

CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540, that on 7th day of November, 2023, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Candler County, Georgia (“the County”), at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the county for their determination the question of whether a one percent county special purpose local option sales and use tax (the “SPLOST”) shall be imposed on all sales and uses in the special district created in the County for a period of 6 years for the raising of approximately \$10,800.00 for the purpose of funding capital outlay projects (“the Projects”) specified in the form of the ballot set forth below.

Vote () Yes or () No

Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Candler County for a period of time not to exceed six (6) years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$10,800,000 to be distributed in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2024 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects for the purposes of: (1) The County Projects will include twenty percent (20%) of the total SPLOST for a capital project related to the retirement of general obligation debt and capital projects related to capital improvements or replacement of capital equipment for: all county buildings, county equipment for roads and bridges, recreation, public works including solid waste collection and disposal, Sheriff functions to include jail and vehicles, communications, county general vehicles, county general administration, county information technology equipment and hardware, public safety to include EMS equipment and ambulance, fire protection equipment and vehicles, and EMA capital needs, and economic development and airport capital projects; (2) The City of Metter, Georgia, Projects will include retirement of general obligation debt and capital projects needs related to capital projects or the replacement of capital equipment for: all city buildings and city equipment for fire protection, economic development services, public works, general administration, roads, public utilities to include water, wastewater, collection, distribution and treatment, drainage improvements, and general vehicle and equipment, airport capital projects; and (3) The Town of Pulaski, Georgia, Projects will include capital projects related to road

expansion and improvements or replacement of capital equipment for all town buildings and facilities, general administration to include Information Technology hardware and equipment, public works to include water utility system, public safety to include fire capital needs and equipment, and (4) for funding, subject to the availability of excess SPLOST proceeds, for the Candler County Industrial Authority for purposes of acquiring real property for economic development, and providing the necessary infrastructure to serve said economic development, to include, but not be limited to roads, water, sewage, drainage and other necessary investments?

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute an approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the County secured by the SPLOST in the maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,800.00 ("the Debt.") The proceeds of the Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay the costs of one or more of the Projects and the costs of issuing the Debt.

The special election will be held on November 7, 2023.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote in the special election may register to vote through the close of business on October 10, 2023.

Advance voting will be held October 16 through November 3 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday voting will be held on October 21 and October 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Earliest day to request an absentee ballot is August 21, 2023 and last day to request an absentee ballot is October 27, 2023.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day.

This the 29th day of August, 2023.



Tony Thompson, Election Superintendent
Candler County

Dear Editor, Please publish the above notice for the following four weeks:

September 20, 2023, September 27, 2023, October 4, 2023 and October 11, 2023