
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
\$75,750,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021

Electronic Bids Only, as Described Herein
Will Be Accepted Until
10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, November 30, 2021*

* Preliminary, Subject to Change

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that irrevocable, electronic bids only will be received on the date and up to the time specified below:

SALE DATE: Tuesday, November 30, 2021*

SALE TIME: 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time*

ELECTRONIC BIDS: Must be submitted through **PARITY**[®] as described below.

No other form of bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted.

Bids will be received for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of the \$75,750,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 (the “Bonds”) to be issued by Hamilton County, Tennessee (the “County”). The Bonds are more particularly described in the Preliminary Official Statement dated November 19, 2021 relating to the Bonds, available at the i-Deal Prospectus website, www.i-dealprospectus.com. Prior to accepting bids, the County may as described herein, postpone the sale to a later date, or cancel the sale of the Bonds based upon market conditions as discussed herein. Notice of a change or cancellation will be announced via Thomson Municipal News at the internet website address www.tm3.com not later than 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the business day preceding the bid opening. Such notice will specify the revised principal amount or feature, 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 Thomson Municipal News service at the internet website address www.tm3.com. Consideration of the bids and the award will be made by the County not later than 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the Sale Date (as set forth above and in the Bidding Parameters table herein). The County will continue to reserve the right to adjust the principal amount of the Bonds offered, to eliminate maturities, or to cancel the sale of the Bonds after the bids are opened as further described herein. See ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS AND MATURITIES.

* Throughout this Official Notice of Sale, an asterisk indicates that the information is preliminary and subject to change.

BIDDING PARAMETERS TABLE
\$75,750,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021

INTEREST		PRICING	
Dated Date:	Date of Delivery	Max Reoffering Price	
Delivery Date:	December 14, 2021	Each Maturity:	N.A.
Interest Payment Dates:	June 1 and December 1	Aggregate:	130%
First Interest:	June 1, 2022	Min Reoffering Price	
Coupon Multiples:	1/8 or 1/20 or 1/100 of 1%	Each Maturity:	99.0%
Maximum Coupon:	5.00%	Aggregate:	100%
Minimum Coupon:	3.00% on and after December 1, 2032		
Maximum TIC:	N.A.	PROCEDURAL	
		Sale Date:	November 30, 2021
		Sale Time:	10:00 a.m. Eastern Time
PRINCIPAL		Bid Submission:	Electronic only through PARITY
Optional Redemption:	Callable on and after December 1, 2031 at par	All or None:	Yes
Principal Increases Aggregate:	Aggregate principal amount for the Bonds cannot exceed \$90,000,000	Bid Award Method:	Lowest TIC
		Bid Confirmation:	Fax Signed PARITY screen
Principal Reductions Aggregate:	25%	Awarding of Bid:	County Mayor not later than 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Sale Date
		Good Faith Deposit:	As more fully described herein on page 9
Term Bonds:	Any consecutive maturities after December 1, 2031; Must have sinking equal to amortization	Insurance:	May be purchased by the bidder at its option

Principal Maturities:

<u>Due December 1*</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2022	\$1,000,000
2023	3,865,000
2024	4,065,000
2025	4,275,000
2026	4,490,000
2027	4,720,000
2028	4,965,000
2029	5,220,000
2030	5,485,000
2031	5,770,000
2032	6,000,000
2033	6,185,000
2034	6,375,000
2035	6,570,000
2036	6,765,000

THE BONDS

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered, book-entry only form, without coupons, will be dated as of the date set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table; will be issued in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof; and will bear interest from their date until paid or duly called for redemption at the annual rate or rates specified by the successful bidder, subject to the limitations specified below, payable as shown on the Bidding Parameters Table. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”). The Bonds must meet the minimum and maximum coupon and pricing criteria shown in the Bidding Parameters Table on a maturity and aggregate basis.

The Bonds will mature on the month and day and in the years and principal amounts shown on the Bidding Parameters and Principal Maturities Table as serial bonds or term bonds, subject to the terms and adjustments described in the Bidding Parameters Table and herein.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

The Bonds which mature on or before December 1, 2031 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2032 are subject to prior redemption at the option of the County on and after December 1, 2031, in whole or in part on any date at par, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date.

Written notice of redemption shall be mailed to registered owners of the Bonds at least thirty days before the redemption date. While DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, the County shall send the notice of redemption to DTC, and the County shall not be responsible for mailing notices of redemption to Participants or Indirect Participants or to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. Any failure of DTC to mail such notice to any Participant will not affect the sufficiency or the validity of the redemption of the Bonds.

SECURITY

The Bonds are general obligations of the County, and as such, the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they mature. The Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the County, without limitations as to rate or amount.

ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNT AND MATURITIES

The aggregate principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds is subject to adjustment by the County after the receipt and opening of the bids for their purchase as specified in the Bidding Parameters Table. Changes to be made after the opening of the bids will be communicated to the successful bidder directly by 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on the date following the Sale Date.

Prior to the Sale Date, the County may cancel the sale of the Bonds or adjust the aggregate principal amount and the principal amount of any maturity of a series of the Bonds. Notice of a change or cancellation will be announced via Thomson Municipal News at the internet website address www.tm3.com not later than 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the business day preceding the bid opening.

After the receipt and opening of the bids for their purchase, the County may cancel the sale of the Bonds or adjust the aggregate principal amount and the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds; provided that such adjustments are within the limitations set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table, calculated based on the applicable bid amount. The County will consult with the successful bidder before

adjusting the amount of any maturity of the Bonds or canceling the sale of the Bonds; however, the County reserves the sole right to make adjustments, within the limits described above, or cancel the sale of the Bonds. Any adjustments made after the opening of the bids will be communicated to the successful bidder directly by 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on the date following the Sale Date. Adjustments within the limits described above will not relieve the successful bidder from its obligation to purchase all of the Bonds offered by the County, assuming the County has satisfied all other conditions of this Official Notice of Sale.

In the event that the principal amount of any maturity of the Bonds is revised after the award, the interest rate and reoffering price (as a percentage of principal) for each maturity and the Underwriter's Discount on the 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 Bonds submitted by the bidder and the price at which such series of the Bonds will be issued to the public, calculated from information provided by the bidder, divided by the par amount of the Bonds bid.

FORM AND PAYMENT

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered, book-entry only form and a bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. A book-entry system will be employed, evidencing ownership of the Bonds, with transfers of ownership affected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by DTC and its participants. The successful bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the Bond certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the hereinafter defined Registration Agent by wire transfer or in clearinghouse funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to the beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. Neither the County nor the Registration Agent will be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants. The successful bidder will be required to furnish to DTC within seven (7) days after the sale the customary underwriter's questionnaire and information as to each DTC participant and the Bonds to be held for it.

Payment of principal of the Bonds will be made by the County by wire transfer through The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, the registrar/paying agent (the "Registration Agent"), to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., as registered owner of the Bonds on the month and day, in the years and amounts established in accordance with the award of the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds is payable on the dates shown in the Bidding Parameters Table. Interest payments on the Bonds will be mailed by the Registration Agent on each interest payment date to the owners of the Bonds at the addresses listed on the registration books maintained by the Registration Agent for such purpose. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of principal and interest on the Bonds will be made to DTC or its nominee.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The County has authorized the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement dated November 19, 2021 (the "Preliminary Official Statement" or "POS") containing information relating to the Bonds. The Preliminary Official Statement is deemed "final" by the County as required by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"), except for pricing and other information allowed to be omitted pursuant to the Rule. The County will furnish the successful bidder on the date of closing, with its certificate, in its usual form, as to the completeness and accuracy of the Official Statement.

The Preliminary Official Statement, this Official Notice of Sale and any other information

concerning the proposed financing will be available electronically at i-Deal's website, www.i-dealprospectus.com. Assistance in obtaining the documents will be provided by i-Deal's customer service at (212) 849-5024 or from PFM Financial Advisors LLC, 530 Oak Court Drive, Suite 160, Memphis, Tennessee 38117-3722, (901) 682-8356, yatsulan@pfm.com (Attention: Nick Yatsula).

The Preliminary Official Statement, when amended to reflect the actual amount of the Bonds sold, the interest rates specified by the successful bidder and the price or yield at which the successful bidder will reoffer the Bonds to the public, together with any other information required by law, will constitute a "Final Official Statement" with respect to the Bonds as that term is defined in the Rule. No more than seven (7) business days after the date of the sale, the County will provide without cost to the respective successful bidder up to 25 copies of the Final Official Statement. If the Bonds are awarded to a syndicate, the County will designate the senior managing underwriter of the syndicate as its representative for purposes of distributing copies of the Final Official Statement to each participating underwriter. Any underwriter submitting a bid with respect to the Bonds agrees thereby that if its bid is accepted, it shall accept such designation and shall enter into a contractual relationship with all participating underwriters for the purpose of assuring the receipt and distribution by each participating underwriter of the Final Official Statement.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

As described in Appendix C attached to the Preliminary Official Statement, the County has agreed in the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County on November 17, 2021 to provide certain continuing disclosure filings and notices for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds.

LEGAL OPINION

As a condition to the purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds, the County will furnish upon the delivery of the Bonds the opinion as to the validity of the Bonds of Kutak Rock LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, Bond Counsel to the County. The opinion of Bond Counsel will state, among other things, that, under existing laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions, interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to the owner of a Bond) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not a specified preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. The opinions described in the immediately preceding sentences are subject to the condition that the County comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The County has covenanted to comply with such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. In addition, the opinion of Bond Counsel will state that, under existing laws, the Bonds and the income therefrom are exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Tennessee, except for inheritance, transfer and estate taxes and except to the extent that interest on the Bonds is included within the measure of certain excise taxes and franchise taxes imposed under Tennessee law.

Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding federal or state tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds except as stated above. It should be noted, however, that the accrual or receipt of interest on the Bonds may otherwise affect the federal income tax liability of the owners of the Bonds. The extent of these other tax consequences will depend on such owners' particular tax status and other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding any such consequences. Purchasers of the Bonds, particularly purchasers that are corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations operating branches in the United States of America), property or casualty insurance companies, banks, thrifts or other financial institutions, certain recipients of social security or railroad retirement benefits, taxpayers entitled to claim the earned income credit, taxpayers entitled to claim the

refundable credit in Section 36B of the Code for coverage under a qualified health plan or taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, should consult tax advisors as to the tax consequences of purchasing or owning the Bonds.

BIDDING PROCEDURE; OFFICIAL BID FORMS

Only electronic bids submitted via **BiDCOMP/PARITY®** during the bidding time period will be accepted. No other form of bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. **No bid delivered by facsimile directly to the County will be accepted.** Bidders are permitted to submit bids for the Bonds during the bidding time period, provided they are eligible to bid as described under “ELIGIBILITY TO BID” below.

Each bid must be unconditional and received by PARITY® before the Sale Time set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table. No proposal to purchase the Bonds may be withdrawn after the deadline set for receiving bids. Prior to the deadline set for receiving bids, an eligible prospective bidder may, subject to limitation which may be imposed by PARITY®, modify the proposed terms of its bid in which event the proposed terms last modified will constitute its bid for the Bonds. At the deadline stated above for receiving bids, the bidding process will close and each bid shall then constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in the bid and this Official Notice of Sale.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING

Electronic bids may be submitted via PARITY® only. No other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. The use of PARITY® electronic bidding shall be at the bidder’s risk and expense, and the County shall have no liability with respect thereto. The County is using electronic bidding as a communications medium and PARITY® is not acting as the County’s agent.

Each electronic bid submitted via PARITY® shall be deemed an offer, in response to this Official Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the County. Once the bids are released electronically via BiDCOMP/Parity to the County, each bid will constitute an **IRREVOCABLE** offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms therein provided. The successful bidder must confirm such bid by a signed PARITY® Bid Form and a signed statement of reoffering prices, both delivered by fax or email to the County (at the number or email address, as applicable, specified in "Contacts" at the front of this Official Notice of Sale) no later than one hour after being notified by the County of being the winning bidder, the original of each of which must be received by the County on the following business day at the address shown above. Failure to deliver this written confirmation does not relieve the bidder of the obligation to purchase the Bonds.

ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY REPUTATION REQUIRED OF BIDDERS

By submitting a bid for the Bonds, each underwriter certifies it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds. The County will not accept bids from firms without an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.

COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE OF SALE

If any provisions of this Official Notice of Sale conflict with information provided by PARITY®, this Official Notice of Sale shall control. The County is not bound by any advice or determination of PARITY® as to whether any bid complies with the terms of this Official Notice of Sale. The time as maintained by PARITY® shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids submitted.

ELIGIBILITY TO BID

The County does not have a registration requirement for prospective bidders. However, bidders must be contracted customers of the BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System and should promptly contact PARITY® directly at (212) 404-8102 for information about PARITY®, including its rules and fees, and becoming a contracted customer.

FORM OF BID, INTEREST RATES AND BID PRICES

All bids must conform to the requirements of this Official Notice of Sale. Bidders must bid to purchase all maturities of the Bonds. No bid will be considered which does not offer to purchase all of the Bonds. Each bid must specify (1) an annual rate of interest for each maturity of a series and (2) a dollar purchase price for the entire issue of the Bonds. The winning bidder must specify reoffering prices or yield for each maturity.

A bidder must specify the rate or rates of interest per annum (with no more than one rate of interest per maturity), which the Bonds are to bear, to be expressed in the coupon rate multiples set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table. Any number of interest rates may be named, but the Bonds of each maturity must bear interest at the same single rate for all bonds of that maturity.

Each bid for the Bonds must meet the minimum and maximum coupon and pricing criteria shown in the Bidding Parameters Table on a maturity and aggregate basis.

Each bidder must specify, as part of its bid, the prices or yields at which all of the Bonds of each maturity will be offered and sold to the public. Reoffering prices presented as a part of the bids will not be used in computing the bidders' true interest cost. As promptly as reasonably possible after bids are received, the County will notify the successful bidder that it is the apparent winner.

MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE

Each bidder for the Bonds must specify, as part of its bid, whether a commitment for bond insurance has been obtained by such bidder. The amount of any such premium must be included in the purchase price for the Bonds. The failure of a bidder to specify insurance in its bid will constitute a representation that the bidder has not obtained such an insurance commitment or that such insurance does not result in arbitrage true interest cost savings to the County. If an insurance commitment has been obtained and the insurance will produce arbitrage true interest cost savings to the County, such matters must be confirmed at the time the bidder is notified that it is the apparent winner, as described in "FORM OF BID, INTEREST RATES AND BID PRICES" above, and also with a certificate, and the successful bidder must furnish other related certificates from the insurer, satisfactory to the County in form and substance, delivered simultaneously with delivery of the Bonds. Qualification of insurance for the Bonds is borne by the bidder.

AWARD OF BID

The County expects to award the Bonds to the winning bidder no later than 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the Sale Date. Bids may not be withdrawn prior to the award. Unless all bids are rejected, the Bonds will be awarded by the County on the Sale Date to the bidder whose bid complies with this Official Notice of Sale and results in the lowest true interest cost to the County. The lowest true interest cost will be determined in accordance with the True Interest Cost (“TIC”) method by doubling the semi-annual interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments from the payment dates to the Dated Date of the Bonds and to the aggregate purchase price of the Bonds. If two or more bidders offer to purchase the Bonds at the same lowest TIC, the Bonds may be apportioned between such bidders if it is agreeable to each of the bidders who have offered the price producing the same lowest TIC; provided, that if apportionment is not acceptable to such bidders, the County will have the right to award the Bonds to one of such bidders. There will be no auction.

RIGHT OF REJECTION

The County expressly reserves the right (i) to waive any informalities, (ii) to reject all bids, any incomplete bid or any bid not fully complying with all of the requirements set forth herein, and (iii) to solicit new bids or proposals for the sale of the Bonds or otherwise provide for the public sale of the Bonds if all bids are rejected or the winning bidder defaults.

DELIVERY AND PAYMENT

Delivery of the Bonds will be made by the County to DTC in book-entry only form in New York, New York on or about the Delivery Date shown in the Bidding Parameters Table, or such other date agreed upon by the County and the successful bidder. Payment for the Bonds must be made in federal funds or other funds immediately available to the County at the time of delivery of the Bonds. Any expenses incurred in providing immediate funds, whether by transfer of federal funds or otherwise, will be borne by the purchaser. The cost of printing the Bonds, if any, will be borne by the County.

RIGHT OF CANCELLATION

The successful bidder will have the right, at its option, to cancel its obligation to purchase if the Registration Agent fails to execute the Bonds and tender the same for delivery within 60 days from the date of sale thereof, and in such event the successful bidder will be entitled to the return of the Good Faith Deposit accompanying its bid.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT

A Good Faith Deposit in the amount of up to one percent (1%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds is required of the winning bidder of the Bonds. The winning bidder of the Bonds is required to submit such Good Faith Deposit payable to the order of the County in the form of a wire transfer in federal funds as instructed by the County’s Financial Advisor, PFM Financial Advisors LLC. The winning bidder shall submit the Good Faith Deposit not more than two hours after verbal award is made. The winning bidder should provide as quickly as it is available, evidence of wire transfer by providing the County the federal funds reference number. If the Good Faith Deposit is not received in the time allotted, the bid of the winning bidder may be rejected and the County may direct the next lowest bidder to submit a Good Faith Deposit and thereafter may award the sale of the series of the Bonds to the same.

Submission of a bid to purchase the Bonds serves as acknowledgement and acceptance of the terms of the Good Faith Deposit requirement.

The Good Faith Deposit so wired will be retained by the County until the delivery of the Bonds, at which time the Good Faith Deposit will be applied against the purchase price of the Bonds or the Good Faith Deposit will be retained by the County as partial liquidated damages in the event of the failure of the successful bidder to take up and pay for the Bonds in compliance with the terms of this Official Notice of Sale and of its bid. No interest on the Good Faith Deposit will be paid by the County. The balance of the purchase price must be wired in federal funds to the account detailed in the closing memorandum, simultaneously with delivery of the Bonds.

NO LITIGATION

There is no litigation pending concerning the validity of the Bonds, the existence of the County, or the entitlement of the officers thereof to their respective offices, and the successful bidder will be furnished a no-litigation certificate certifying to the foregoing as of and at the time of the delivery of the Bonds.

CUSIP NUMBERS

It is anticipated that CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto will constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds. The policies of the CUSIP Service Bureau will govern the assignment of specific numbers to the Bonds. PFM Financial Advisors LLC will request the assignment of CUSIP numbers no later than one business day after dissemination of this Official Notice of Sale in accordance with MSRB Rule G-34. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds will be paid for by the County; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers will be the responsibility of and will be paid for by the successful bidder.

BLUE SKY

The County has not taken any action relating to the requirements of the securities or “blue sky” laws of any jurisdiction with respect to the offer and sale of the Bonds. In addition, the County is aware that certain jurisdictions have filing requirements, which must be satisfied prior to any offer and sale of the Bonds to the public.

INITIAL REOFFERING TERMS

The apparent successful bidder will provide the initial public offering prices to the public (the “Initial Public Offering Prices”) and yields of each maturity of the Bonds (collectively the “Initial Reoffering Terms”) within 30 minutes of receipt of notice that it is the apparent winning bidder.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE

The successful bidder shall assist the County in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the County prior to Closing a certificate acceptable to Bond Counsel setting forth the reasonably expected Initial Public Offering Price, or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary in the reasonable judgment of the successful bidder, the County or Bond Counsel.

Anticipated Compliance with Competitive Sale Requirements. 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 Notice of 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 may receive bids 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 Notice of Sale.

Application of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule if Competitive Sale Requirements Are Not Satisfied. In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the County shall treat the Initial Public Offering Price as of the Sale Date (as hereinafter defined) of each maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”) and the successful bidder shall execute and deliver to the County a certificate acceptable to Bond Counsel, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary in the reasonable judgment of the successful bidder, the County or Bond Counsel.

By submitting a bid, the successful bidder shall, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer each maturity of the Bonds to the public on or before the date that the Bonds are awarded by the County to the successful bidder (“Sale Date”) at the Initial Public Offering Price set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder, and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell any maturity of the Bonds to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Public Offering Price for such maturity during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth 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 Public Offering Price for such maturity.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the County when the underwriters have sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Public Offering Price if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date. The County acknowledges that, in making the representation set forth above, the successful bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter is a party to a retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the 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 Bonds.

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 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 retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to:

(A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all 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 successful bidder and in the related pricing wires, and

(ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the sale of the 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 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 Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder or such underwriter that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all 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 successful bidder or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

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

- (i) "public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an underwriter or a related party,
- (ii) "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 retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public), and
- (iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a "related party" to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).

UNDERTAKINGS OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

The winning bidder will be required to provide the County, at closing, with an issue price certificate consistent with the foregoing, together with any supporting documentation such as pricing wires or equivalent communications. A form of the issue price certificate is attached to this Notice of Sale as an exhibit. In the event the winning bidder will not reoffer any maturity of the Bonds for sale to the public (as defined herein) by the delivery date of the Bonds, the issue price certificate may be modified in a manner approved by the County.

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

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

CERTIFICATE

In connection with delivery of the Bonds, the County will deliver a certificate of an official of the County, dated the date of delivery of said Bonds, stating that as of the date thereof, to the best of the knowledge and belief of said official, the Official Statement does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from Lee Brouner, Administrator of Finance, (leeb@hamiltontn.gov), (423) 209-6308, or Lauren Lowe (lowel@pfm.com) of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, (901) 682-8356.

HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

/s/ Jim Coppinger

The Honorable Jim Coppinger, Mayor

Dated: November 19, 2021

EXHIBIT A

[\$[PRINCIPAL AMOUNT]

**HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021**

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

(for Competitive Sales, to be modified if Hold the Offering Price Rule applies)

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 Hamilton 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. 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.

(c) *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 [DATE].

(d) *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 retail 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 Kutak Rock LLP 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.

[NAME OF UNDERWRITER]

By:

Name:

Title:

Dated: _____

SCHEDULE A
EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES

(Attached)

SCHEDULE B
COPY OF BID

(Attached)

EXHIBIT B

[\$[PRINCIPAL AMOUNT]

**HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021**

**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 Hamilton County, Tennessee (the “Issuer”).

1. *Initial Offering Price of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.*

(a) [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER][The Underwriting Group] 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 [Notice of Sale and bid award], [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER][the members of the Underwriting Group] 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 retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail 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.

2. *Defined Terms.*

(a) *Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.”

(b) *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][the Underwriting Group] 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.

(c) *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.

(d) *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.

(e) *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 [DATE].

(f) *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 retail 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 Kutak Rock LLP 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.

[NAME OF UNDERWRITER]

By:

Name:

Title:

Dated:

SCHEDULE A
INITIAL OFFERING PRICES OF THE HOLD-THE-OFFERING-PRICE MATURITIES
(Attached)

SCHEDULE B
PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION
(Attached)

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