

FORT BEND COUNTY

Fort Bend County, Texas

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Emergency Communications Tower

This letter is to request Commissioner's Court approval to erect an existing 100' tower on Fort Bend County property. The 100' Sabre tower currently belongs to Fort Bend County Homeland Security and Emergency Management and was previously located at 307 Fort St. in Richmond. Upon the demolition of the old Emergency Operations Center, the AM Alert antennae was relocated to the top of the William B. Travis Building.

At this time, there is an interruption in signal transmission to the southwest area of the county. In an effort to close that gap, the best location for the continuation of emergency communication is within the City of Needville. After scouting locations, is was determined that the Fort Bend County Purchasing location at 9110 Long St., Needville, would be optimal. We have also received approval from Jaime Kovar to proceed with this request.

The primary function of this tower is for the AM Emergency Alerting system to reach that area of the county. Fort Bend County Drainage will also be utilizing the tower for a repeater to improve their communication with gauges and cameras. The tower could also provide an additional location for other emergency communications such as dispatch.

There is currently a Capital Improvement Project account to cover the expense of moving and constructing the tower at this location so this is just a request to erect the tower at 9110 Long St., Needville, Texas.

Please contact me with any question.

Regards,

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