

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS (“CITY”) TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ELLIS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE USE OF AUTOMARK VOTING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN THE MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION AND RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY

WHEREAS, Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code (the “Code”) specifies that the second Saturday in May shall be a “uniform election date” and that a general election of a City may be held on such day; and

WHEREAS, state law and the charter of the City require that a general election be held; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2015, the City called a general election to be held on May 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2015, the Mansfield Independent School District (“MISD”) ordered a general election to be held on the same date; and

WHEREAS, the City and the MISD have an interest in further accommodating the voter; and

WHEREAS, the City and MISD have agreed to sign a joint election agreement holding both elections together and allowing the City to conduct the election that involve the voters in Johnson and Ellis Counties (City) and Johnson County (MISD), respectively; and

WHEREAS, to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, each polling location should be equipped with at least one voting system accessible to individuals with disabilities, including non-visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation (including privacy and independence) as for other voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease agreement with Ellis County Elections Administrator for the use of AutoMARK Voting Equipment.

SECTION 2.

PASSED, APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

David L. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki Collins, City Secretary