

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF WHITFIELD COUNTY

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that on the 21st day of May, 2024, an election will be held in all of the precincts of Whitfield 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 sixteen consecutive quarters, commencing October 1, 2024, to raise an estimated amount of \$80,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the hereinafter described capital outlay projects pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement, dated January 8, 2024, between the County, the City of Dalton, the City of Tunnel Hill, the City of Varnell and the Town of Cohutta.

Call for the Election; Ballot Form; Notice.

1. The Board of Elections of Whitfield County is hereby requested to call an election in all voting precincts in the County on the 21st day of May, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the County the question set forth below.
2. The ballots to be used in the election shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

YES () Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Whitfield County for a period of time of sixteen calendar quarters (4 years) and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$80,000,000 for the following purposes, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated January 8, 2024, among Whitfield County, Georgia, the City of Dalton, the City of Tunnel Hill, the City of Varnell and the Town of Cohutta: (A) funding the following capital outlay projects for Whitfield County: (1) Capital Renovations to the Jail facility, Sheriff’s firing range and training facility, Capital improvements to Courthouse HVAC system; (2) capital renovations to fire stations, capital renovation to Training Center, fire department pumper trucks and other vehicles, and new breathing apparatus equipment; (3) Sheriff’s office vehicles and equipment; (4) Capital renovation and/or building projects at Prater’s Mill historic site; (5) Capital Road Improvement projects, including Reed Road, Rauschenberg Road, Hollywood Drive flooding relief, Old LaFayette Road/Houston Valley Road realignment, and Brickyard Road/South Dixie Highway intersection, bridge and culvert replacement, general road paving and Public Works equipment; (6) Westside Park capital improvements, including community center design, engineering and construction, Edwards Park capital improvements, including vehicles, equipment and replacement of lighting, Rocky Face Ridge Park Veteran’s Memorial design and construction; (7) Capital building storage facility for First Responders/Transit; and (8) Public Safety radios replacement and PBX phone system upgrades; (9) Capital infrastructure improvements, including sewer expansion. (B) funding the following capital outlay project for the City of Dalton: (1) Police vehicles, police equipment, ladder truck for fire department and other public safety capital projects; (2) Capital Improvements to Heritage Point Park and other parks improvements; (3) Roads, Streets, Bridges and Stormwater Projects and equipment, including sidewalks and streetscape capital improvements; (4) Mill Line Trail extension; and (5) Public Safety radios replacement. (C) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Tunnel Hill: (1) Sewer and Sidewalk Capital Improvements and expansion; (2) Police Vehicles and equipment; and (3) City Park capital improvements. (D) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Varnell: (1) Police vehicles, police equipment; (2) Capital improvements to Varnell Park and construction of Maintenance Building; and (3) Capital renovations to City Hall, Community Center, and Varnell Gym. (E) funding the following capital outlay projects for the Town of Cohutta: (1) Capital improvements to City Hall; (2) Construction of Public Restroom; (3) Cohutta Park capital improvements, including pickleball court; (4) Building and Grounds equipment, purchase garbage truck and equipment; and (5) Police equipment, I.T. upgrades, and capital improvements to Police Station.

3. 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.
4. The last day to register to vote in this special election is April 22, 2024, through 5:00 p.m.

5. Those residents of the County qualified to vote at said election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.
6. This notice is given pursuant to joint action of the Board of Commissioners of Whitfield County and the Election Superintendent of Whitfield County.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA

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