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COMMISSIONERS COURT TO CONSIDER SEEKING APPROVAL FOR \$880 MILLION IN BONDS *Bond Proposal Would Include \$250 Million For Port*

Harris County Commissioners Court will consider calling a county bond election for \$880 million in roads, parks, facilities and port improvements when it meets Tuesday.

County Judge Ed Emmett said that, if passed, the bond proposals would not trigger a property tax increase and would appear as three propositions on the Nov. 6, 2007, ballot. Although court members may still alter the final amounts, Emmett said the court is considering the following bond amounts:

Roads	\$190 million
Parks	95 million
Adult Detention	195 million
Forensic Center	80 million
Family Law Center	70 million

County Total	\$630 million
Port of Houston	250 million

Total Election	\$880 million

Because Harris County's economy is continuing its vigorous growth, Emmett said, county officials are confident these projects can be accomplished without increasing property tax rates.

"One of the prime reasons Harris County's economy continues to grow so strongly is because residents here realize the importance of investing in our economy," Emmett said. "We need to keep up with our transportation and economic needs if we want to continue enjoying the benefits of a strong economy."

Harris County Commissioners Court will consider the bond proposals when it meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 21. Commissioners Court meetings are open to the public and are held in the Commissioners Courtroom on the ninth floor of the County Administration Building at 1001 Preston in downtown Houston.