

ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE COUNTY'S COMMISSIONER PRECINCTS AND ESTABLISHING NEW COMMISSIONER PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINES BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA FOR COUNTY ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County engaged the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to act as the County's redistricting consultant, including advising and assisting the Commissioners Court in preparation of a new redistricting plan in compliance with applicable requirements of state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2021, the Commissioners Court adopted redistricting criteria to assist the County and the public in developing redistricting plans which comply with applicable federal and state laws, and the adopted redistricting criteria were applied in the development of the County's new redistricting plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2021, the Commissioners Court also adopted redistricting guidelines regarding the submission of comments and proposed plans by the public, to ensure the ability of the County to timely receive and adequately consider them; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court has considered the proposed redistricting plan at Court meetings on November 5, 2021, and November 9, 2021, and advice from the County's redistricting consultant, and various proposed plans regarding the appropriate reconfiguration of the commissioner precincts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court finds that the attached commissioner precincts redistricting plan is in the best interest of the citizens of the County, complies with the adopted redistricting criteria, and is believed to comply with all state and federal requirements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS:**

**A.** That the existing commissioner precinct boundary lines for Runnels County are hereby amended, and the new districting plan depicted on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, defining new commissioner precincts, as such new precincts are further described in the tables attached hereto as **Exhibit B** reporting populations and demographic statistics for each such new precinct, is hereby adopted and designated to define the County's four commissioner precincts

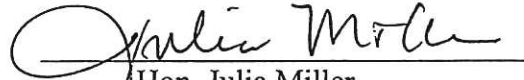
from and after the Effective Date; that **Exhibits A and B** are incorporated by reference in and made a part of this ORDER, and shall be kept on file in the County Clerk's Office.

B. That this ORDER shall take and be given effective immediately; and that hereafter all Runnels County commissioner elections shall be held under and in accordance with the new commissioner precinct districting plan here adopted by the Commissioners Court until such time as a subsequent lawfully-enacted districting plan shall be adopted to replace this plan. CLARIFYING NOTE: This plan will define the commissioner precincts for which candidates will run in the November 2022 general county election and in the party primaries that precede it.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Commissioners Court of the Runnels County, Texas  
this 29 day of Nov., 2021.



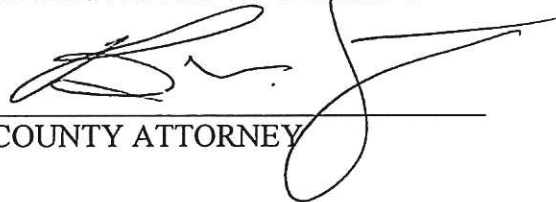
**RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS**

  
Hon. Julia Miller  
COUNTY JUDGE

**ATTEST:**

  
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COUNTY CLERK

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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COUNTY ATTORNEY