RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF TEXAS

PROPOSAL TO THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO ADJUST THE OPTIONAL COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FEE

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Code Section 502.401 authorizes a county Commissioners Court to impose an optional additional fee not to exceed $10.00 for a vehicle registered in the county, with the net revenue derived credited exclusively to the county road and bridge fund; and

WHEREAS, the statutory maximum cap of $10.00 for the optional County Road and Bridge Fee was established by the Texas Legislature in 1991 and has remained unchanged for over thirty-five (35) years; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the purchasing power of $10.00 in 1991 has significantly eroded due to historic inflation, requiring more than $23.00 today to match the economic value of the original fee structure; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties have experienced extraordinary population growth, leading to unprecedented traffic volume, heavier vehicle weights, and accelerated wear and tear on local lateral roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and industry indices indicate that the cost of critical highway and road construction materials—including asphalt, concrete, steel, and machinery—has spiked by more than 60% since 2020 alone, far outstripping current local revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, under current state property tax revenue limitations, counties face strict structural barriers to funding essential infrastructure entirely through local ad valorem property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the optional County Road and Bridge Fee functions as an equitable, localized 'user fee' ensuring that those utilizing the county transportation network contribute directly to its preservation and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE **FANNIN COUNTY** COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE **STATE** OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Support for Fee Cap Adjustment. The Commissioners Court formally requests and urges the Texas State Legislature to amend Texas Transportation Code Section 502.401 to increase the statutory maximum cap of the optional County Road and Bridge Fee from $10.00 to $20.00, thereby restoring the critical purchasing power lost to thirty-five years of inflation and providing much-needed local revenue flexibility.

SECTION 2. Support for Local Control. The Commissioners Court affirms that any adjustment to the fee up to the new statutory cap shall remain completely optional and at the absolute discretion of each individual county's Commissioners Court, honoring the fundamental principle of local control.

SECTION 3. Transmittal of Resolution. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the regional state Senators and Representatives who represent this county in the Texas Legislature.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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County Judge

ATTEST:

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County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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County Clerk / Seal

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County Commissioner, Precinct 2

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County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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County Commissioner, Precinct 4