



**Letter from the Hays County Commissioners Court
For HaysCountyBonds.com website**

Welcome. You have a big decision to make.

If you're a Hays County registered voter, then you'll find on this year's November ballot two important county bond propositions – one concerning improvements to emergency response and law enforcement, the other concerning improvements to public roads.

It's up to you – the voters of Hays County – to decide whether to implement these proposals. They were recommended to us, your county governing body, by the elected county sheriff and district attorney, and by the county's engineers, among others. The specific details were developed in consultation with experts in the fields of 9-1-1 technology, law enforcement corrections, and transportation, as well as outside financial analysts, the county's auditor, and a group of emergency services providers from across the county.

The county's Commissioners Court, or chief governing body – that's us – voted 5-0 in support of placing the bonds on the ballot.

But the final say is yours. These are “general obligation bonds,” meaning they will be sold to investors backed by the full faith and credit of Hays County, and paid off using county property taxes, your taxes. Whether to go forward is up to you this election.

On this website you'll find information about how and why these propositions were developed, what they would cost, and what is the likely effect on the county tax rate.

Our goal is not to persuade you one way or the other but to give you – our bosses, the voters – the tools and information you need to make a good decision for you and your family, and for our larger community. Please don't hesitate to contact the county through this website if you have any questions.

We will also be scheduling presentations throughout the county to bring information to civic groups and neighborhoods. Let us know if you'd like someone to share more information with your group.

Thank you in advance for reviewing this material and for giving your time, and your vote (one way or the other) to help us preserve the special character of this place we all call home.

Respectfully,

The Hays County Commissioners Court