

FY 22 Community Project Fund Requests pt 1

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Clay County Judge Mike Campbell submitted requests totaling over \$2.5 million dollars for the FY '22 Community Project Fund through Congressman Ronny Jackson's 13th Congressional District. Four projects were approved by the Commissioners Court for submission. Each project was the result of meetings with elected officials and community leaders. They included, in order of precedence:

1. Emergency Services Communications to update vital communication equipment to complete areas in the county where radio signals are not available. Based on estimate from local vendors, the total would be \$880,000.00.
2. Clay County Justice Center would provide a multi-purpose facility that will meet the current and future needs of Clay County residents and regional neighbors that we serve through our justice system, AgriLife Extension, Texas Division of Emergency Management, emergency shelter, and adult education. This project would also facilitate the repair of the Courthouse roof by providing a location for the current offices to move during repair. The estimated cost would be \$750,000.00
3. Courthouse roof repair - The current roof was installed in the 1960s and is well beyond its life expectancy. In January 2019, twelve leaks in the roof required buckets in the courtroom and District Clerks' office. The roofing contractor advised that the best we could hope for would be another five years before the roof must be replaced. The Commissioners Court allocated \$17,000.00 at that time for repairs and is currently budgeting \$50,000 per year to be placed in a special fund for the eventual roof replacement. At that time, \$500,000.00 was the best guess estimate to replace the roof.
4. US Highway 82 Widening - The taxpayers in Clay County did not have a choice in this matter. While other counties have increased taxes to cover this unfunded mandate, Clay County Commissioners Court has chosen to set aside \$50,000 per year in a special account that will only be used for this purpose. The good news is that TXDot will meet with Judge Campbell with a more accurate estimate of what Clay County's share of the Right of Way purchase. According to recent communication with TXDot, the current estimate is a much lower number of \$271,175.00.

According to Congressman Jackson's staff, they don't have a timeline yet of when these project would be awarded. In the event these projects are not funded, Commissioners will continue to set aside money to be used for each of these purposes with the goal of being able to move forward on each project without raising taxes or proposing a bond issue.

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