



**RESOLUTION ENDORSING S.B. 1158  
FOR A LOCAL OPTION COUNTY  
JAIL SALES TAX**

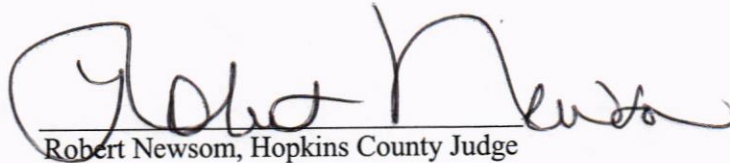
- WHEREAS,** In November, 2013, the voters of Hopkins County approved general obligation bonds to fund the \$16 million construction cost of the Hopkins County Jail; and
- WHEREAS,** The payment of the principal and interest on these obligations currently requires a property tax rate of approximately \$0.06 per 100 property valuation; and
- WHEREAS,** The use of property tax to fund this obligation falls solely upon the home owners and business owners of Hopkins County and does not fairly distribute the burden of this necessary facility; and
- WHEREAS,** A local option sales tax, approved by the voters, would allow all purchasers of goods and services to participate in the payment of the cost of this facility; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Bob Hall has introduced S.B. 1158 to provide an opportunity for the voters to decide whether to utilize a sales tax, instead of the property tax, to meet this obligation; and
- WHEREAS,** S.B. 1158 specifically limits the proceeds from the sales tax to the payment of the county jail bonds; and
- WHEREAS,** The adoption of the local sales tax would result in an automatic reduction in the property tax; and
- WHEREAS,** S.B. 1158 specifically provides that the sales tax could not exceed one-half cent per dollar of sales; and
- WHEREAS,** S.B. 1158 specifically provides that the sales tax would be automatically abolished upon payment of the county jail obligations; and
- WHEREAS,** The voters of Hopkins County deserve the opportunity to decide whether to utilize the sales tax, instead of property taxes, to meet this obligation; and
- WHEREAS,** The sales tax would fairly distribute the cost of the jail facility among all citizens;

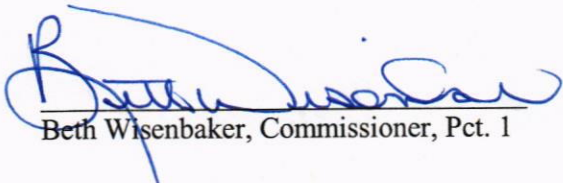
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners Court of Hopkins County, Texas does express its appreciation to Senator Bob Hall for his sponsorship of S.B. 1158 and does hereby fully endorse and support the passage of S.B. 1158 to provide the voters of Hopkins County Texas with the opportunity to determine whether to fund the county jail obligation through a local option sales tax, instead of property taxes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker Joe Straus, and all members of the Texas legislature.

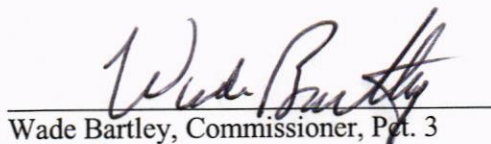
Adopted this 13 day of April, 2015 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

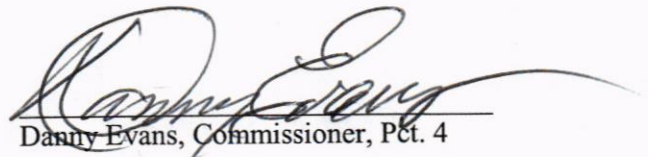
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Hopkins County Commissioners' Court at the regularly scheduled meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.


  
Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

  
Beth Wisenbaker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
Mike Odell, Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
Danny Evans, Commissioner, Pct. 4

  
**ATTEST:**  
  
COUNTY CLERK