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PRESS RELEASE

FACILITY BONDS APPROVED! WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Fort Bend County Voters approved a \$130 Million bond request for improvements to various county facilities to include a jail expansion, a relocated Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, two new libraries, and several county buildings that are needed to meet the continuous growth of the county. Such projects will renovate or replace aging and overcrowded facilities. Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert comments, "I am pleased that the voters understand our need for space as Fort Bend County continues to grow at such a rapid pace. I am committed to careful planning and financial stewardship as we move forward and managing this bond program will be a major component of that stewardship."

Now that the election is over, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court must approve each project in turn; employ an architect, chosen through the county's purchasing process, and proceed with developing each project's design and construction specifications prior to hiring a general contractor. Although taxing entities may sell their bonds immediately, and all at once after a successful election, Fort Bend County intends to sell bonds at a pace that will make bond proceeds available on, or near, the time at which the County Auditor must certify their availability for contracting purposes, thereby maximizing efficiency by avoiding the unnecessary interest costs associated with premature issuance of debt.