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Public meeting on jail bond set for Bulverde

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, OCTOBER 9, 2015:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Bulverde- and Spring Branch-area residents are invited to a public meeting providing information about the jail-bond proposal on the Nov. 3 election ballot.

Comal County Judge Sherman Krause and representatives of the Comal County Sheriff's Office will present information about the proposed bond issue at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Fire and EMS building, 353 Rodeo Drive.

The \$76 million proposal would fund a new jail building and the renovation of the current facility – which houses the jail and sheriff's offices – into patrol, administration, storage and other space for the sheriff's office.

The 337-bed jail, built in 1985 and expanded in 1999, has exceeded its effective capacity, according to findings by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and requires more than \$200,000 per year in maintenance. It houses nearly every person arrested in Comal County, including 208 people arrested in 2014 by the Bulverde Police Department, and it has received resolutions of support from the cities of New Braunfels and Bulverde.

The public meeting is being conducted in coordination with the Bulverde/Spring Branch Chamber of Commerce.

“Obviously, \$76 million is a lot of money, and we want to make sure Bulverde and Spring Branch residents have all of the information they feel they need when they go to the polling places,” Krause said. “We aren't going to tell them how to vote, but we want to make sure, whatever they decide, that they have the info they need.”

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