



Bell County Commissioners Court

Legislative Priorities for the 90th Legislative Session of Texas

David Blackburn
County Judge

Bell County Legislative Priorities: Policy Positions and Proposals
Resolution Adopting a Legislative Agenda Passed June 15, 2026

Russell Schneider
Commissioner
Precinct 1

The Bell County Commissioners Court passed a Resolution adopting a Legislative Agenda for the 90th Legislative Session of Texas. The abridged Legislative Priorities contained herein will help inform the County's positions and priorities regarding policies proposed during the 90th Legislative Session of Texas, and may be amended as other positions or proposals are identified.

Bobby Whitson
Commissioner
Precinct 2

Legislative Positions

Abridged statements of support for or opposition to new or proposed policies.

Greg Reynolds
Commissioner
Precinct 3

1. Support for the full reimbursement of the State-authorized Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption.
2. Support for increased determinate sentencing guidelines, reevaluation of progressive sanctions, and additional funding for the capital and operational costs associated with juvenile correctional services and facilities at both the State and local levels.
3. Support for local, data-driven water policy that recognizes the existing Rule of Capture law and also protects private property rights, surface water, and groundwater.
4. Support for granting limited land use regulatory authority to counties and/or the State to provide for sustainable large-scale commercial development, to include data centers.
5. Support for full reimbursement to counties for State-imposed mandates.
6. Support for both: 1) increasing the local consolidated filing fees and the allocation percentage for the courthouse security fund, and 2) increasing the allocation percentage deposited into the justice court building security fund from the courthouse security fund.
7. Support for restrictions on wastewater discharge along the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.
8. Support for the legislative positions and priorities of the Central Texas Water Alliance, Texas Association of Counties, and Texas Conference of Urban Counties.

Louie Minor
Commissioner
Precinct 4

Legislative Proposals

Abridged intended actions to facilitate or propose new policies.

1. Seek legislation that allows counties to establish child safety zones.

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