

How much will the project cost?

Based on an assessment from our independent architectural firm, the Jail and Law Enforcement Center facility total development budget is \$18,764,000. The Project includes construction, furnishings and all related architectural and engineering fees which will be awarded through competitive bid.

What will the project cost taxpayers?

- ◆ The facility would require a tax increase of about four and one-half cents per \$100 valuation to pay the estimated \$950,000/year bond payment
- ◆ Any operational savings including personnel, utilities, and maintenance savings per inmate, may reduce the tax increase to about three and one-half cents.

When could the project be completed?

If the bond election is approved by voters, final architectural and engi-

neering work could commence quickly, and construction would likely commence approximately 6 months later. Part of the 6-month time frame will be for soliciting competitive bids for all phases of the construction. It is anticipated construction would be completed in late 2013.

The following will appear on the November 8, 2011 ballot.

PROPOSITION

FOR)
AGAINST)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$18,764,000 TAX BONDS FOR THE CORYELL COUNTY JAIL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY.

Early Voting

Oct 24 - 28; 8 to 5 pm
Oct 31 - Nov 2; 8 to 5 pm
Nov 3 - 4; 7 to 7 pm

Gatesville & Copperas Cove Annexes

CORYELL COUNTY

JAIL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY

BOND ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Facts about the Proposed Project and Bond Election

Coryell County has a constitutional requirement to provide inmate incarceration as part of its law enforcement, judicial and public safety missions.

The question to voters is whether general obligation bonds should be authorized to build a larger jail and law enforcement facility so that the County can house inmates within Coryell County and provide more space for the Sheriff Department to operate and train.

Background:

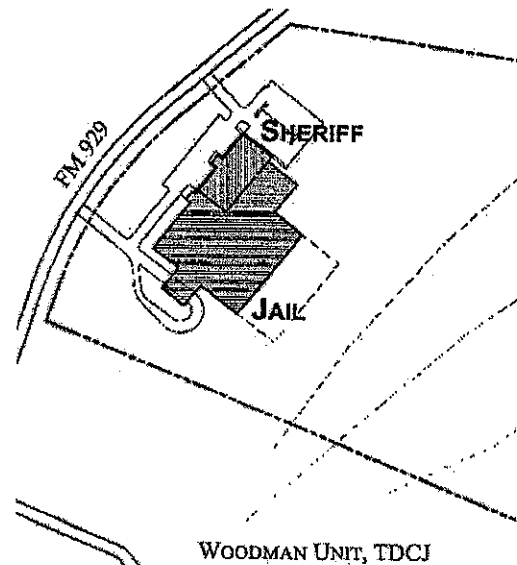
Twenty years ago, the current 92 bed jail was built providing an increase of 65 beds which was able to satisfy all County incarceration needs for fifteen years. After the jail reached full capacity in 2006, a jail committee of County citizens was formed to explore actions that should be taken.

Current Jail Situation:

- Existing jail capacity is 83 inmates with separation requirements. The average county inmate count of about 115 prisoners requires over one-fourth to be housed out of county.
- County inmates above the jail capacity are transported and housed in other county jails. The County paid \$700,000 in 2010 to other counties to house its inmates.
- In 2010, \$44,989 was spent on repairs and maintenance of the jail.

Where would we build the Jail?

Adjacent to the Woodman Unit operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) on FM 929 in Gatesville. The required land for the project was given to the County by TDCJ. Below is the proposed site plan for the project:



Items impacting new Jail costs?

⇒ The County has received a 40 year loan commitment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development to fund the jail construction costs at an interest rate no greater than 4.625%. If approved by voters, the general obligation

bonds will provide the necessary security required by the USDA loan offer.

⇒ Although the USDA loan approval was for approximately \$22 million, the Commissioners' Court and Sheriff redesigned areas of the facility and reduced the project budget to the current \$18,764,000.

Alternatives to building New Jail?

- ♦ Continue to pay for the transport and housing of prisoners out of county.
- ♦ Invest maintenance and repair dollars in the existing jail facility in order to maintain compliance with standards developed by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

What if final building costs come in less than budgeted?

- The bond proceeds may only be used for the construction and related costs of the Jail and Law Enforcement Center.
- The amount of bonds issued will be decreased and cost to taxpayers reduced.