



# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE

## Press Release

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### **Commissioners Court approves to go forward with new Criminal Justice Center and Jail Complex**

Chambers County, Texas – Commissioners Court approved to go forward with a new Criminal Justice Center and jail complex by designating the location and hiring Property Acquisition Services to begin acquiring property. The Court agreed that the facility should be placed adjacent to the current courthouse. Placing the new facility in Anahuac has many logistical benefits in addition to preserving the historical value of the current courthouse and county seat of Anahuac.

In the coming months, the Court will be reviewing funding options including a 2019 November bond election. To minimize any impact on the taxpayer, all available options will be considered. The County will be hosting town halls and workshops for citizen input.

Our current jail facilities are in physical disrepair and do not meet current jail standards nor capacity needs for our growing county. Our court rooms are small and too few and our justice staffers are spread out into four locations. It's not a safe or efficient environment for all involved. This has been an ongoing liability and we have the means and an obligation to correct it.