of State as pursuant to Texas Election Code and Vendor responsible for the printing of paper ballots and programming for electronic voting.

D. Responsible for Early Voting and Election Day Judge, Alternate Judge, and any additional workers' salaries sharing the same Early Voting and Election Day polling place locations. All election staff will be paid by Montague County to be reimbursed by the Entity listed herein.

E. Prepare any necessary submission to Department of Justice.

F. Canvassing the votes by the date specified by the Texas Secretary of the State guidelines.

G. Compensate Election Administrator for election expenses as set out in itemized cost estimate.

IV. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

A. The applicable number of voting precincts plus Early Voting location, for Early Voting by mail, and by personal appearance will be tabulated for the Entity listed herein.

B. A member from the Entity shall attend training conducted by the county on the use of the electronic voting machines.

C. The Entity agrees to save and hold harmless the Montague County Elections Office from any and all claims made that arise out of the failure or omission of the Nocona Hospital District to perform its obligations under this contract.

D. The Montague County Election Office agree to save and hold harmless the Nocona Hospital District from any and all claims made arising out of the failure or omission of the Montague County Elections Office to perform their obligations under this contract.

- E. The contracting officer shall file copies of this contract with the Montague County Auditor and the Nocona Hospital District will maintain a copy of the contract for their records.**
- F. This contract shall bind and benefit the respective party and their legal successors and shall not be assignable, in whole or in part, by any party without first obtaining written consent.**
- G. Except as otherwise provided in this contract, this contract shall be subject to change and modification only with the written mutual consent of the party hereto. All amendments, modifications, or alterations must be in writing, dated after the effective date of the Agreement, and approved by the respective governing bodies.**
- H. This contract shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the party hereto and shall not be construed to confer any rights upon any third party.**
- I. This contract embodies and does constitute the entire agreement between the party and there are no prior effective representations, warranties, or agreements. This contract shall supersede all prior agreements between the party regarding the subject matter hereof.**
- J. The party agrees that this contract shall not be construed in favor of or against the party on the basis that the party did or did not authorize this contract.**

#### **V. ELECTION EXPENSES AND ALLOCATION OF COSTS**

- A. Nocona Hospital District shall be solely responsible for its own costs and expenses, including all programming fees and ballot cost to Election Systems and Software (ES&S), Invoices will be billed to Entity and will be responsible for their share of the programming payable to Montague County. Please see a separate lease agreement, "Exhibit A" attached herein, for the use of the voting machines for the May 2, 2026 Election.**
- B. Nocona Hospital District authority agrees to pay the Montague County Elections Administrator a Precinct Kit fee in the amount of \$50. Costs for the Early Voting by Mail, forms, and notices shall be allocated by the Election Supply Fee.**
- C. Nocona Hospital District authority agrees to pay the Montague County Elections Administrator a Supervision of Election fee as defined by Sec. 31.100 (d) of the Texas Election Code; a fee for election services performed under an election services contract.**
- D. An invoice shall be issued by Montague County Elections after Election Day for reimbursement.**
- E. The Montague County Elections Administrator shall deposit all funds payable under this contract into the appropriate fund(s) within the County Treasury in accordance with Election Code Section 31.100.**

**VI. WITHDRAWAL FROM CONTRACT DUE TO CANCELLATION OF ELECTION**

- A. Nocona Hospital District authority may withdraw from the election should it cancel its election in accordance with Sections 2.051-2.053 of the Texas Election Code. The withdrawing authority is fully liable for any expenses incurred by Montague County Elections Office on behalf of the authority plus the administrative fee of such expenses through the date of cancellation.**
- B. Nocona Hospital District may terminate this contract upon 30 days written notice to the other party.**
- C. Deadline to cancel election will fall on 71<sup>st</sup> day before Election Day. (Day after deadline for political subdivision to order election.)**

**VII. The exact amount of Nocona Hospital District obligation under the terms of this contract shall be calculated after the election. The Entity shall pay the Elections Administrator the balance due within 30 days after the receipt of the final invoice from the Elections Administrator.**

**VIII. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and under Chapter 172 the Texas Election Code and all obligations of the parties are performable in Montague County, Texas.**

**IX. In case any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, and the Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision has never been included.**

**X. In connection with the Agreement, all notices, inquiries, and communications shall be to the following persons or offices:**

**For the County:**

**Kevin Benton, Montague County Judge**

**Ginger Wall, Montague County Election Administrator**


**For the Entity:**

**Lance Meekins, CEO**

**Rebecca Hamilton, Administrative Assistant**

**COUNTY OF MONTAGUE**

DATE: March 9, 2026 By:   
County Judge

ATTEST:  
  
Montague County Election Administrator

**Nocona Hospital District**

BY:   
Lance Meekins, CEO

DATE: 2-19-2026

## EXHIBIT "A"

*COUNTY OF MONTAGUE COMPLIANT EXPRESSVOTE ELECTION EQUIPMENT as follows, to-wit:*

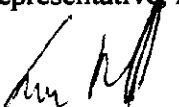
- 3   ExpressVote ADA Unit(s) (including head phone accessory)
- 2   DS200 (Ballot Counter)
- 2   POLLBOOK(s) (Voter Verification, Ballot Activator)
- 1   Printer Pack

EV/ED Judge, Alt. Judge & Clerk	@ \$12hr Judge \$10hr Alt. Judge & Clerk	\$2576.00
ExpressVote (Voting Machine)	@ \$166.25 per machine	\$498.75
DS200 (Ballot Counter)	@ \$287.50 per machine	\$575.00
Pollbooks (Voter Verification)	@ \$57.50 per machine	\$115.00
ES&S Programming (Coding, Audio, Ballot Layout)		\$3500.00
1 printer pack @ \$26.00 per day 3 days		\$78.00
Precinct kit fee (election forms, ABBM, etc.)		\$50.00
Verizon MiFi pack usage		\$2.00
		<u>\$7394.75</u>
10 % Supervision of Election fee		\$739.47
Approximate Total Due to Montague County		<u>\$8134.22</u>

**Final bill will be sent following election**

MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ginger Wall, Elections Administrator**  
Authorized Representative, Montague County, Texas

LESSEE:  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lance Meekins, CEO**  
Nocona Hospital District