

Public Communications Urging Action On The County Courthouse In Johnson City.

DATE	FORMAT	Author /Speaker	QUOTE
6/21/2022	facebook	KRW	“This is a significant issue and the Court MUST make a decision soon on how to deal with this immediate problem. It is not going to fix itself”
8/2/2022	facebook	KRW	“The \$700,000 for urgent courthouse repairs does not appear in this budget. I anticipate they will want to finance these repairs so increases all across the rest of the budget can be accomplished. The work must be done and therefore will be included as a direct cost or as another debt entry.
8/9/2022	LTE	KRW	“The courthouse does not meet all fire codes, ADA accessibility, or electrical and plumbing codes. And the roof structure is sagging 6-8 inches and has been deemed in need of repair, ASAP. Why are the Commissioners focusing on new facilities while we still have dirt roads, unsafe low water crossings, and have failed to maintain the Courthouse in Johnson City, the seat of our government.”
9/13/2022	Comm. Court	KRW	“It seems like you are eager to spend all of the significant revenue increases that you will reap based on the increased property appraisals. Yet, I cannot find anywhere in the proposed budget where you plan to address the significant structural problems with this courthouse. You have chosen to build new buildings rather than maintain this historical structure.”
9/19/2022	LTE	DRW	“the court approved a contract to construct the new two story office complex and convert the Old Jail to office space in Johnson City... the contract is \$350,000 over the amount financed for the project. Judge Bray was undaunted by the overrun . Yet this budget fails to address the sagging roof structure of the courthouse, which is estimated to cost \$702,000, and has been characterized as urgent by an engineering team.”
9/23/2022	facebook	KRW	“The budget includes payments for financing of the South Annex expansion, the new StarFlight/ EMS #1 facility at Round Mountain, the new Fairgrounds exhibit hall, and the Old Jail office conversion and construction of the new two story office building in Johnson City. Mention is made in the budget footnotes of the need to include \$702,000 to repair the failing roof structure of he Johnson City Courthouse, even though it is not included in the budget.
11/22/2022	facebook	KRW	“The Architects and Engineers who evaluated the courthouse last April stated ‘if repair is not undertaken within six months then quarterly monitoring should be done by a design professional.’ No such evaluation appears to have been conducted.”
2/1/2023	email	KRW	“I am not aware that quarterly monitoring was done in late 2022...The weight of the ice on the roof of the Courthouse cannot be good for the weakened structure.”

3/6/2023	facebook	KRW	“The Blanco County Commissioners Court will meet Tuesday, March 28 th at 9am to reallocate budget funds. Due to overruns on virtually all of their favorite projects they need to find more money.”... “Additionally, there is still no indication that they will fund the several million dollar urgent repairs to the failing roof structure of the County courthouse. Their financial planning is giving way while fortunately the courthouse roof has not yet collapse on top of them”
3/30/2023	email	KRW	“”I hope we can all agree that the integrity of the 1916 Blanco County Courthouse must be protected. As you explore the availability of financing I ask that you prioritize the Courthouse work at the top of the list requiring funding.”
7/8/2024	LTE	DRW	“The June 26th local newspapers bespoke this year's expenses for the courthouse cupola which of course must be undertaken. Actually it's more than a leaking cupola; the roof is sagging! But 'cupola repair' presents a less dire circumstance for those not paying attention. I previously protested that such repair should occur before we, the taxpayers, are requested to yield a new fairgrounds.
8/8/2024	facebook	KRW	“They have known about the courthouse problems since April 2022.The Engineering evaluation indicated that they should be doing quarterly inspections until it is repaired. They have not.

- NOTES:
- 1) **LTE** - Letter to the editor in one or both local newspapers
 - 2) **facebook** - posting on local facebook pages frequently referenced as “social media” by Judge Bray in Commissioner Court proceedings. Facebook postings are frequently used in lieu of public comments in Commissioners Court meetings because the Court restricts public comment.
 - 3) **Comm. Court** - Public Comments made in open meetings of the Blanco County Commissioners Court