

# 2003 Bond Program

Funding for Facilities improvements is one of the three propositions for the Collin County 2003 Bond Program, with the other two being for Transportation and Parks & Open Space projects. The Collin County Commissioners' Court set the funding for the 2003 Transportation Bond at \$142 million, the Facilities Bond at \$76 million and the Parks & Open Space Bond at \$11 million. **The Court projects that passage of all propositions will not result in an increase in property taxes.**

Each 2003 bond proposition was developed by citizen committees, which evaluated and determined viable projects for the program. Committee members were nominated by the Commissioners' Court and include representatives from municipalities and unincorporated areas of the county. The committees were supported by engineers, architects, urban planners and other specialists. The mission of the citizens' committees was to make recommendations that would enhance Collin County residents' quality of life, while taking into consideration the county's future growth.

After months of meetings, the committees made recommendations to the Commissioners' Court on which projects they would like to be considered as part of the 2003 Bond Program. Eligible voters will cast ballots on the three bond propositions during the November 4, 2003 election.



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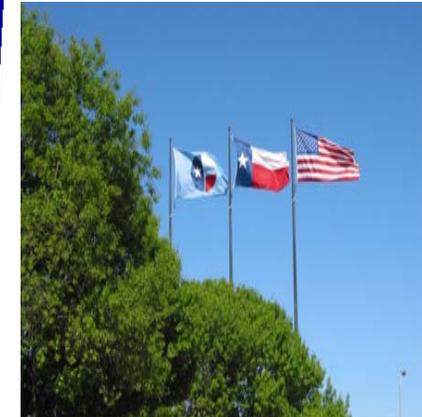
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**Collin County**

# 2003 Bond Program *Facilities*





## An Overview

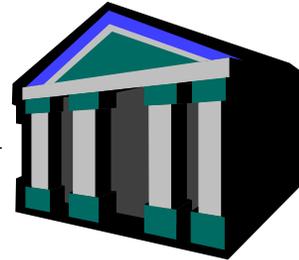
On **November 4, 2003**, Collin County residents will vote on whether to issue **\$76**

**million** in funding for three facilities projects: a district courts justice center, expansion of the county's juvenile detention center and expansion of the county jail.

If approved by a majority of voters, a new district courts justice center would be constructed on Community Avenue in McKinney next to the Collin County Sheriff's Office and Jail. The facility would be home to 14 district courts and supporting departments, while providing space for future courtroom expansions. In 1999, a bond committee conducted a study and concluded that a new court needed to be added every year until 2017 in order to keep up with the continuing growth in Collin County.

Currently, the county utilizes all eight available district courtrooms at the McDonald Street courthouse in McKinney. The new courts facility will support projected growth through 2015. It would also provide space for the District Clerk, District

Attorney and the county's Homeland Security Department. The immediate plan is to keep all administrative offices and all county courts-at-law in the existing courthouses in McKinney.



Construction of a new district court facility is estimated to cost \$54 million.

If approved, the bond program would also provide funds for an additional 48 beds at the Juvenile Detention Facility, which would increase the number of available beds from 96. This facility is currently at capacity, and the juvenile population is predicted to increase 42% from 2001 to 2006.

Expansion of the Juvenile Detention Center is projected to cost \$4.3 million.

The third component of the Facilities bond program is the expansion of the Collin County Jail. The current jail can house 794 inmates, and the proposed expansion would add 288 beds. The expansion would satisfy projected needs through 2008.

Expansion of the Collin County Jail is projected to cost \$17.7 million.

## November 4, 2003 Special Election

**Early Voting  
October 20-25, 27-31**

### Early Voting Locations

- Collin County Sub-Courthouse
- McKinney Courthouse
- Allen City Hall
- Anna City Hall\*
- Carpenter Park Recreation Center
- Celina City Hall\*
- CCCCD – Central Park Campus
- CCCCD – Preston Ridge Campus
- CCCCD – Spring Creek Campus
- Farmersville City Hall\*
- Haggard Library
- Harrington Library
- PISD Administration Center
- Parr Library
- Renner Frankford Library
- Wylie Municipal Building

**\*Temporary branch locations**