ORDER NO. _____

ORDER ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING SPECIFIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS AND PROVIDING COMMENTS

WHEREAS, Glasscock County, Texas ("County") is a duly organized and operating county of the State of Texas pursuant to the constitution and laws of Texas, and further, the Glasscock County Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court") is its governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law, including but not limited to: Amendments 14 and 15 of the United States Constitution; section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C.A. § 10301; article 5, section 18 of the Texas Constitution; § 81.021 of the Texas Local Government Code; §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002 of the Texas Government Code; and other authority; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the orderly consideration and evaluation of redistricting plans which may come before the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, these guidelines relate to persons who have specific redistricting plans they wish the Commissioners Court to consider; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court also welcomes any comments relevant to the redistricting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Glasscock County, Texas, that in order to make sure that any comments regarding the redistricting process and any redistricting plan that might be submitted are of maximum assistance to the Commissioners Court in its decision-making process, the Commissioners Court hereby sets the following guidelines to be followed by each person submitting a comment or a redistricting plan for consideration:

(1) Unless otherwise designated, the past, present, or future tense shall each include the other, the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall each include the other, and the singular and plural number shall each include the other where necessary for a correct meaning.

(2) All statements made in the preliminary recitals of this order are incorporated by reference.

(3) Proposed plans must be submitted in writing and be legible. If a plan is submitted orally, there is significant opportunity for misunderstanding, and it is possible that errors may be made in analyzing it. The Commissioners Court wants to be sure that all proposals are fully and accurately considered.

(4) Any plan must show the total population and voting age population for African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Anglo/Other for each proposed commissioner precinct based on the 2020 United States Census Data. If a plan

is submitted without such a population breakdown, the Commissioners Court may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.

(5) Plans should redistrict the entire county. The Commissioners Court, of course, will be considering the effect of any plan on the entire county. Any plan is subject to the Voting Rights Act, which protects various racial and language minorities. Thus, as a matter of federal law, the Commissioners Court will be required to consider the effect of any proposal on multiple racial and ethnic groups. If a plan does not redistrict the entire county, it may be impossible for the Commissioners Court to assess its impact on one or more protected minority groups.

(6) Plans should conform to the redistricting criteria the Commissioners Court will be using in drawing the commissioner precincts.

(7) Comments must be submitted in writing and be legible, even if the person also makes the comments orally at a public hearing.

(8) Persons providing comments and those submitting proposed plans must identify themselves by full name and home address and provide a phone number and, if available, an e-mail address. The Commissioners Court may wish to follow up on such comments or obtain additional information about submitted plans.

(9) All comments and proposed plans must be submitted to the Commissioners Court by the close of the public hearing.

(10) This order shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

(11) This order was considered and approved at a public meeting of the Commissioners Court held in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (the Texas Open Meetings Act).

ORDERED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on the 8th day of October, 2021.

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GLASSCOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

Bill R. Smith
County Judge
Glasscock County, Texas

Charles Gulley
County Commissioner, Precinct 1
Glasscock County, Texas

County Commissioner, Precinct 2
Glasscock County, Texas

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ATTEST:

County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk
Glasscock County, Texas

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