

## SUMMARY NOTICE OF SALE

**\$4,965,000\***

### **MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Hiwassee Utility Commission)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Mayor of McMinn County, Tennessee (the "County") will receive electronic or written bids until **10:15 a.m. E.D.T. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021** for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of the County's \$4,965,000\* General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Hiwassee Utility Commission) (the "Bonds"). Electronic bids must be submitted through **PARITY®** as described in the "Detailed Notice of Sale". In case of written bids, bids will be received by the County's Municipal Advisor, Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., via facsimile at 865-988-1863. Prior to accepting bids, the County reserves the right to adjust the principal amount and maturity amounts of the Bonds being offered as set forth in the Detailed Notice of Sale, to postpone the sale to a later date, or to cancel the sale based upon market conditions via Bloomberg News Service and/or the **PARITY®** System not later than 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daytime Time, on the day of the bid opening. Such notice will specify the revised principal amounts, if any, and any later date selected for the sale, which may be postponed or cancelled in the same manner. If the sale is postponed, a later public sale may be held at the hour and place and on such date as communicated upon at least forty-eight hours' notice via Bloomberg News Service and/or the **PARITY®** System.

Electronic bids must be submitted through **PARITY®** via the BiDComp Competitive Bidding Service as described in the Detailed Notice of Sale, and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. For the purposes of the bidding process, both written and electronic, the time maintained by **PARITY®** shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **PARITY®** conflict with the terms of the Detailed Notice of Sale and this Summary Notice of Sale, the Detailed Notice of Sale and this Summary Notice of Sale shall prevail.

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form (except as otherwise described in the Detailed Notice of Sale) and dated the date of issuance (assume May 25, 2021). The Bonds will mature on May 1 in the years 2022 through 2042, inclusive, with term bonds optional, with interest payable on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing November 1, 2021. Bidders must bid not less than ninety-nine and one-half percent (99.50%) of par or more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of par for the Bonds. The approving opinion for the Bonds will be furnished at the expense of the County by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Bond Counsel, Knoxville, Tennessee. **No rate or rates bid for the Bonds shall exceed three percent (3.00%) per annum.** Unless all bids are rejected, the Bonds will be awarded by the County Mayor of the County on the sale date to the bidder whose bid results in the lowest true interest rate on the Bonds.

**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" or the "10% Test" for purposes of determining the issue price of the Bonds as described in the Detailed Notice of Sale. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements of applicable Treasury Regulations are not satisfied.**

Additional information, including the *Preliminary Official Statement* in near final form and the Detailed Notice of Sale, may be obtained through [www.prospectushub.com](http://www.prospectushub.com) or from the County's Municipal Advisor, Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., (865) 988-2663. Further information regarding **PARITY®** may be obtained from i-Deal LLC, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018, Telephone: 212-849-5000.

/s/ John Gentry  
County Mayor

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

## DETAILED NOTICE OF SALE

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Description of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry-only form (except as otherwise described herein) without coupons, be dated the date of issuance (assume May 25, 2021), bear interest payable each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2021 be issued, or reissued upon transfer, in \$5,000 denominations or multiples thereof, as shall be requested by the purchaser or registered owner thereof, as applicable, and will mature and be payable as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2022	\$240,000	2033	\$235,000
2023	240,000	2034	235,000
2024	240,000	2035	235,000
2025	240,000	2036	235,000
2026	240,000	2037	235,000
2027	240,000	2038	235,000
2028	235,000	2039	235,000
2029	235,000	2040	235,000
2030	235,000	2041	235,000
2031	235,000	2042	235,000
2032	235,000		

Bank Qualification. The Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Registration and Depository Participation. The Bonds, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC’s partnership nominee. When the Bonds are issued, ownership interests will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry-only system maintained by DTC (the “Book-Entry-Only System”). One fully-registered bond certificate will be issued for each maturity, in the entire aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and will be deposited with DTC. The Book-Entry-Only System will evidence beneficial ownership interests of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 for the Bonds and any integral multiple of \$5,000, with transfers of beneficial ownership interest effected on the records 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. The Bonds will be payable, at maturity or upon earlier 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 (as applicable) 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the successful bidder for the Bonds certifies that it intends to hold the Bonds for its own account and has no present intent to re-offer the Bonds, the use of the Book-Entry-Only System is not required.

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 for the Bonds or integral multiples thereof. The ownership of Bonds so delivered shall be registered in registration books to be kept by the Registration Agent (named herein) 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.

Security Pledged. The Bonds shall be 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 Issuer are irrevocably pledged. The Bonds shall be additionally payable from, but not secured by, the revenues consisting of payments by the Hiwassee Utility Commission (the "Commission") to the County under an intergovernmental revenue note of the Commission in favor of the County, which note is payable from the Commission's revenues derived from the operation of the Commission's water procurement, treatment, storage and distribution system.

Municipal Bond Insurance. The County has provided information to prospective bond insurance companies in order to qualify the Bonds under their respective optional bidding programs. If the successful bidder or bidders for the Bonds desires to purchase a municipal bond insurance policy insuring payment of all or a portion of the debt service payable on the Bonds, the successful bidder or bidders does so at its own risk and expense and the obligation of the successful bidder to pay for such series Bonds shall not be conditioned on the issuance of a municipal bond insurance policy. The County will cooperate with the successful bidder(s) in obtaining such insurance, but the County will not enter into any additional agreements with a bond insurer. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the successful bidder(s) will be responsible for all costs, expenses and charges associated with the issuance of such insurance, including but not limited to the premium for the insurance policy, and excluding only the fees of the rating agency that will be paid by the County.

Purpose. The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of (i) refinancing, in whole or in part, certain outstanding bonds of the County; and (ii) payment of the costs related to the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

Optional Redemption. The Bonds maturing on May 1, 2030 and thereafter are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity at the option of the County on or after May 1, 2029, at any time at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest.

Term Bond Option; Mandatory Redemption. Bidders shall have the option to designate certain consecutive serial maturities of the Bonds as one or more term bonds ("Term Bonds") bearing a single interest rate. If a successful bidder for the Bonds designates certain consecutive serial maturities of such Bonds to be combined as one or more Term Bonds as allowed herein, then each Term Bond shall be subject to mandatory

sinking fund redemption by the County at a redemption price equal to one hundred percent (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 bid of the successful bidder for the Bonds and in the amount of the maturing principal installment for the Bonds listed herein for such principal payment date.

**Bidding Instructions.** The County will receive electronic or written bids for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of the Bonds. **Bidders for the Bonds are requested to name the interest rate or rates the Bonds are to bear in multiples of one-eighth of one percent and/or one-hundredth of one percent (.01%) or one (1) basis point, but no rate specified shall be in excess of three percent (3.00%) per annum for the Bonds. There will be no limitation on the number of rates of interest that may be specified in a single bid for the Bonds but a single rate shall apply to each single maturity of the Bonds. Bidders must bid not less than ninety-nine and one-half percent (99.50%) of par or no more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of par.**

Electronic bids must be submitted through **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> via BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Subscription to the i-Deal LLC Dalcomp Division's BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The County will not confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe. For the purposes of the bidding process, the time as maintained by **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids whether in electronic or written form. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> conflict with the terms of this Detailed Notice of Sale, this Notice shall prevail. An electronic bid made through the facilities of **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> shall be deemed an offer to purchase in response to this Detailed Notice of Sale and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, written bid delivered to the County. The County shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by or as a result of the use of the electronic bidding facilities provided and maintained by **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>. The use of **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders.

For further information regarding **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>, potential bidders may contact i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY, 10018, Telephone: 212-849-5000.

In the event of a system malfunction in the electronic bidding process bidders may submit bids prior to the established date and time by FACSIMILE transmission sent to the County's Municipal Advisor, Cumberland Securities Company, Inc. at 865-988-1863. Any facsimile submission is made at the sole risk of the prospective bidder. The County and the Municipal Advisor shall not be responsible for confirming receipt of any facsimile bid or for any malfunction relating to the transmission and receipt of such bids.

Any written bids should be submitted by facsimile to the County's Municipal Advisor at 865-988-1863. Written bids must be submitted on the Bid Forms included with the *Preliminary Official Statement*.

The County reserves the right to reject all bids for the Bonds and to waive any informalities in the bids accepted.

Unless all bids for the Bonds are rejected, the Bonds will be awarded by the County Mayor to the bidder whose bid complies with this notice and results in the lowest true interest rate on the Bonds to be calculated as that rate that, when used in computing the present worth of all payments of principal and interest on the Bonds (compounded semi-annually from the date of the Bonds), produces an amount equal to the purchase price of the Bonds. For purposes of calculating the true interest cost, the principal amount of Term Bonds scheduled for mandatory sinking fund redemption as part of the Term Bond shall be treated as a serial maturity in such year. In the event that two or more bidders offer to purchase the Bonds at the same lowest true interest rate, the County Mayor shall determine in his sole discretion which of the bidders shall be awarded the Bonds.

After receipt of the bids, the County reserves the right to make adjustments and/or revisions to the Bonds, as described below.

Adjustment and/or Revision. While it is the County's intention to sell and issue the approximate par amounts of the Bonds as offered herein, there is no guarantee that adjustment and/or revision may not be necessary in order to properly size the Bonds or if the refundings fail to save the County the funds necessary to complete the refundings. Accordingly, the County Mayor reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to adjust the original par amount of the Bonds by up to twenty-five percent (25%). The principal factor to be considered in making any adjustments is the amount of premium bid for particular maturities. Among other factors the County Mayor may (but shall be under no obligation to) consider in sizing the par amounts and individual maturities of the Bonds is the size of individual maturities or sinking fund installments and/or other preferences of the County. Additionally, the County Mayor reserves the right to change the dated date of the Bonds.

In the event of any such adjustment and/or revision with respect to the Bonds, no rebidding will be permitted, and the portion of such premium or discount (as may have been bid for the Bonds) shall be adjusted in the same proportion as the amount of such revision in par amount of the Bonds bears to the original par amount of such Bonds offered for sale.

The successful bidder for the Bonds will be tentatively notified by not later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daytime Time), on the sale date of the exact revisions and/or adjustments required, if any.

Good Faith Deposit. No good faith check will be required to accompany any bid submitted. The successful bidder shall be required to deliver to the County's Municipal Advisor (by wire transfer) the amount of up to two percent (2%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale which will secure the faithful performance of the terms of the bid. A wire transfer must be received by the County's Municipal Advisor no later than the close of business on the day following the competitive sale. The wire instructions will be sent to the winning bidder after all bids are received.

The good faith deposit shall be applied (without interest) to the purchase price of the Bonds. If the successful bidder should fail to accept or pay for the Bonds when tendered for delivery and payment, the good faith deposit will be retained by the County as liquidated damages.

In the event of the failure of the County to deliver the Bonds to the purchaser in accordance with the terms of this Notice within forty-five (45) days after the date of the sale, the good-faith deposit will be promptly returned to the purchaser unless the purchaser directs otherwise.

#### Establishment of Issue Price

Undertakings of the Successful Bidder. The successful bidder for the Bonds shall make a bona fide public offering of the Bonds and shall, within 30 minutes after being notified of the award of the Bonds, advise the County in writing (via facsimile transmission or electronic mail) of the initial public offering prices of the Bonds (the "Initial Reoffering Prices"). The successful bidder must, by facsimile transmission or delivery received by the County within 24 hours after award, furnish the following information to the County to complete the *Official Statement* in final form, as described below:

- A. 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 at which the successful bidder advised the County that the Bonds were initially offered to the public).
- B. The identity of the other underwriters if the successful bidder is part of a group or syndicate.
- C. Any other material information that the County determines is necessary to complete the *Official Statement* in final form.

After the award of the Bonds, the County will prepare copies of the final *Official Statement* and will include therein such additional information concerning the reoffering of the Bonds as the successful bidder may reasonably request; provided, however, that the County will not include in the final *Official Statement* a “NRO” (“not reoffered”) designation with respect to any maturity of the Bonds. The successful bidder will be responsible to the County in all aspects for the accuracy and completeness of information provided by such successful bidders with respect to such reoffering.

The County expects the successful bidder to deliver copies of such *Official Statement* in final form (the “Final Official Statement”) to persons to whom such bidder initially sells the Bonds and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) via the MSRB’s Electronic Municipal Market Access System (“EMMA”). The successful bidder will be required to acknowledge receipt of the Final Official Statement, to certify that each has made delivery of the Final Official Statement to the MSRB, to acknowledge that the County expects the successful bidder to deliver copies of such Final Official Statement to persons to whom such bidder initially sells the Bonds and to certify that the Bonds will only be offered pursuant to the Final Official Statement and only in states where the offer is legal.

#### Establishment of Issue Price

- a. The successful 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 Detailed Notice of Bond Sale to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the County by the Municipal Advisor, and any notice or report to be provided to the County may be provided to the Municipal Advisor.
- b. The County intends 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:
  1. the County shall disseminate this Detailed Notice of Bond Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
  2. all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
  3. the County expects to receive bids for the Bonds from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
  4. 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 Detailed Notice of Bond Sale.

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

- c. In the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied as to the Bonds, the County shall so advise the successful bidder. In such event, the County intends to treat the (i) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the “10% Test”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity and/or (ii) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of any maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (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). The winning bidder shall advise the County promptly after the award of the Bonds if any maturities of the Bonds satisfy the 10% Test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. The Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule shall apply to all maturities that do not satisfy the 10% Test as of the sale date. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the County determines to apply the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule to any maturity of the Bonds.

Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.

- d. By submitting a bid, in the event of application of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, the successful bidder for the Bonds shall be deemed to have (i) confirmed that the underwriters have offered or will offer 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 successful 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 which the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule shall apply 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:
  1. the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or
  2. 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.

In the event of application of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule to any maturity of the Bonds, any successful bidder will advise the County promptly after the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the sale date whether it has 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.

- e. 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:
    - (A) (1) to 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 (5<sup>th</sup>) 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) to promptly notify the successful bidder 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) to 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 to which the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule applies allocated to it until the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) 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.

- f. The County acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the successful bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable to the Bonds, 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 requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable to the Bonds, 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 requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable to the Bonds, 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 to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds.
- g. Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Detailed Notice of Bond Sale. Further, for purposes of this Detailed Notice of Bond Sale:
1. “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party;
  2. “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);
  3. 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 (A) 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), (B) 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 (C) 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
  4. “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the County to the successful bidder.

Issue Price Certificate. The winning bidder will be required to provide the County, at closing, with an issue price certificate consistent with the foregoing and meeting the requirements of bond counsel. The form of the issue price certificate is attached to this Detailed Notice of Sale as Exhibit A if the Competitive Sale Requirements are met, and the form of the issue price certificate is attached to this Detailed Notice of Sale as Exhibit B if the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met.



Legal Opinion. The approving opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Knoxville, Tennessee, Bond Counsel along with other certificates including, but not limited to, a tax certificate and a continuing disclosure certificate dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds will be furnished to the purchaser at the expense of the County. As set forth in the *Preliminary Official Statement*, Bond Counsel's opinion with respect to the Bonds will state that interest on the Bonds will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes; is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal law alternative minimum tax. As set forth in the *Preliminary Official Statement*, the owners of the Bonds, however, may be subject to certain additional taxes or tax consequences arising with respect to ownership of the Bonds. Reference is hereby made to the *Preliminary Official Statement* and the form of the opinion contained in Appendix A.

Continuing Disclosure. At the time the Bonds are delivered, the County will execute a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in which it will covenant for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information relating to the County by 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. The Annual Report (and audited financial statements, if filed separately) will be filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") through the operation of the Electronic Municipal Market Access system (the "EMMA") and any State Information Depository established in the State of Tennessee (the "SID"). If the County is unable to provide the Annual Report to the MSRB and the SID by the date required, notice of each failure will be sent to the MSRB and the SID on or before such date. The notices of material events will be filed by the County either with the MSRB and the SID. The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of events are summarized in the *Preliminary Official Statement*.

Delivery of Bonds. Delivery of the Bonds is expected within forty-five (45) days. At least five (5) days' notice will be given to the successful bidder of such delivery. Delivery will be made in Book-Entry-Only form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. Payment for the Bonds must be made in *Federal Funds* or other immediately available funds.

CUSIP Numbers. CUSIP numbers will be assigned to the Bonds at the expense of the County. The County will assume no obligation for assignment of such numbers or the correctness of such numbers and neither failure to record such numbers on Bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds.

Official Statements; Other. The County has deemed the *Preliminary Official Statement* to be final as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") except for the omission of certain pricing and other information. The County will furnish the successful bidder at the expense of the County a reasonable number of copies of the *Official Statement* in final form, containing the pricing and other information to be supplied by the successful bidder and to be dated the date of the sale, to be delivered by the successful bidder to the persons to whom each such bidder and members of its bidding group initially sell the Bonds within seven (7) business days. Acceptance of a bid of the Bonds will constitute a contract between the County and the successful bidder for the provision of such copies within seven business days of the sale date.

Further Information. Additional information, including the *Preliminary Official Statement*, this Detailed Notice of Sale and the Official Bid Form, may be obtained from the County's Municipal Advisor, Cumberland Securities Company, Inc., Telephone: 865-988-2663. Further information regarding **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> may be obtained from i-Deal LLC, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York, 10018, Telephone: 212-849-5000.

/s/ John Gentry, County Mayor

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**EXHIBIT A**

**MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
[§ \_\_\_\_\_] GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021  
(HIWASSEE UTILITY COMMISSION)**

**ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE  
(if Competitive Sales Requirement is met)**

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] (“[SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]”), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the “Bonds”) of McMinn County, Tennessee (the “Issuer”).

**1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.**

- (a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] are the prices listed in Schedule A (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] to purchase the Bonds.
- (b) [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
- (c) The bid submitted by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

**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) *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.
- (c) *Related party* means an entity that shares with another entity (1) 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), (2) 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 (3) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interest 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 interest by one entity of the other).
- (d) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is April 21, 2021.
- (e) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (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 [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]'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 Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate with respect to the Bonds 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 Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

[NAME OF UNDERWRITER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B**

MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
[§ \_\_\_\_\_] GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021  
(HIWASSEE UTILITY COMMISSION)

**ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE  
(if Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule applies)**

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] (“[SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]”) [and the other members of the underwriting syndicate (together, the “Underwriting Group”)], hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the “Bonds”) of McMinn County, Tennessee (the “Issuer”).

1. ***Sale of the General Rule Maturities.*** As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.
2. ***Initial Offering Price of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.***
  - (a) [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule 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 Schedule B.
  - (b) As set forth in the [Detailed Notice of Sale and bid award], [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] agreed in writing on or prior to the Sale Date that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, [it][they] 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 for such Maturity (the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule”), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any third-party distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the third-party distribution agreement, to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter (as defined below) offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period.
3. ***Defined Terms.***
  - (a) *General Rule Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the “General Rule Maturities.”
  - (b) *Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule B hereto as the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.”
  - (c) *Holding Period* means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, 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 [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.
  - (d) *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.

- (e) *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.
- (f) *Related party* means an entity that shares with another entity (1) 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), (2) 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 (3) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interest 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 interest by one entity of the other).
- (g) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is April 21, 2021.
- (h) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (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 [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]'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 Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate with respect to the Bonds and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC 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 Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

[NAME OF UNDERWRITER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

BID FORM

Honorable John Gentry, County Mayor  
 6 East Madison Avenue  
 Athens, TN 37303

April 21, 2021

Dear Mayor Gentry:

For your legally issued, properly executed \$4,965,000\* General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Hiwassee Utility Commission) (the "Bonds") of McMinn County, Tennessee, in all respects as more fully outlined in your Detailed Notice of Sale, which by reference are made a part hereof, we will pay you a sum of \_\_\_\_ (\$\_\_\_\_\_).

The Bonds shall be dated the date of issuance (assume May 25, 2021) and shall be callable in accordance with the Detailed Notice of Sale. The Bonds shall mature on May 1 and bear interest at the following rates:

<u>May 1</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2022	\$240,000	_____%	2033	\$235,000	_____%
2023	240,000	_____%	2034	235,000	_____%
2024	240,000	_____%	2035	235,000	_____%
2025	240,000	_____%	2036	235,000	_____%
2026	240,000	_____%	2037	235,000	_____%
2027	240,000	_____%	2038	235,000	_____%
2028	235,000	_____%	2039	235,000	_____%
2029	235,000	_____%	2040	235,000	_____%
2030	235,000	_____%	2041	235,000	_____%
2031	235,000	_____%	2042	235,000	_____%
2032	235,000	_____%			

We have elected the option to designate two or more consecutive serial maturities as term bond maturities as indicated:

- Term Bond 1: Maturities from May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ through May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_%.
- Term Bond 2: Maturities from May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ through May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_%.
- Term Bond 3: Maturities from May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ through May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_%.
- Term Bond 4: Maturities from May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ through May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_%.
- Term Bond 5: Maturities from May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ through May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_%.
- Term Bond 6: Maturities from May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ through May 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_%.

It is our understanding that the Bonds are offered for sale as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" subject to the final approving opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Bond Counsel, Knoxville, Tennessee, whose opinion together with the executed Bonds, will be furnished by the County without cost to us.

If our bid is accepted, we agree to provide a good faith deposit for up to 2% of the Bonds on which we have bid by the close of business on the date following the competitive public sale as outlined in the *Detailed Notice of Sale*. Should for any reason we fail to comply with the terms of this bid, this good faith deposit shall be forfeited by us as full liquidated damages. Otherwise, this good faith deposit shall be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds on which we have bid.

This bid is a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds identified in the Notice of Sale, on the terms set forth in this bid form and the Notice of Sale, and is not subject to any conditions, except as permitted by the Notice of Sale. By submitting this bid, we confirm that we have an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds. [If the bidder cannot confirm an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds, the preceding sentence should be crossed out.]

Accepted for and on behalf of  
 McMinn County, Tennessee, this  
 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 John Gentry, County Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_

Total interest cost from  
 May 25, 2021 to final maturity \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Less: Premium /plus discount, if any \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Net Interest Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 True Interest Rate ..... \_\_\_\_\_%

*The computations of net interest cost and true interest rate are for comparison purposes only and are not to be considered as part of this proposal.*

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

