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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE**



**\$6,700,000\***

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019**

**Electronic Bids Only Due No Later Than**

**10:15 A.M., CT**

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

**RAYMOND JAMES®**

*Municipal Advisor*  
**1 Burton Hills Blvd. – Suite 225**  
**Nashville, Tennessee 37215**  
**800-764-1002**

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**VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that written sealed bids or electronic bids will be received by Van Buren County, Tennessee (the "County") for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of its \$6,700,000\* General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 Bonds (the "Series 2019 Bonds"). A single bid for the Bonds will be received until 10:15 a.m., CT, on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 (or at such later times and date announced at least forty-eight hours in advance via IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® system). Written sealed bids using the attached "Official Bid Form" must be submitted to the County's Municipal Advisor, Raymond James & Associates, Inc., via scanned email to the following address: [richard.dulaney@raymondjames.com](mailto:richard.dulaney@raymondjames.com). Electronic bids must be submitted for the Series 2019 Bonds through the IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® system as described herein and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. The County's "Preliminary Official Statement", dated November 1, 2019 is an integral part of this "Official Notice of Sale" and is incorporated by reference herein. See "Bidding Instructions" herein.

**Description of the Series 2019 Bonds.** The Series 2019 Bonds will be issued in fully registered, book-entry form (except as set forth herein) without coupons and will be initially 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. Interest on the Series 2019 Bonds will be payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2020.

The Series 2019 Bonds will be dated the date of their issuance expected to be on or about November 22, 2019\*. The Series 2019 Bonds will mature and be payable on each year as outlined in the section entitled "Preliminary Amortization Schedules" herein.

**Registration and Depository Participation.** Except as otherwise set forth below, the Series 2019 Bonds, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's partnership nominee. When the Series 2019 Bonds are issued, ownership interests will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry system maintained by DTC (the "Book-Entry-Only System"). One or more fully-registered Series 2019 Bond certificates will be issued for each maturity, in the entire aggregate principal amount of the Series 2019 Bonds and will be deposited with DTC. The book-entry system will evidence beneficial ownership interests of the Series 2019 Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 for the Series 2019 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. Unless as otherwise set forth below, the successful bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Series 2019 Bonds, shall be required to deposit the Series 2019 Bond certificates with DTC, registered in the

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name of Cede & Co., nominee of DTC. Unless otherwise set forth below, the Series 2019 Bonds will be payable, at maturity to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Series 2019 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 Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds is discontinued and a successor securities depository is not appointed by the County or if the successful bidder of the Series 2019 Bonds for its own account so requests, Series 2019 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), the successful bidder for its own account as the case may be, in authorized denominations of \$5,000 for the Series 2019 Bonds or integral multiples thereof. The ownership of Series 2019 Bonds so delivered shall be registered in registration books to be kept by the Registration Agent (named herein) at its corporate trust office, and the County and the Registration Agent shall be entitled to treat the registered owners of the Series 2019 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 (as defined in the "Preliminary Official Statement" which is incorporated herein as an integral part of this "Official Notice of Sale" authorizing the Series 2019 Bonds.

**Purpose.** The Series 2019 Bonds are being issued for the purpose of (i) refinancing certain capital outlay notes of the County, the proceeds of which were used for making capital expenditures in connection with public works projects as described in Section 9-21-105 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, including but not limited to, the acquisition, construction and equipping of its administration/justice center, the acquisition of all property, real and personal appurtenant thereto and connected with such public works project, and the payment of all legal, fiscal, administrative, architectural and engineering costs incident thereto (collectively the "Project"); and (ii) paying costs of issuance of the Series 2019 Bonds.

**Security.** Both the principal of and interest on the Series 2019 Bonds are primarily payable from taxes to be levied upon all taxable property in the County without limitation as to rate or amount. For the prompt payment of both principal and interest on the Series 2019 Bonds, the full faith, credit and resources of the County are irrevocably pledged.

**Optional Redemption.** Series 2019 Bonds maturing June 1, 2020 through June 1, 2029 shall mature without option of prior redemption. Series 2019 Bonds maturing on or after June 1, 2030 shall be subject to redemption on June 1, 2029 and at any time thereafter at a redemption price of par plus interest accrued to the redemption date.

**Term Bond Option; Mandatory Redemption.** Bidders shall have the option to designate certain consecutive serial maturities of the Series 2019 Bonds as term bonds ("Term Bonds") bearing a single interest rate or yield. If the successful bidder for the Series 2019 Bonds designates certain consecutive serial maturities of the Series 2019 Bonds to be combined as one or more Term Bond as allowed herein, then such Term Bond(s) 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 such Term Bond 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 Series 2019 Bonds and in the amount of the maturing principal installment for the Series 2019 Bonds listed herein for such principal payment date. Term Bonds to be redeemed within a single maturity shall be selected in the manner provided for optional redemption of the Series 2019 Bonds within a single maturity.

**Bidding Instructions.** Either electronic or written sealed bids will be received for the Series 2019 Bonds as described below:

- a. Electronic bids for the Series 2019 Bonds must be submitted through IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® system and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted and no written bids will be accepted. Subscription to the IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® competitive bidding system is required in order to submit electronic bids. The County will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidders to subscribe. For the purposes of the bidding process, the time as maintained by IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® system shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids for the Series 2019 Bonds. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® system conflict with the terms of the "Official Notice of Sale", this "Official Notice of Sale" shall prevail. Electronic bids made through the facilities of IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® shall be deemed an offer to purchase in response to the "Official Notice of Sale" and shall be binding upon each bidder as if made by a signed, sealed written bid delivered to the County. The County, Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor 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 IPREO by IHS Markit. The use of the IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® facilities is at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. Further information regarding IPREO by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® system may be obtained from IPRO by IHS Markit ([www.newissuehome.i-deal.com](http://www.newissuehome.i-deal.com)).
- b. Written sealed bids using the attached "Official Bid Form" must be submitted to the County's Municipal Advisor, Raymond James & Associates, Inc., via scanned email to the following address: [richard.dulaney@raymondjames.com](mailto:richard.dulaney@raymondjames.com) or [elizabeth.zuelke@raymondjames.com](mailto:elizabeth.zuelke@raymondjames.com). Please confirm receipt prior to the appointed hour for receipt of bids by calling 615-665-6918 or 615-665-6917.

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## **Bidding Specifications.**

<b>GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019</b>			
<b>INTEREST</b>		<b>BIDDING</b>	
<b>Dated Date:*</b>	November 22, 2019	<b>Bids Due:</b>	10:15 A.M., CT, November 13, 2019
<b>Delivery Date:*</b>	November 22, 2019	<b>Bids Accepted/Rejected:</b>	By the County Mayor following bidding
<b>Day Count:</b>	30/360	<b>Submission of Bids:</b>	Written Official Bid Forms” must be scanned and submitted to the County c/o <a href="mailto:richard.dulaney@raymondjames.com">richard.dulaney@raymondjames.com</a> Electronic bids will only be received via the IPREO by IHS Markit’s BiDCOMP/Parity system
<b>Interest Payment Dates:</b>	June 1 and December 1	<b>Award Basis:</b>	Lowest True Interest Cost (“TIC”)
<b>First Interest:</b>	June 1, 2020	<b>All or None:</b>	Yes
<b>Coupon Multiples:</b>	0.01% and/or 0.125% of 1.00%	<b>Good Faith Deposit:</b>	\$100,000 - See page 6 herein for specific details
<b>High Coupon:</b>	Not greater than 5.00%		
<b>Low Coupon:</b>	Not less than 2.00%	<b>Tax Status:</b>	Tax-Exempt
<b>Rate Per Maturity:</b>	One	<b>Possible Adjustments:</b>	Yes. See the following section
<b>Ascending Coupons:</b>	Not required	<b>Bond Insurance:</b>	Bidder’s Option
<b>PRINCIPAL</b>		<b>PRICING</b>	
<b>Due Date:</b>	June 1 as shown below	<b>Minimum Bid:</b>	Not less than 100.0% of par
<b>Term Bonds:</b>	Permitted as described herein	<b>Maximum Bid:</b>	Not greater than 125.0%
<b>Denominations:</b>	\$5,000 or multiples thereof	<b>Zero Coupon:</b>	Not permitted
<b>Optional Redemption:</b>	June 1, 2029 at par		

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**Preliminary Amortization Schedules \***

<b>June 1 Year</b>	<b>Series 2019 Bonds*</b>	<b>June 1 Year</b>	<b>Series 2019 Bonds*</b>
2020	\$280,000	2033	\$260,000
2021	180,000	2034	270,000
2022	185,000	2035	280,000
2023	190,000	2036	295,000
2024	195,000	2037	305,000
2025	200,000	2038	320,000
2026	205,000	2039	330,000
2027	215,000	2040	345,000
2028	220,000	2041	355,000
2029	225,000	2042	365,000
2030	230,000	2043	375,000
2031	240,000	2044	385,000
2032	250,000		

**Bond Insurance Option.** Prospective bond insurance companies may qualify the Series 2019 Bonds under their respective optional bidding programs. If the successful bidder for the Series 2019 Bonds desires to purchase a bond insurance policy insuring payment of all or a portion of the debt service payable on the Series 2019 Bonds, the successful bidder does so at its own risk and expense and the obligation of the successful bidder to pay for the Series 2019 Bonds shall not be conditioned on the issuance of a bond insurance policy. The County will cooperate with the successful bidder 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 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 S&P that will be paid by the County.

If the Series 2019 Bonds are awarded to a bidder that has included bond insurance as part of its successful bid, then the bidder must simultaneously notify the Municipal Advisor of such purchase and provide the premium cost to be paid for the bond insurance.

**Adjustment and/or Revision.** While it is the County’s intention to sell and issue the approximate par amounts of the Series 2019 Bonds as offered herein, adjustments and/or revisions may be necessary in order to properly size the Series 2019 Bonds. Accordingly, the County reserves the right to make corresponding adjustments in each maturity of the Series 2019 Bonds as described in the following paragraphs.

The County reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel one or more maturities in their entirety and/or adjust the original par amount of each maturity without limitation. In no case will the par amount of the Series 2019 Bonds exceed \$7,000,000.

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Among other factors, the County may (but shall be under no obligation to) consider in sizing the par amount of each maturity are the amount of premium bid per maturity, if any, the size of the individual maturities or sinking fund installments, assuring funding needs and certain debt service patterns and/or other preferences of the County.

In the event of any such adjustment and/or revision with respect to the Series 2019 Bonds, no rebidding will be permitted. The underwriter's discount on the Series 2019 Bonds as submitted by the successful bidder shall be held constant. The "underwriter's discount" shall be defined as the difference between the purchase price of the Series 2019 Bonds submitted and the price at which the Series 2019 Bonds will be issued to the public, as calculated from information provided by the successful bidder, divided by the par amount of the successful bid for the Series 2019 Bonds.

Notwithstanding the paragraph above, prior to the sale, the County will make a decision on whether to adjust the amortization schedule and the par amount of each maturity of the Series 2019 Bonds. Unless the market is notified via IPREP by IHS Markit's BiDCOMP®/Parity® system not later than 12:00 Noon (CT) on the business day preceding the sale date, the Series 2019 Bonds will be offered as outlined herein, but subject to the foregoing additional adjustments, if necessary.

The successful bidder for the Series 2019 Bonds will be notified not later than 5:00 p.m., CT, on the sale date of the exact revisions and/or adjustments required, if any.

**Award.** Unless all bids are rejected, the Series 2019 Bonds will be awarded on an all or none basis on the sale date to the bidder whose bid result in the lowest true interest rate for the Series 2019 Bonds to be calculated as that rate (or yield) that, when used in computing the present worth of all payments of principal and interest on the Series 2019 Bonds (compounded semi-annually from the date of the Series 2019 Bonds, that produces an amount equal to the purchase price of the Series 2019 Bonds exclusive of accrued interest, if any. For purposes of calculating the true interest cost, the principal amount of any Term Bond scheduled for mandatory sinking fund redemption as part of the Term Bond shall be treated as a serial maturity in such year for the Series 2019 Bonds. In the event that two or more bidders offer to purchase the Series 2019 Bonds at the same true interest rate, the Mayor shall determine (in his sole discretion) which bidder shall be awarded the Series 2019 Bonds.

*The County reserves the right to reject all bids for the Series 2019 Bonds and to waive informalities in the bid accepted.*

**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 (wire transfer) the amount of \$100,000 that will secure the faithful performance of the terms of the successful bid. Wire transfers must be received by the Municipal Advisor no later than the close of business on the day following the competitive sale. Detailed wiring instructions are as outlined below:

Citibank NA 111 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10043 ABA Number: 021000089  
For Credit to: Raymond James & Associates, Inc. Account Number: 40776559  
For Benefit of: FI/PF FIN REP  
[Account: TN 1306 – Van Buren County, Tennessee Series 2019 Good Faith Deposit]

The good faith deposit shall be applied (without interest) to the purchase price of the Series 2019 Bonds. If the successful bidder should fail to accept or pay for the Series 2019 Bonds when tendered for delivery and payment, the good faith deposit pertaining to such bid will be retained by the County as liquidated damages.

In the event of the failure of the County to deliver the Series 2019 Bonds to the purchasers in accordance with the terms of this “Official Notice of Sale” within 45 days after the date of the sale, the good faith deposit will be promptly returned to such bidder unless such bidder directs otherwise.

### **Establishment of Issue Price**

*General.* The winning bidder shall assist the County in establishing the issue price of the Series 2019 Bonds as more fully described herein. All actions to be taken by the County under this “Official Notice of Sale” to establish the issue price of the Series 2019 Bonds may be taken on behalf of the County by its Municipal Advisor and any notice or report to be provided to the County may be provided to the 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 Series 2019 Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Series 2019 Bonds (the “competitive sale requirements”) because:

- the County shall disseminate this “Official 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 Series 2019 Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Series 2019 Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this “Official Notice of Sale”.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this “Official Notice of Sale” shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Series 2019 Bonds, as specified in the bid.

*County 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 Series 2019 Bonds, the County intends to treat the initial offering prices of the Series 2019 Bonds to the public as the issue price of such Series 2019 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).

*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 Series 2019 Bonds (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer each maturity of the Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Series 2019 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 Series 2019 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 Series 2019 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 retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Series 2019 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 retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Series 2019 Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Series 2019 Bonds of that maturity or all Series 2019 Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Series 2019 Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Series 2019 Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Series 2019 Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such underwriter that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Series 2019 Bonds of that maturity or all Series 2019 Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such 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 Series 2019 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 retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Series 2019 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 retail 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 retail distribution agreement to comply with its

corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Series 2019 Bonds.

*Definitions.* Sales of any Series 2019 Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this “Official Notice of Sale”. Further, for purposes of this “Official 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 Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Series 2019 Bonds to the public),
- a purchaser of any of the Series 2019 Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) at least 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 Series 2019 Bonds are awarded by the County to the winning 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. A form of the issue price certificate is attached to this “Official Notice of Sale” as Exhibit A. In the event the winning bidder will not reoffer any maturity of the Series 2019 Bonds for sale to the Public (as defined herein) by the delivery date of the Series 2019 Bonds, the issue price certificate may be modified in a manner approved by the County and Bond Counsel.

**Legal Opinion.** The unqualified approving opinion of Glankler Brown PLLC, Memphis, Tennessee, Bond Counsel along with other certificates including, but not limited to, a tax certificate (with respect to the Series 2019 Bonds) and a continuing disclosure certificate dated as of the date of delivery of the Series 2019 Bonds will be furnished to the purchasers at the expense of the County. As set forth in the “Preliminary Official Statement”, Bond Counsel's opinion with respect to the Series 2019 Bonds will state that interest on the Series 2019 Bonds will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and 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 Series 2019 Bonds, however, may be subject to certain additional taxes or tax consequences arising with respect to ownership of the Series 2019 Bonds. Reference is hereby made to the “Preliminary Official Statement” and the proposed form of the opinion which is contained in Appendix A thereof.

**Continuing Disclosure.** At the time the Series 2019 Bonds are delivered, the County will execute a Continuing Disclosure Certificate(s) in which it will covenant for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the Series 2019 Bonds to provide certain financial information relating to the County by not later than 12 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 ("MSRB") through the operation of the Electronic Municipal Market Access system ("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 certain enumerated events will be filed by the County with the MSRB and 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 Series 2019 Bonds. Reference is hereby made to the "Preliminary Official Statement" ("MISCELLANEOUS – Continuing Disclosure") and the form of the certificate which is contained in Appendix C: "Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate".

**Delivery of Series 2019 Bonds.** Delivery of the Series 2019 Bonds is expected on or about November 22, 2019\* although that date is subject to change and will be finalized when the Series 2019 Bonds are awarded. At least a 5 day notice will be given to the successful bidder. Delivery will be made in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. Payment for the Series 2019 Bonds must be made in Federal Funds or other immediately available funds.

**CUSIP Numbers.** CUSIP numbers will be assigned to the Series 2019 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 the Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds.

**Provision of Information for the "Official Statement"**. The successful bidder must furnish the following information to the County to complete the "Official Statement" in final form within two (2) hours after receipt and award of the bids for the Series 2019 Bonds:

1. The initial offering prices or yields for the Series 2019 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 Series 2019 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;
4. If the successful bidder is not offering any maturities (e.g., if the successful bidder is buying the Series 2019 Bonds for its own account and not with an expectation of for further distribution or sale), other information as may be needed or requested

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by the County’s Municipal Advisor or its Bond Counsel to determine the “issue price” of the Series 2019 Bonds; and

5. Any other material information necessary (including, but limited to, information regarding any bond insurance included as part of the successful bid) to complete the “Official Statement” in final form, but not known to the County.

**Official Statements; Other.** The County has deemed the “Preliminary Official Statement” (incorporated herein by reference) to be final as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”) 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 supplied by the successful bidder which will be dated the date of the sale. The “Official Statement”, together with the foregoing information will be delivered by the successful bidder and to the persons to whom such bidder and members of the bidding group initially sell the Series 2019 Bonds. Acceptance of the bid for the Series 2019 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”, the “Official Notice of Sale” or the “Official Bid Form” may be obtained from IPREO by IHS Markit’s BiDCOMP®/Parity® Documents at ([www.i-dealprospectus.com](http://www.i-dealprospectus.com)) or the County’s Municipal Advisor:

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.  
One Burton Hills Blvd. - Suite 225  
Nashville, Tennessee 37215-6299  
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/s/ Greg Wilson  
County Mayor

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**Exhibit A**

**\$6,700,000\***

**VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019**

**ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] (“Purchaser”), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligation (the “Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds to the Public by the Purchaser are the prices listed in Exhibit A (the “Expected Offering Prices”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Series 2019 Bonds used by the Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Series 2019 Bonds. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Purchaser to purchase the Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds.

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

**2. Initial Offering Price.**

(b) The Purchaser offered each Maturity of the Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds is attached to this Certificate as Exhibit B.

(b) As set forth in the “Official Notice of Sale” for the Series 2019 Bonds, the Purchaser has agreed in writing that, for each maturity of the Series 2019 Bonds, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds at a price that is higher than the respective

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\* Subject to revision and adjustment as outlined in the “Official Notice of Sale” which by reference is incorporated herein.

Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Series 2019 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.

### 3. *Defined Terms.*

(a) *Maturity* means Series 2019 Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Series 2019 Bonds with different maturity dates, or Series 2019 Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.

(b) *County or Issuer* means the Van Buren 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 Series 2019 Bonds. The Sale Date of the Series 2019 Bonds is November 13, 2019.

(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 Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Series 2019 Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents 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 Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Series 2019 Bonds, and by Glankler Brown PLLC in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Series 2019 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 Series 2019 Bonds.

Dated: [Issue Date]

[NAME OF PURCHASER, as Underwriter]

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

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

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

**OFFICIAL BID FORM**

Van Buren County, Tennessee  
 Honorable Greg Wilson, County Mayor  
 Spencer, Tennessee 38585

November 13, 2019

Mayor Wilson:

For your legally issued, properly executed \$6,700,000\* General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 (the “Series 2019 Bonds”) of Van Buren County, Tennessee (the “County”) in all respects as more fully outlined in your “Official Notice of Sale” and “Preliminary Official Statement” which by reference are made a part hereof, we propose the following:

The following table depicts the estimated par amounts of the Series 2019 Bonds:

<u>June 1</u>	<u>Principal*</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>June 1</u>	<u>Principal*</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2020	\$280,000	_____ %	_____ %	2033	\$260,000	_____ %	_____ %
2021	180,000	_____ %	_____ %	2034	270,000	_____ %	_____ %
2022	185,000	_____ %	_____ %	2035	280,000	_____ %	_____ %
2023	190,000	_____ %	_____ %	2036	295,000	_____ %	_____ %
2024	195,000	_____ %	_____ %	2037	305,000	_____ %	_____ %
2025	200,000	_____ %	_____ %	2038	320,000	_____ %	_____ %
2026	205,000	_____ %	_____ %	2039	330,000	_____ %	_____ %
2027	215,000	_____ %	_____ %	2040	345,000	_____ %	_____ %
2028	220,000	_____ %	_____ %	2041	355,000	_____ %	_____ %
2029	225,000	_____ %	_____ %	2042	365,000	_____ %	_____ %
2030	230,000	_____ %	_____ %	2043	375,000	_____ %	_____ %
2031	240,000	_____ %	_____ %	2044	385,000	_____ %	_____ %
2032	250,000	_____ %	_____ %				

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

- Term Bond 1: Maturities from June 1, 20\_\_\_\_ through June 1, 20\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ % rate and @ \_\_\_\_\_ % yield
- Term Bond 2: Maturities from June 1, 20\_\_\_\_ through June 1, 20\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ % rate and @ \_\_\_\_\_ % yield
- Term Bond 3: Maturities from June 1, 20\_\_\_\_ through June 1, 20\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ % rate and @ \_\_\_\_\_ % yield
- Term Bond 4: Maturities from June 1, 20\_\_\_\_ through June 1, 20\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ % rate and @ \_\_\_\_\_ % yield

1. This bid for the Series 2019 Bonds is submitted in accordance with all terms and conditions described in the “Official Notice of Sale” which is incorporated herein by reference;
2. It is understood that the Series 2019 Bonds are designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” (i.e., “bank qualified”);
3. The Series 2019 Bonds will be assigned a credit rating by Standard & Poor’s Global Ratings, Inc.;
4. This bid is subject to receipt of the approving opinion of Glankler Brown PLLC, Memphis, Tennessee, Bond Counsel which will be furnished without cost to us at closing by the County;
5. 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 reputation for underwriting new issuance municipal bonds, then the preceding sentence should be crossed out];
6. It is understood that if our bid is accepted, we will provide a good faith deposit of \$100,000 to secure our performance which will be handled and applied as outlined in the “Official Notice of Sale”; and
7. *The County reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive informalities in the bid accepted.*

\* Subject to revision and adjustment as outlined in the “Official Notice of Sale” incorporated herein by reference.



Respectfully submitted,

Authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_

Total interest cost from November 22, 2019 to final maturity: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Less: Premium/plus discount bid, if any: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Net Interest Cost\*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

True Interest Rate\*: \_\_\_\_\_%

Accepted for and on behalf of Van Buren County, Tennessee

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Greg Wilson, County Mayor

Dated: November 22, 2019

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\* The computations of net interest cost and the true interest rate are optional and for comparison purposes only. All official calculation by made by the County's Municipal Advisor based on data provided by the bidder.