

NOTICE OF CALL OF ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF HEARD COUNTY, GEORGIA

1. Notice is hereby given by the Commissioner of Heard County (the “Commissioner”) and the Heard County Board of Elections (the “Election Superintendent”), that on the 19th day of May 2026, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Heard County, Georgia (“the County”). At the Election, there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the County for their determination the following question:

ONE PERCENT TSPLOST

Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Heard County for a period of time of six (6) years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$36,000,000 (thirty-six million dollars) for the purpose of funding transportation projects such as Roads and bridges – paving, striping, maintenance, and all other associated improvements; Road department maintenance, equipment, and vehicles; Pedestrian upgrades and all other associated improvements for Heard County, the City of Franklin, the Town of Centralhatchee, and the City of Ephesus?

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Heard County in the principal amount of \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for the above purposes.

☐ Yes.

☐ No.

2. All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of the question propounded shall vote “Yes” and all qualified voters desiring to vote in opposition of the question propounded shall vote “No.”
3. General obligation debt, if authorized, shall be general obligation debt of Heard County and shall be issued in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000. The maximum rate or rates of interest on such debt shall not exceed eight percent (8.00%) per annum. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u> <u>Maturing</u>
2026	\$1,580,000
2027	\$1,610,000

2028	\$1,640,000
2029	\$1,680,000
2030	\$1,720,000
2031	\$1,770,000

The aggregate principal amount of general obligation debt which may be issued shall not exceed \$10,000,000. The County may issue aggregate general obligation debt which is less than \$10,000,000 and reduce the principal amounts maturing which are shown above.

To the extent available, the County may combine available funds from the State of Georgia with proceeds from the general obligation debt and proceeds received directly from the TSPLOST, and any other available funds, to pay the costs of the transportation projects. Plans and specifications for these projects have not been completed and bids have not been received. Depending upon acquisition and construction costs and available funds, the County may choose which capital outlay projects to undertake or not undertake, or to delay until additional funding is available, to the extent that proceeds of the general obligation debt and TSPLOST proceeds together with other available funds actually received by the County, are insufficient to complete any of the projects. Such general obligation debt shall be payable from the proceeds of the TSPLOST and from an *ad valorem* tax to be levied within the County.

Reference is hereby made to O.C.G.A. § 36-82-1(d), which provides in part that any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Board of Commissioners or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Commissioners shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Commissioners concerning the use of bond funds.

The places for holding said election shall be at the regular and established voting precincts of the election districts 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, and early voting will be held April 27, 2026 through May 15, 2026.

The last day to register to vote in this election shall be April 20, 2026.

The initial publication of this notice in the legal organ of the County shall constitute the call of the election, and subsequent publications shall serve as additional notice of said election as may be required by the laws of the State of Georgia.

This 7th day of January, 2026.

Jane D. Barker
Chairman
Heard County Board of
Elections and Registration

Charles Tonnie Adams
Election Supervisor