

Commissioner's Court approved for an additional Associate District Court to be created on September 10, 2013. This court was created to assist the current Associate District Court Judge as well as the District Court Judicial Staff with their caseload. Beginning in April of 2014, the newly appointed Associate District Court Judge will begin hearing cases at the Fort Bend County Justice Center. The Judge assigned to this court will be responsible for overseeing various types of court proceedings such as arraignment hearings, magistrate hearings, and tax dockets. The judge will have court proceedings held on a daily basis and will also hear cases that will require in-custody inmates to be transported to the Justice Center for court which will require a Bailiff. (Certified peace officer)

We currently have a full time person assigned to the Historical Courthouse. We are required to provide coverage in the building during this person's relief. To ensure proper coverage for this area we are currently required to pull from our existing staff. The relief factor will also help with coverage for the full time Bailiff position for the new Associate District Court Judge that will begin on April 1, 2014.