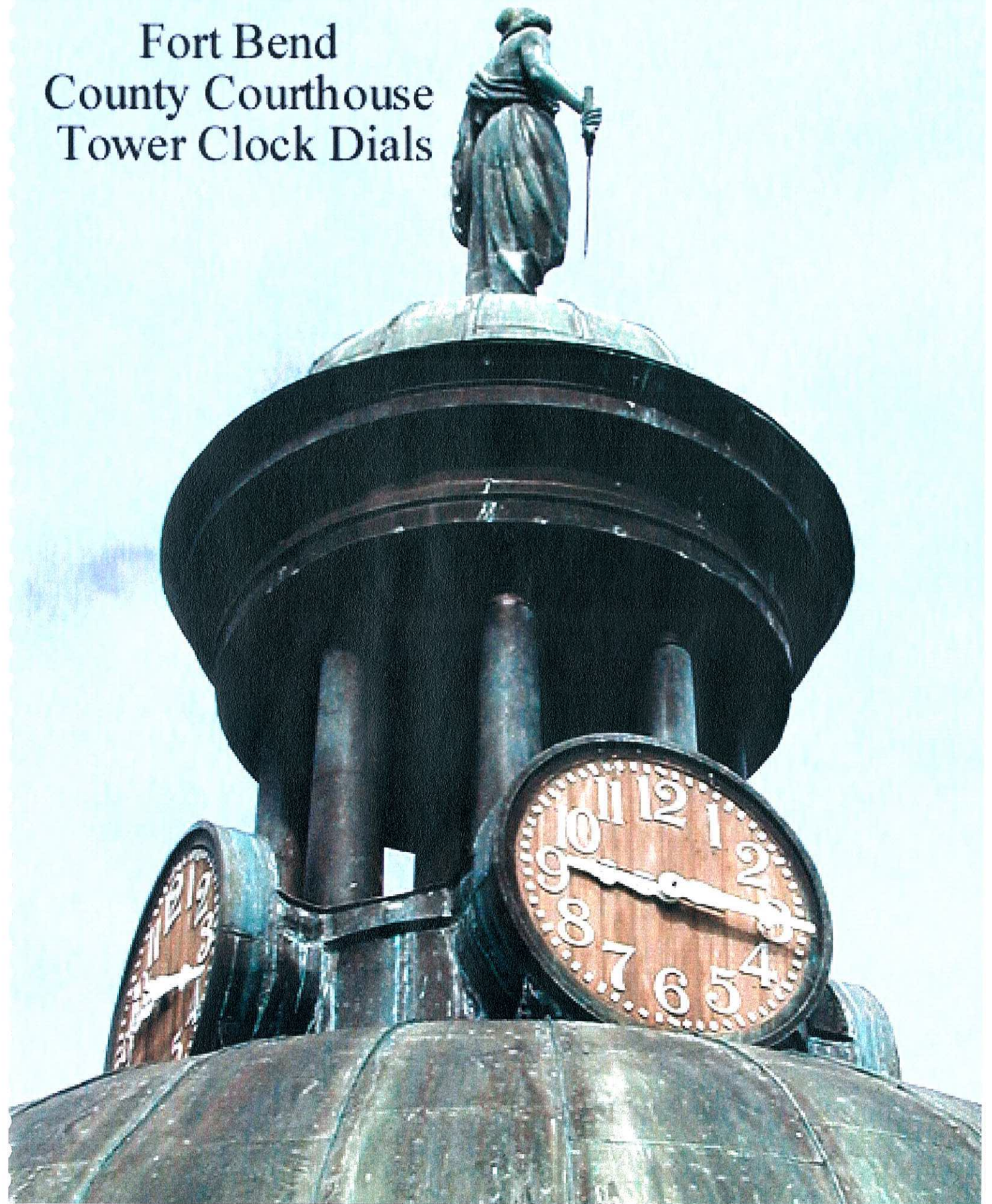


A photograph of the Fort Bend County Courthouse, a large, ornate brick building with a prominent central dome and a portico supported by white columns. The building is set against a clear sky, with dark tree leaves framing the top and sides of the image. An American flag and a Texas state flag are visible on a tall pole in front of the building. The text "Fort Bend County Courthouse" is overlaid at the bottom in a white serif font.

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Tower Clock Dials





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April 4, 2011

Mr. Gerald Moorhead
Project Manager
Fort Bend County Courthouse
Bailey Architects
55 Waugh Drive, Suite 450
Houston, Texas 77007

Dear Mr. Moorhead:

Your contact person, Alexis McKinney, gave us your name as the person who should receive our proposal for the restoration of the E. Howard Tower Clock in the Fort Bend Courthouse. Thank you for taking time to review the materials in the presentation folder.

Included in the folder are photos of the clock and a general assessment of the condition of the clock. Also, you will find a TOWER CLOCK RESTORATION AGREEMENT which will be the contract document for the signature of the appropriate county official when it is decided to proceed with the work.

We look forward to working with you and Fort Bend County in the preservation of this great national treasure.

Best regards,

Gene Galbraith

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cc: Dennis Cordes, Texas Historical Commission


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Dear Mr. Moorhead:

We are delighted to present a proposal for the restoration of the E. Howard Tower Clock located in the Fort Bend County Courthouse in Richmond, Texas. There is nothing quite like a majestic tower clock made in America to inspire awe and appreciation for historically significant timepieces. They are truly horological marvels.

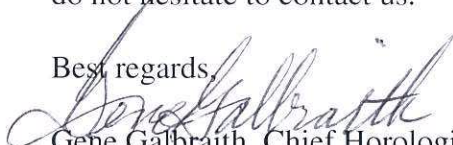
We have recommended a complete overhaul and restoration of this clock because of several factors. It has been decades since the clock was properly serviced. We know this because of the accumulation of dirt and grime which covers the entire movement. The environment of the tower is hostile to the mechanical systems of the clock. Extreme heat and cold, blowing dust, birds and insects, and a leaky roof have contributed to a buildup of rust, corrosion, and congealed lubricants impregnated with dirt.

Therefore, the clock must be totally disassembled, lowered out of the tower, and transported to our restoration facility. The logistical difficulties in getting the clock out of the tower are formidable. Our experienced team will have hoists and rigging to negotiate the travel ways. Some of the clock parts weigh 135 pounds.

When we have completed our restoration, the clock will be assembled in our shop and test run. After several days of operation, we will disassemble the clock and carefully wrap and package all parts for the return trip to the Fort Bend County Courthouse. If the courthouse is not ready to receive the clock, we will exhibit the clock in the SW Museum of Clocks and Watches until such time the courthouse renovation is completed.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,


Gene Galbraith, Chief Horologist
SW Museum of Clocks and Watches



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Tower Clock Restoration Agreement

County FORT BEND City RICHMOND State TEXAS

Make of clock: E. HOWARD Serial number NONE

Time YES Strike YES Chime NO

Power source: ELECTRIC MOTORS Number of dials FOUR

Present condition: THE CLOCK IS EXTREMELY DIRTY AND GUMMED UP WITH CONTAMINATED OIL AND GREASE. RUST AND CORROSION ARE ON UNPAINTED PARTS. THERE ARE UNCONVENTIONAL ATTEMPTS TO REPAIR THE RACK AND SNAIL. THE GATHERING PALETS ARE INCORRECTLY MOUNTED USING HARDWARE NOT ORIGINAL TO THE CLOCK.

Recommendations for restoration: A FULL RESTORATION OF THE CLOCK IS REQUIRED. THE CLOCK WILL BE DISASSEMBLED, LOWERED OUT OF THE TOWER, AND TRANSPORTED TO OUR RESTORATION SHOPS.

Cost for complete restoration: \$36,000.00

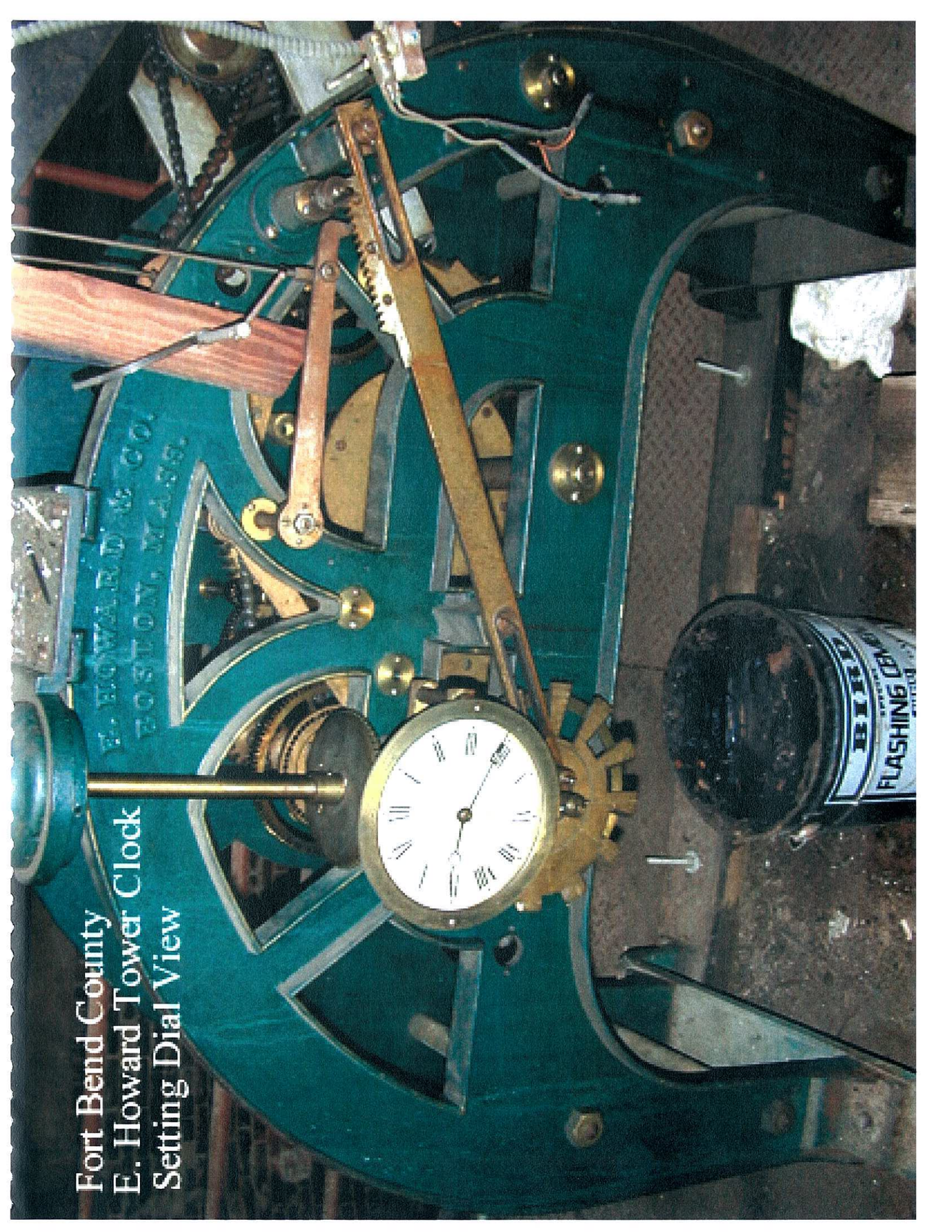
Payment of 50% down: \$18,000.00 Balance due at completion: \$18,000.00

Estimated time to complete work 12 to 18 months.

Signed _____ Date _____
County Administrator

Signed _____ Date _____
Museum Representative

Fort Bend County
E. Howard Tower Clock
Setting Dial View



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Time Motor View

