EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates

WHEREAS, Texas counties are responsible for the operation and management of many and various governmental programs as required or authorized by state law; and

WHEREAS, some county government programs are fully or partially supported with funds disbursed by the State of Texas pursuant to the state appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, may enact laws or promulgate rules that have the effect of imposing mandatory financial obligations upon Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, mandates that counties implement certain governmental programs or perform certain duties and obligations including financial commitments by a county to expend county funds in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, during each regular session of the Texas Legislature, all state funds that support county programs are reviewed through the state appropriation process and by other state budgetary review systems; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned review process may result in a reduction, or cessation, of state financial support of county government programs causing an unforeseeable disruption and reduction of the county budget and operations; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties cannot achieve reliable financial planning and the necessary bond ratings sufficient to support county-related obligations when the state mandates a new program that is not fully funded or under conditions where the state reduces or fully withdraws prior funding and disbursement for county government programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Edwards County Commissioners Court does hereby resolve that for the foregoing reasons, it is in the best interest of Edwards County and the County's taxpayers to support and favor the passage of legislation in the form of an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas that would expressly prohibit the imposition of a mandatory governmental program on Texas counties, whether by an act of the Texas Legislature or a state agency or by executive order, unless the State of Texas has fully funded and disbursed all necessary funds to enable Texas counties to operate said governmental program.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution in Support for Local Decision Making and in Opposition to Revenue Caps

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has previously considered and rejected proposals for additional revenue caps on counties; and

WHEREAS, 54 percent of the average taxpayer's property tax burden is due to school taxes while only 16 percent is due to county taxes; and

WHEREAS, revenue caps would diminish local decision making and tie the hands of county officials and limit their ability to provide essential services to address the needs and emergencies of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, county government is already struggling to meet the demands of under-funded and unfunded state mandates such as indigent health care and indigent defense and federal mandates such as the Help America Vote Act and the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, the demands on county budgets continue to increase including health care, motor fuel, road materials, and all other products and services purchased by counties; and

WHEREAS, artificial revenue caps will result in a shift of taxes from fluctuating properties to those remaining relatively stable in value, such as residential properties; and

WHEREAS, revenue caps will not necessarily result in a reduction of property taxes but will result in a severe impact on county services; and

WHEREAS, it would be inequitable for the Texas Legislature to impose additional revenue caps on local governments without alternative funding sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court does hereby express its opposition to efforts to limit local decision making and does hereby oppose any attempts to impose revenue caps upon Texas counties, and the Edwards County Commissioners Court expresses its deep appreciation to all legislators who oppose these unsound measures.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to the County Local Option Revenue Sources

WHEREAS, county revenue sources are extremely limited; and

WHEREAS, under current statutes, counties are forced to rely upon property taxes to fund necessary services; and

WHEREAS, county taxpayers should have the option to adopt a local sales tax, a local severance tax, a local motor fuel tax, an increase in local vehicle registration fees, and other revenue sources to reduce property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Edwards County Commissioners Court requests that the Legislature amend the tax statutes to allow the adoption of a county local option sales tax, a local option severance tax, a local option motor fuel tax, an increase in local vehicle registration fees, and other revenue sources for the reduction of property taxes without imposing any additional revenue caps.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Indigent Health Care

WHEREAS, revisions have been proposed regarding the Texas system of indigent health care; and

WHEREAS, some revisions propose an assessment upon counties to support a regional indigent health care system; and

WHEREAS, such assessment would constitute an unfunded mandate, requiring property tax increases in those counties; and

WHEREAS, such regional systems would not be efficient or responsive to local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the present Section 1115 Waiver provides voluntary opportunities to participate in health care innovation projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court opposes any attempt to impose a mandatory assessment upon Texas counties to fund a regional or statewide health care system and instead supports the continuation of the voluntary Section 1115 grants.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Juvenile Probation Funding

WHEREAS, the supervision of juvenile offenders is a responsibility of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has consistently failed to appropriate sufficient funding to meet this responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties have increasingly met this burden by funding juvenile probation services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties and their local taxpayers are now providing over 75 percent of the costs of juvenile probation; and

WHEREAS, current state funding formulas will continue to shift additional costs to county taxpayers unless addressed by the State of Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court does hereby request that the Texas Legislature fully fund the costs of supervision of juvenile offenders, including the costs for juvenile probation services.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Mental Health Patients

WHEREAS, Texas counties have been forced to hold mentally incompetent prisoners for up to six months while awaiting court-ordered transfer to a state mental facility for treatment; and

WHEREAS, each of these pre-trial inmates costs the local taxpayer approximately \$9,000 during this period of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the county jail is not an appropriate facility for the mentally ill, and these prisoners pose a high risk of injury to themselves, the jail staff and other prisoners; and

WHEREAS, a State District Court in Travis County ordered the Department of Health Services to receive these prisoners within 21 days of a judge's order; and

WHEREAS, instead of accepting its responsibility, the State appealed this order; and

WHEREAS, this delay by the State is increasing the cost to our taxpayers and continuing this improper practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court hereby requests that the State of Texas implement additional funding for mental health services and implement the state mental health plan to ensure the efficient and effective use of these resources.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February, 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution in Opposition to the Diversion of Dedicated Funds

WHEREAS, the Legislature has committed certain funds for dedicated purposes; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately these funds have been improperly withheld from these needed functions and used to balance the general state budget; and

WHEREAS, the state leadership has proposed to end this diversion of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association expresses its opposition to any state diversion of dedicated funds and supports the state leadership's commitment to end this practice.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February, 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Emergency Services Program

WHEREAS, citizens of Texas desire access to 9-1-1 emergency services in an efficient manner, as evidenced by approval of the monthly fee on business and residential phone bills; and

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 emergency services dispatch and response depends on equipment which must function reliably on a continuous basis; and

WHEREAS, older equipment reaches a point of being high maintenance and becomes unreliable; and

WHEREAS, technology continues to improve, necessitating upgrading hardware and software for reverse 9-1-1 services and other needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court urges our state legislators to provide full funding to the Emergency 9-1-1 Services Program for maintenance and improvement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds generated by the 9-1-1 surcharge will not be used by the Legislature as money set aside to balance the state budget; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that any such funds set aside be fully appropriated for the Emergency 9-1-1 Services Program.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution in Opposition to Granting Powers to Municipal Utility Districts and Special Utility Districts

WHEREAS, Texas is one of the fastest-growing states in the Union; and

WHEREAS, city government and county government should have appropriate authority to regulate growth in their respective counties and cities; and

WHEREAS, special water districts and private water corporations have the means to furnish water and provide for growth in rural areas of the counties; and

WHEREAS, municipal utility districts and special utility districts have been improperly used by certain developers to avoid compliance with county and city infrastructure plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court opposes the granting of additional powers to municipal utility districts and special utility districts and requests that the approval of the county be required before any further districts are created.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution in Support for County Road Grant Fund

WHEREAS, constitutional amendments have been approved by the voters to increase dedicated funding for public roadways; and

WHEREAS, these constitutional amendments will provide additional funding to be used only for constructing, maintaining, and acquiring right of way for public roadways other than toll roads; and

WHEREAS, these constitutional amendments provide needed support for public highways without increasing taxes; and

WHEREAS, the county road system is eligible for assistance from this funding; and

WHEREAS, county roads are being devastated by overweight trucks to enhance the production of oil and gas; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas severance tax should be equitably shared with counties to repair this damage;

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Edwards County Commissioners Court does hereby request that additional funding be appropriated to support the county road grant program.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Fireworks Regulations

WHEREAS, counties currently have limited authority to regulate fireworks; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued danger of drought and the concern for public safety, such regulations are necessary to protect life and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court is opposed to any legislative action that would remove current county authority to regulate fireworks.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT **Resolution Relating to Rural Public Transit**

WHEREAS, 37 Rural Transit Districts serve all the counties throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, Rural Transit Districts provide access to needed goods and services, jobs and medical services throughout the rural counties of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Rural Transit Districts traveled 31,381,803 miles and provided 6,336,451 one-way trips to the citizens of rural Texas in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Rural Transit Districts have not received an increase in state funding since the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, on average, bus fleets for Rural Transit Districts are at 130 percent of their established lifecycle; and

WHEREAS, funding opportunities for large federal and state grants have historically left gualified rural projects underfunded; and

WHEREAS, without increased funding, in order to meet increasing service demands and costs in rural areas, services to those most in need in rural Texas will suffer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court expresses its support for a meaningful increase in funding for Rural Transit Districts

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution in Opposition to Rules Adopted by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles That Decrease County Revenues, Increase County Costs, and Reduce Local Control and Local Services

WHEREAS, the county tax assessor-collector is charged with collecting vehicle registration fees which provide for certain legislative authorized revenues to offset costs associated with collecting and dispersing these fees for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the 83rd State Legislature created the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund, authorized the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to establish certain fees by board rule, authorized the board to direct certain fees to the fund, and allowed for county revenues to be set by board rule; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles has adopted rules setting title transfer and registration processing and handling fees for its own funding and has further adopted fees and changes for the county tax assessor-collectors and the various deputy classification types; and

WHEREAS, the county tax assessor-collector may deputize full-service title companies to provide titling and registration services and limited service companies to provide registration services, which increases access and locations for these services by citizens; and

WHEREAS, the rules adopted by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles will decrease county revenues, increase county cost, and reduce local control and local services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court opposes the rules as adopted by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles amending Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 217.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to the Full Funding of DPS Labs

WHEREAS, the State of Texas through the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) provides for the testing of controlled and illegal substances for criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, while the service is valuable to the prosecutorial process, it is not timely as most tests require 6-9 months before results are rendered; and

WHEREAS, many alleged and formerly convicted violators must be released after 90 days with the high probability that they will reoffend and further endanger the public and further burden law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the recent reduction in state funding will reduce the effectiveness of the DPS labs and result in further delays in the administration of justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court requests full funding, staffing and equipping of the labs to return results in the required legal time to serve justice.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to County Homestead Exemptions

WHEREAS, the current constitutional provisions limit the ability of counties to a percentage of the appraised value of homesteads; and

WHEREAS, the current limitations prevent the adoption of a homestead exemption to provide greater benefit to lower-priced properties; and

WHEREAS, additional discretion should be granted to counties to determine the homestead exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court requests that a constitutional amendment be adopted to allow counties to grant discretionary homestead exemptions based upon a dollar amount of the taxable value of the property.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Texas Department of Criminal Justice Inmates

WHEREAS, currently counties are required to hold inmates who have been committed to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for up to 45 days; and

WHEREAS, counties are required to hold parolees who are awaiting a revocation hearing before the TDCJ Parole Board; and

WHEREAS, the TDCJ does not provide adequate transportation of its inmates from county jails to its facilities; and

WHEREAS, the cost to county taxpayers for the failure of the State of Texas to meet its responsibilities for state inmates is approximately \$100 million per year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court requests that the State of Texas fully reimburse counties for all costs incurred for the confinement and transport of TDCJ inmates.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Optional County Road and Bridge Fee

WHEREAS, the current maximum county optional road and bridge fee has been frozen at \$10 since 1991; and

WHEREAS, the cost of construction and maintenance of the county road system has increased tremendously in recent years; and

WHEREAS, as the population of Texas continues to grow, the need for efficient county transportation systems will increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court requests that the maximum county optional road and bridge fee be raised to \$20 per vehicle.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Voting Machine Costs

WHEREAS, the Federal Help America Vote Act requires that counties provide an electronic voting system at each voting location; and

WHEREAS, the current voting systems have serious security and maintenance issues; and

WHEREAS, replacement of these systems will require a great expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the purchase, programming of, and maintenance of these systems is a state and federal responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court requests full funding from the federal and state government for the replacement of all voting systems, programming, and maintenance.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT Resolution Relating to Oil and Gas Waste Disposal Facilities

WHEREAS, the Texas oil and gas industry are a vital part of our economy; and

WHEREAS, this industry requires the use of disposal facilities, such as waste injection wells, to operate in an efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the operation of these disposal facilities can pose a substantial risk to the groundwater supply; and

WHEREAS, protection of the groundwater is also essential to the economy and health and safety of Texas citizens; and

WHEREAS, adequate information should be provided to Texas counties and their citizens to ensure the safe operation of oil and gas waste facilities and protection of the groundwater;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edwards County Commissioners Court does hereby request that the Texas Legislature and the Texas Railroad Commission require that Texas counties, their citizens and groundwater conservation districts be provided all available information concerning proposed oil and gas waste facilities in their area and a full opportunity to participate in the evaluation of any application for additional facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas Railroad Commission be required to evaluate and consider the full local infrastructure impact and effect on local communities before voting on any such permit.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 12th day of February 2019.

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