**CALL/NOTICE OF ELECTION**

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**TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 on the 5th day of November, 2019, a special election will be held in all of the precincts of Madison County, Georgia (the “County”) at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of County, for their determination the question of whether a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the “SPLOST”) shall be imposed on all sales and uses in the special district created in the County, for a period of time of twenty-four consecutive quarters, commencing July 1, 2020, following the expiration of the SPLOST presently in effect, to raise an estimated amount of $13,312,095 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the hereinafter described capital outlay projects pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement, dated July 29, 2019, between the County, the City of Carlton, the City of Colbert, the City of Comber, the City of Danielsville, the City of Hull and the City of Ila:

1. Projects to be owned or operated or both by the County (the “County Projects”) at an estimated total cost of $11,700,000:

(1) Firefighting - $1,455,000.

(2) Sheriff - $885,000.

(3) Recreation - $365,000.

(4) E911 - $905,000.

(5) EMS - $715,000.

(6) Industrial Development Authority - $1,620,000.

(7) Courthouse - $50,000.

(8) Coroner - $60,000.

(8) Facilities acquisition and improvement - $190,000.

(9) Construction, maintenance, and improvement of county roads, streets and bridges - $5,455,000.

(b) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Carlton (the “Carlton Projects”) at an estimated total cost of $135,783:

(1) Improvements to city water system - $95,048; and

(2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets and bridges - $40,735.

(c) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Colbert (the “Colbert Projects”) at an estimated total cost of $310,172:

(1) Improvements to city water system - $124,068;

(2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets and bridges- $93,052; and

(3) Improvements to city buildings - $93,052.

(d) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Comer (the “Comer Projects”) at an estimated total cost of $591,057:

(1) Improvements to city water and sewer system - $472,846; and

(2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets and bridges - $118,211.

(e) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Danielsville (the “Danielsville Projects”) at an estimated total cost of $294,197:

(1) Improvements to city water and/or sewer system - $205,938; and

(2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets, and bridges - $88,259.

(f) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Hull (the “Hull Projects”) at an estimated total cost of $103,834:

(1) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city buildings - $103,834.

(g) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Ila (the “Ila Projects”) at an estimated total cost of $177,052:

(1) Improvements to city water system - $53,116; and

(2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets, and bridges - $123,936.

The County Projects, the Carlton Project, the Colbert Project, the Comer Projects, the Danielsville Projects, the Hull Projects and the Ila Projects are collectively referred to herein as the “Projects.”

If the imposition of such tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the County secured by a portion of the SPLOST in the maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed $9,000,000 (the “Bonds”). The proceeds of the Bonds, if issued, shall be used to pay all or any portion of the costs of the Projects described above, capitalized interest on the Bonds and the costs of issuing the Bonds.

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-quarter percent (5.25%) per annum, and shall provide for interest to be payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 of each year, and for the principal to mature on July 1 of each year in the following amounts:

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| Date | Amount |
| 2021 | $1,420,000 |
| 2022 | 1,450,000 |
| 2023 | 1,480,000 |
| 2024 | 1,515,000 |
| 2025 | 1,550,000 |
| 2026 | 1,585,000 |

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 $9,000,000.

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:

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| YES ( )  NO ( ) | Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Madison County for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years), commencing July 1, 2020, and for the raising of an estimated amount of $13,312,095 for the following purposes, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated July \_\_\_\_, 2019, between Madison County, Georgia, the City of Carlton, the City of Colbert, the City of Comer, the City of Danielsville, the City of Hull, and the City of Ila, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (A) funding the following capital outlay projects for Madison County: (1) Firefighting; (2) Sheriff; (3) Recreation; (4) E911; (5) EMS; (6) Industrial Development Authority; (7) Courthouse; (8) Coroner; (9) Facilities acquisition and improvement; and (10) Construction, maintenance, and improvement of county roads, streets and bridges; (B) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Carlton: (1) Improvements to city water system; and (2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets and bridges; (C) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Colbert: (1) Improvements to city water system; (2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets and bridges; and (3) Improvements to city buildings; (D) funding the following capital outlay project for the City of Comer: (1) Improvements to city water and sewer system; and (2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets and bridges; (E) funding the following capital outlay project for the City of Danielsville: (1) Improvements to city water and/or sewer system; and (2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets, and bridges; (F) funding the following capital outlay project for the City of Hull: (1) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city buildings; and (G) funding the following capital outlay project for the City of Ila: (1) Improvements to city water system; and (2) Construction, maintenance, and improvements to city roads, streets, and bridges (collectively, the “Projects”)?  If the imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds of Madison County in the principal amount not to exceed $9,000,000 for all or any portion of the Projects specified above. |

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.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote in the special election may register to vote through the close of business on October 7, 2019. Advance voting will be held October 14, 2019 through November 1, 2019 at the Board of Elections Office, 94 Spring Lake Dr., and Danielsville. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

This 6th day of August, 2019.

Tracy Dean

Chairperson

Board of Elections & Registration

Madison County