

NOTICE OF SALE

\$59,000,000*

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026

Notice is hereby given that the County Mayor of Rutherford County, Tennessee (the “County”) will accept a written bid or electronic bid for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of the County's \$59,000,000* General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 (the “Bonds”) until:

9:30 A.M. C.D.S.T. on March 10, 2026.

Written bids must be addressed and delivered to the County to the attention of the County Mayor, Suite 101, Public Square, Rutherford County Courthouse, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130. Electronic bids must be submitted to PARITY® via the BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System. No other form of bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Such bids are to be publicly opened and read at such time and place on said day. For the purposes of both the written sealed bid process and the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by BiDCOMP/PARITY® shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids submitted. If any provisions of this Notice of Sale conflict with information provided by BiDCOMP/PARITY® as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale shall control. ***The sale of all the Bonds on March 10, 2026, may be postponed prior to the time bids are to be received and as published on I-dealProspectus.com. If such postponement occurs, a later public sale may be held at the hour and place and on such date as communicated via I-dealProspectus.com upon forty-eight hours’ notice.***

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery. The interest rate or rates on the Bonds shall not exceed 5.00% per annum and shall be payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, commencing October 1, 2026. No bid for the Bonds will be considered for less than 99.00% of par nor more than 120% of par, as described in the Detailed Notice of Sale. In addition, each maturity of Bonds must be reoffered at a price of not less than 98% of the par amount of such maturity. The Bonds will mature on April 1 in the years 2027 through 2036, inclusive, with term bonds optional and will be awarded on the sale date by the County Mayor to the bidder whose bid results in the lowest true interest cost on the Bonds. The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County.

After opening the bids, the County reserves the right to adjust the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds as described in the Detailed Notice of Sale.

In the event that the competitive sale requirements of applicable Treasury Regulations are not met, the County will require bidders to comply with the “hold-the-offering-price” rule for purposes of determining the issue price of the Bonds. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements of applicable Treasury Regulations are not satisfied.

The Bonds in book-entry only form (except as otherwise set forth in the Detailed Notice of Sale) and approving opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Nashville, Tennessee, will be furnished at the expense of the County. Additional information, including the Official Statement and Detailed Notice of Sale, may be obtained from the undersigned at the office of the Budget and Finance Director, Rutherford County Courthouse, Public Square, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130, or from Stephens Inc. Attention: Sam Crewse, One American Center, 3100 West End Avenue, Suite 630, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, Telephone: (615) 279-4336 or (615) 279-4338; Fax: (615) 279-4351.

Joe Carr
County Mayor

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DETAILED NOTICE OF SALE
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Description of Bonds

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered, book-entry form (except as otherwise provided herein), without coupons, be dated the date of delivery, be issued, or reissued upon transfer, in \$5,000 denominations or multiples thereof, as shall be requested by the purchaser or transferor thereof, as appropriate, and will mature and be payable on April 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Year* (April 1)</u>	<u>Principal*</u>
2027	\$4,800,000
2028	5,020,000
2029	5,270,000
2030	5,550,000
2031	5,800,000
2032	6,000,000
2033	6,250,000
2034	6,500,000
2035	6,770,000
2036	7,040,000

Registration and Depository Participation

The Bonds will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates made to the public. One Bond certificate for each maturity of each series of Bonds will be issued to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence beneficial ownership interests of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 and any integral multiple of \$5,000, with transfers of beneficial ownership interest effected on the records

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of DTC participants and, if necessary, in turn by DTC pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The successful bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, shall be required to deposit the Bond certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co., nominee of DTC. Interest on the Bonds will be payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1, beginning October 1, 2026, and principal of the Bonds will be payable, at maturity or upon redemption, to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Bonds by Participants of DTC, will be the responsibility of such participants and of the nominees of beneficial owners. The County will not be responsible or liable for such transfer of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In the event that the book-entry only system for the Bonds is discontinued and a successor securities depository is not appointed by the County, Bond Certificates in fully registered form will be delivered to, and registered in the names of, the DTC Participants or such other persons as such DTC participants may specify (which may be the indirect participants or beneficial owners), in authorized denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. In addition, if the successful bidder for the Bonds certifies that it has no present intent to reoffer the Bonds, the Bonds may be issued in fully registered form only. The ownership of Bonds so delivered shall be registered in registration books to be kept by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Nashville, Tennessee, as registration and paying agent (the "Registration Agent"), at its principal corporate trust office, and the County and the Registration Agent shall be entitled to treat the registered owners of the Bonds, as their names appear in such registration books as of the appropriate dates, as the owners thereof for all purposes described herein and in the resolution authorizing the Bonds.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County.

Mandatory Redemption

The successful bidder for each series of Bonds shall have the option to designate certain consecutive serial maturities of such Bonds as one or more Term Bonds, each Term Bond bearing a single interest rate. If a successful bidder designates certain consecutive serial maturities to be combined into one or more Term Bonds, each Term Bond shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption by the County at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption at the rate stated in the Term Bonds to be redeemed. Each such mandatory sinking fund redemption shall be made on the date on which a consecutive maturity included as part of a Term Bond is payable in accordance with the proposal of the successful bidder for the Bonds and in the amount of the maturing principal installment for the Bonds listed above for such principal payment date. Term Bonds to be redeemed within a single maturity shall be selected as follows:

- (i) if the Bonds are being held under a Book-Entry System by DTC, or a successor Depository, the Bonds to be redeemed shall be determined by DTC, or such successor Depository, by lot or such other manner as DTC, or such successor Depository, shall determine; or
- (ii) if the Bonds are not being held under a Book-Entry System by DTC, or a successor Depository, the Bonds within the maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the Registration Agent by lot or such other random manner as the Registration Agent in its discretion shall determine.

Purpose and Authority of Bonds

The Bonds are being issued to provide funds to (i) refund all or a portion of the County's outstanding General Obligation Public Improvement and School Bonds, Series 2016B, dated September 28, 2016, maturing on and after April 1, 2027, and (ii) pay the issuance costs of the Bonds.

The Bonds are being issued under and in full compliance with the constitution and statutes of the State of Tennessee, including Sections 9-21-101 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated and a bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on February 12, 2026 (the "Resolution").

Security and Sources of Payment

The Bonds are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the County. For the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the full faith and credit of the County are pledged.

Levy of Tax

Pursuant to the Resolution, the County has covenanted to annually levy and collect a tax upon all taxable property within the County, in addition to all other taxes authorized by law, sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, and levy a direct annual tax in such amount as may be found necessary each year to pay principal and interest coming due on the Bonds in said year. Principal and interest falling due at any time when there are insufficient funds on hand from this tax levy will be paid from the current funds of the County and reimbursement therefor will be made out of the taxes provided for under the Resolution to be levied when collected. Such tax may be reduced to the extent of any appropriations from other legally available funds, taxes and revenues of the County, to the payment of debt service on the Bonds.

Under Tennessee law, the County's legislative body is authorized to levy a tax on all taxable property within the County, or a portion thereof, without limitation as to rate or amount, and a referendum is neither required nor permitted to set the rate or amount. For a more complete statement of the general covenants and provisions to which the Bonds are issued, reference is hereby made to the Resolution.

Submission of Bid

All bids submitted, electronic or otherwise, must be submitted as set forth under the heading "**Time and Place of Sale**", set forth above.

A written bid for the Bonds must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder, clearly and legibly marked on the outside "Bid for Bonds" and addressed and delivered to the following address:

Office of the County Mayor
Suite 101, Public Square
Rutherford County Courthouse
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

Written bids must be submitted on the applicable Bid Form included with the Preliminary Official Statement or on a reasonable facsimile thereof. Electronic bids for the Bonds must be submitted to PARITY® via the BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System. An electronic bid made through the facilities of BiDCOMP/PARITY® shall be deemed an offer to purchase in response to the Notice of Sale and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed sealed written bid made to the County. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in BiDCOMP/PARITY® conflict with the terms of the Detailed Notice

of Sale, the Detailed Notice of Sale shall prevail. The County shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by or as a result of the use of electronic bidding facilities. The use of such facilities is at the sole risk of the bidders. Subscription to I-Deal's BiDCOMP/PARITY® Competitive Bidding System by a bidder is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The County will not confirm any subscription or be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe. Both written bids and electronic bids must be unconditional and received by the office of the County Mayor and/or BiDCOMP/PARITY®, respectively, before the time stated above. Bidders shall be required to comply with the provisions regarding a Good Faith Deposit as described below in the section entitled "Good Faith Deposit". The County is not liable for any costs incurred in the preparation, delivery, acceptance or rejection of any bid, including, without limitation, the providing of a bid security deposit.

Form of Bids

All bids for the Bonds must be for not less than all of the Bonds. Bidders must bid not less than 99.00% of par nor greater than 120% of par (the "Purchase Price") for the Bonds. In addition, each maturity of the Bonds must be reoffered at a price not less than 98% of the par amount of such maturity. Bidders must name the reoffering prices and must name the interest rate or rates the Bonds are to bear in multiples of one-eighth (1/8th) or one-one hundredth (1/100th) of one percent (1%), but no rate specified for the Bonds shall be in excess of 5.00% per annum. There will be no limitation on the number of rates of interest which may be specified for the Bonds, but one rate of interest shall apply to all of the Bonds of a maturity. With respect to the Bonds, bidders may designate two or more consecutive serial maturities as one or more Term Bond maturities equal in aggregate principal amount to, and with mandatory redemption requirements corresponding to, such designated serial maturities.

Revised Maturity Schedule and/or Bid Parameters

The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (the "Preliminary Aggregate Principal Amount") and the annual principal amounts of Bonds (the "Preliminary Annual Principal Amounts" and collectively, with reference to the Preliminary Aggregate Principal Amounts, the "Preliminary Amounts") set forth in this Detailed Notice of Sale may be revised before the viewing of bids for the purchase of the Bonds, as may the bid parameters set forth herein. Any such revisions (the "Revised Aggregate Principal Amount", the "Revised Annual Principal Amounts" and the "Revised Amounts") WILL BE GIVEN BY NOTIFICATION PUBLISHED ON www.I-dealProspectus.com NOT LATER THAN 4:00 P.M., CENTRAL STANDARD TIME ON THE DAY PRECEDING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS. In the event that no such revisions are made, the Preliminary Amounts will constitute the Revised Amounts and will remain as stated in this Detailed Notice of Sale, and the bid parameters shall remain as set forth herein. BIDDERS SHALL SUBMIT BIDS BASED ON THE REVISED AMOUNTS AND BID PARAMETERS, IF ANY. Prospective bidders may request notification by facsimile transmission of any revisions in the Preliminary Amounts and bid parameters by so advising and faxing their telecopier number(s) to Stephens Inc., Municipal Advisor to the County, at (615) 279-4351 by 12:00 Noon, Central Standard Time, at least one day prior to the date for receipt of the bids.

Changes to Maturity Schedule

The County reserves the right to change the Revised Aggregate Principal Amount of the Bonds and the Revised Annual Principal Amounts of the Bonds after determination of the winning bidder, by increasing or decreasing the Revised Aggregate Principal Amount and the Revised Annual Principal Amount of each maturity of the Bonds by up to 30%; provided, however, that the Bonds shall not exceed the amount necessary to refund the obligations proposed herein. No changes beyond this amount will be made without the consent of the successful bidder. Such changes, if any, will determine the final annual principal amount of the Bonds (the "Final Annual Principal Amounts") and the final aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (the "Final Aggregate Principal Amount"). The dollar amount bid by the successful bidder will be adjusted

to reflect any adjustments in the Final Aggregate Principal Amount of the Bonds. The interest rates specified by the successful bidder for the various maturities at the initial reoffering prices will not change. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY NOT WITHDRAW ITS BID OR CHANGE THE INTEREST RATES BID OR THE INITIAL REOFFERING PRICES AS A RESULT OF ANY CHANGES MADE TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS WITHIN THESE LIMITS. The County anticipates that the Final Annual Principal Amounts of the Bonds and the Final Aggregate Principal Amount of Bonds will be communicated to the successful bidder prior to the award of the Bonds. THE DOLLAR AMOUNT BID BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS WILL BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN THE ANNUAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS BASED UPON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE COUPON RATES, REOFFERING PRICES, AND THE UNDERWRITER'S DISCOUNT (EXCLUDING ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM) STATED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, AS SPECIFIED BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, WILL NOT CHANGE.

Basis of Award

If an award is made, the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid results in the lowest true interest cost to the County for the Bonds as determined by reference to the Revised Aggregate Principal Amount as discussed above. The lowest true interest cost of the Bonds will be calculated as that rate which when used in computing the present worth of all payments of principal and interest on such Bonds (compounded semi-annually from the dated date of such Bonds) produces a value equal to the purchase price of such Bonds. For the purpose of calculating the true interest cost, the principal amount of Term Bonds scheduled for mandatory sinking fund redemption as part of a Term Bond shall be treated as a serial maturity in each year. Each bidder is required to specify its calculation of the true interest cost resulting from its bid, but such information shall not be treated as part of its proposal.

In the event that two or more of the bidders offer to purchase the Bonds at the same lowest true interest cost, the County Mayor shall determine in his sole discretion which of the bidders shall be awarded the Bonds.

The County Mayor reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in any bid, and to reject any or all bids, and notice of rejection of any bid will be made promptly. Unless all bids are rejected, award of the Bonds will be made by the County Mayor on the sale date.

Good Faith Deposit

The successful bidder is required to submit, in the manner described below, a good faith deposit (the "Deposit") in the amount of \$590,000 for the Bonds to secure the faithful performance of the terms of the bid to purchase the Bonds. The Deposit will be delivered to the County by wire transfer or certified check for the prescribed amount. The Deposit may be provided in the form of:

1. **Federal Funds Wire Transfer.** A federal funds wire transfer submitted to the County or the County's Municipal Advisor by the successful bidder by 3:00 p.m. C.D.S.T. on the day of the sale provided the County awards the bid by 1:00 p.m. C.D.S.T.; otherwise the wire shall be received not later than 12:00 noon C.D.S.T. on the next business day following the award. The County Mayor reserves the right to adjust the time the deposit is to be received if there are problems with electronic transfers of funds or other acceptable reasons.
2. **Certified Check.** A bank certified check, bank cashier's check or a treasurer's check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company payable unconditionally to the order of the County. If a check is used, it must accompany a bid and be received by the time and date bids are required. If the successful bidder's Deposit is by check, the check will be deposited on the date of the sale.

In the event the successful bidder fails to timely submit the Deposit, the award may be terminated by the County Mayor, and the County Mayor in his discretion may award the Bonds to the bidder whose bid results in the next lowest true interest cost to the County as the lowest complying bidder or hold a subsequent sale of the Bonds. The County shall have no liability to any bidder who fails to properly submit a Deposit.

The Deposit of the successful bidder will be deposited by the County and the proceeds thereof credited with no interest allowed thereon against the total purchase price to be paid for the Bonds upon their delivery or retained as and for full liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to accept delivery of and pay for such Bonds. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned promptly upon the award of the Bonds. If a successful bidder fails to timely make the Deposit for the Bonds, the award may be terminated in the discretion of the County Mayor and the County shall be entitled to an amount equal to the Deposit as liquidated damages for failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms of the award of such Bonds.

Establishment of Issue Price

General. The winning bidder shall assist the County in establishing the issue price of the Bonds as more fully described herein. All actions to be taken by the County under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the County by the County's Municipal Advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the County may be provided to the County's Municipal Advisor.

Anticipated Compliance with Competitive Sale Requirements. The County anticipates that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

- the County shall disseminate this Notice of Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
- all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- the County expects to receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- the County anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

Intention to Apply the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule if Competitive Sale Requirements are Not Met. In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied with respect to the Bonds, the County intends to treat the initial offering prices of the Bonds to the public as the issue price of such Bonds (the "hold-the-offering-price" rule), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity). Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that the Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.

Application of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule. If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then the successful bidder shall, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer each maturity of the Bonds to the public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the "initial offering price"), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of

any maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or
- the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the County when the underwriters have sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that:

(i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, to:

(A) (1) report the prices at which it sells to the public any unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it to which the hold-the-offering-price rule applies until the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; and (2) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires;

(B) promptly notify the successful bidder of any sales of the Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public; and

(C) acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the successful bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the public.

(ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter or dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it to which the hold-the-offering-price rule applies until the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder or the underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

The County acknowledges that, in making the agreements and representations set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter is a party to a third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The County further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that

is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Bonds.

Definitions. Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

- “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,
- “underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the County (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),
- a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and
- “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the County to the winning bidder.

Issue Price Certificate. The winning bidder of the Bonds will be required to provide the County, at closing, with an issue price certificate consistent with the foregoing. A form of the issue price certificate is attached to this Detailed Notice of Sale as Exhibit A. In the event the winning bidder will not reoffer any maturity of the Bonds for sale to the Public (as defined herein) by the delivery date of the Bonds, the issue price certificate may be modified in a manner approved by the County and Bond Counsel.

Provision of Information for the Official Statement

The successful bidders must furnish the following information to the County to complete the *Official Statement* in final form within 2 hours after receipt and award of the bids for the Bonds:

1. The initial offering prices or yields for the Bonds (expressed as a price or yield per maturity, exclusive of any accrued interest, if applicable);
2. Selling compensation (aggregate total anticipated compensation to the underwriters expressed in dollars, based on the expectation that all the Bonds are sold at the prices or yields as provided above).
3. The identity of the underwriters if the successful bidders are part of a group or syndicate; and
4. Any other material information necessary to complete the Official Statement in final form but not known to the County.

CUSIP

The Municipal Advisor will request the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to the sale of the Bonds. The CUSIP Service Bureau charges for the assignment of said numbers will be the responsibility of and will be

paid for by the successful bidder. Although CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds (except where the Bonds will not be reoffered, in which case, CUSIP numbers are not required), the County will assume no obligation for assignment or insertion of such numbers on the Bonds or the correctness of such numbers, and neither failure to print or type any such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser(s) thereof to accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds.

Official Statement

The County will provide or cause to be provided, to the successful bidder, either in electronic format or printed copies, the final official statement sufficient in quantity to enable the successful bidder to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12 and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Said final official statement will be provided to the successful bidder not later than seven (7) business days after the sale, or, if the County, or its Municipal Advisor, is notified that any confirmation requesting payment from any customer will be sent before the expiration of such period and specifying the date such confirmation will be sent the final official statement will be provided in sufficient time to accompany such confirmation.

Continuing Disclosure

The County will, at the time the Bonds are delivered, execute a Continuing Disclosure Agreement in which it will covenant for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the County not later than twelve months after each of the County's fiscal years (the "Annual Report"), and to provide notice of the occurrence of certain enumerated events and timely notice of failure to provide any required financial information of the County. The Annual Report (and audited financial statements, if filed separately) and notices described above will be filed by the County with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") at www.emma.msrb.org and with any State Information Depository established in the State (the "SID"). The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of events will be summarized in the County's official statement to be prepared and distributed in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

Legal Opinion and Transcript

The book-entry Bonds and the approving opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Nashville, Tennessee, Bond Counsel (which will be delivered with the Bonds), together with the Bond transcript, including a certificate as to no litigation from the County dated as of the date of the delivery of the Bonds, will be furnished to the purchaser at the expense of the County. As set forth in the Official Statement and subject to the limitations set forth therein, bond counsel's opinion will include an opinion that, based on existing law and assuming compliance with certain tax covenants of the County, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. Owners of the Bonds, however, may be subject to certain additional taxes or tax consequences arising with respect to ownership of the Bonds. For a discussion thereof, reference is hereby made to the Official Statement and the form of opinion contained therein.

Delivery and Payment

The Bonds are expected to be ready for delivery on April 2, 2026, in book-entry form. Delivery will be made through The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, at the expense of the purchaser. Payment for the Bonds must be made in federal funds or other immediately available funds.

Bidder Certification Regarding Non-Engagement in a Boycott of Israel

To the extent an accepted bid constitutes a contract to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology, or construction for purpose of Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-4-119, by submitting a bid each bidder certifies that it (including its wholly-owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates, if any) is not currently engaged in, and will not, through the issue date of the Bonds, engage in, a boycott of Israel. For this purpose, (1) “Israel” means the State of Israel and Israeli-controlled territories, and (2) a “boycott of Israel” means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other commercial actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel to do business, or persons or entities doing business in Israel, when such actions are taken (i) in compliance with, or adherence to, calls for a boycott of Israel, or (ii) in a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin, religion, or other unreasonable basis, and is not based on a valid business reason. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply, and a bidder shall not be required to provide the certification provided above, if the bidder’s compensation as a result of the purchase of the Bonds is less than \$250,000.

Bidder Certification Regarding Compliance with Iran Divestment Act

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-12-111 and to the extent applicable to the activities contemplated herein, by submission of a bid for the Bonds, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-12-106 (the “Iran Divestment Act List”). Such Iran Divestment Act List (i) provides a listing of persons determined to be engaging in investment activities in Iran, as described in Tennessee Code Section 12-12-105, and (ii) can be found online on the State’s website: https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/generalservices/documents/cpo/library/2025/List_of_persons_pursuant_to_Tenn._Code_Ann._12-12-106_Iran_Divestment_Act_updated_with_NY04_15.2025.pdf.

Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-12-105 provides that “a person engages in investment activities in Iran if: (1) [t]he person provides goods or services of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran; or (2) [t]he person is a financial institution that extends twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in credit to another person, for forty-five (45) days or more, if that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on a list, created pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-12-106, as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in this section.”

If in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-12-111 and to the extent applicable to the activities herein, the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. The County may award the bid to a bidder who cannot make the certification above, on a case-by-case basis, if: (1) the investment activities in Iran were made before July 1, 2016, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed on or after July 1, 2016, and the person has adopted, publicized, and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or (2) the County makes a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the County to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the County would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the contract is offered. Such determination shall be made in writing and shall be a public document.

Further Information

Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the undersigned at the office of the Budget and Finance Director, Public Square, Rutherford County Courthouse, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130, or from Stephens Inc., Attn: Sam Crewse, One American Center, 3100 West End Avenue, Suite 630, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, Telephone: (615) 279-4336 or (615) 279-4338; Fax: (615) 279-4351.

Joe Carr,
County Mayor

Exhibit A to Detailed Notice of Sale

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

\$59,000,000*

GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] (the “Purchaser”), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligation (the “Bonds”).

[Assuming the Qualified Competitive Sale Requirements Are Satisfied]

1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.

(a) I am familiar with the facts herein certified, and I am duly authorized to execute and deliver this certificate on behalf of the Purchaser and any underwriting syndicate.

(b) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by the Purchaser are the prices listed below (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by the Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Purchaser to purchase the Bonds.

(c) The Purchaser was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(d) The bid submitted by the Purchaser constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

**[Assuming the Qualified Competitive Sale Requirements Are Not Satisfied
and the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule Applies]**

2. Initial Offering Price.

(a) The Purchaser offered each Maturity of the Bonds to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in its bid attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Initial Offering Prices”) on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this Certificate as Exhibit B.

(b) As set forth in the Detailed Notice of Sale for the Bonds, the Purchaser has agreed in writing that, for each maturity of the Bonds, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such maturity during the Holding Period (as defined below) for such Maturity, nor would it permit a related party to do so. Pursuant to such agreement, the Purchaser has neither offered nor sold any Maturity of the Bonds at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period. As used in this paragraph, the term “Holding Period” means the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which at least 10% of such Maturity has been sold to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity.

* Preliminary, subject to change as provided in the Detailed Notice of Sale.

2. Defined Terms.

(a) *Maturity* means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.

(b) *County* means Rutherford County, Tennessee.

(c) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term “related party” for purposes of this Certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(d) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale or exchange of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is _____, 2026.

(e) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the County (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser’s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the County with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate and Agreement and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the County from time to time relating to the Bonds.

Dated: [_____, 2026]

[NAME OF PURCHASER, as Underwriter]

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

\$59,000,000*

**GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026
OFFICIAL BID FORM**

The Honorable Joe Carr, County Mayor
Suite 101, Public Square
Rutherford County Courthouse
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

March 10, 2026

For your legally issued, properly executed Rutherford County, Tennessee (the "County") \$59,000,000* General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds") and in all respects to be as more fully outlined in your Detailed Notice of Sale, which by reference is made a part hereof, we will pay you a sum of \$_____.

The Bonds will be dated the date of issuance, will mature on April 1 as shown below, and shall bear interest at the following rates:

<u>Maturity (April 1)*</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Reoffering Yield</u>	<u>Maturity (April 1)*</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Reoffering Yield</u>
2027	\$4,800,000	_____%	_____%	2032	\$6,000,000	_____%	_____%
2028	5,020,000	_____	_____	2033	6,250,000	_____	_____
2029	5,270,000	_____	_____	2034	6,500,000	_____	_____
2030	5,550,000	_____	_____	2035	6,770,000	_____	_____
2031	5,800,000	_____	_____	2036	7,040,000	_____	_____

Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable at the designated corporate trust office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

This bid is made with the understanding that the County will furnish without cost to the successful bidder the unqualified approving opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Attorneys, Nashville, Tennessee, and the executed Bonds.

We have exercised the option to designate two or more consecutive serial maturities as Term Bonds as set forth below:

Term Bond 1, due April 1, _____ includes the following maturities: From April 1, _____ to April 1, _____. Term Bond 2, due April 1, _____ includes the following maturities: From April 1, _____ to April 1, _____.
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Firm Name	
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In accordance with the terms of the Detailed Notice of Sale, we have or will make a good faith deposit for \$590,000 as set forth in the Detailed Notice of Sale, which is to be applied in accordance with the Detailed Notice of Sale. The good faith deposit may be provided in the form of:

- Federal Funds Wire Transfer.** A federal funds wire transfer submitted to the County or the County's Municipal Advisor by the successful bidder by 3:00 p.m. C.D.S.T. on the day of the sale provided the County awards the bid by 1:00 p.m. C.D.S.T.; otherwise the wire shall be received not later than 12:00 noon C.D.S.T. on the next business day following the

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award. The County Mayor reserves the right to adjust the time the deposit is to be received if there are problems with electronic transfers of funds or other acceptable reasons.

- 2. **Certified Check.** A bank certified check, bank cashier’s check or a treasurer’s check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company payable unconditionally to the order of the County. If a check is used, it must accompany a bid and be received by the time and date bids are required. If the successful bidder’s Deposit is by check, the check will be deposited on the date of the sale.

If a successful bidder fails to timely make the Deposit for a series of Bonds, the award may be terminated in the discretion of the County Mayor and the County shall be entitled to an amount equal to the Deposit as liquidated damages for failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms of the award of such Bonds. The County Mayor in his discretion may award the Bonds to the bidder whose bid results in the next lowest true interest cost to the County as the lowest complying bidder or hold a subsequent sale of the Bonds. The County shall have no liability to any bidder who fails to properly submit a Deposit.

In the event this bid is accepted and should for any reason we fail to comply with the terms of this bid, said deposit will be forfeited by us as full liquidated damages; otherwise, said deposit will be credited against the purchase price of the Bonds at closing. In the event the County Mayor fails to deliver the Bonds to us as described in the Detailed Notice of Sale, said deposit will be returned to us.

Accepted this 10th day of March, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

County Mayor

Firm Name

Signature

Title

Telephone Number of Person to Submit Bid

The following is for information purposes only.

Total Interest Cost	
Plus discount or less premium, if any	
Net Interest Cost	
True Interest Rate (TIC)	

(The calculations of Net Interest Costs and True Interest Rate and the Reoffering Prices are for information purposes only and do not constitute a part of this bid.)