

THE COURIER

OF MONTGOMERY  COUNTY

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Letter to the Editor: Holding nose while voting for the road bond

To the editor:

The recent release by County Attorney, J. D. Lambright, of his opinion on the voidability of the County Commissioners Court vote for the upcoming Road Bond Election, commands our respect as to legal correctness. He interjected neither opinion nor any extraneous questions into his written opinion. Few may take the time to read the seven page opinion, but I have. Those who do will find it thoroughly reasoned and well documented, regardless of our opinions on the proposed November vote on the road bond. There are no grounds to invalidate it's place on our ballot. So it is now up to us to cast informed votes November 3rd.

That is not to say that I have no problem with the lack of public consultation on this or the previous bond issue .I do. The well informed and sincerely interested Tea Party members who got the Commissioners Court to reverse their previous pettish decision to deny us a vote on the much needed improvements to our roads till next year, are commendable.

But, despite the good outcome, I am still troubled by the attitude of most of the Commissioners, that they can ignore the views of the citizens. Especially troubling was the comment after the rejection of the first bond back in May that he was not interested in citizen input on the issue. Flipping their previous vote, the Commissioners proceed to spend multi-millions of our dollars on their pet projects without consulting with as many of us citizen taxpayers as possible or having a county wide plan or overview of mobility now and in the future. Only one commissioner has had the foresight to develop plans for the future. The others appear to just look at the past and try to apply piecemeal fixes. We deserve better and hopefully next time they will condescend to consult with us and apply a larger view to this preeminent issue for our county..

I will vote for this bond, but just wish that the principle of "of, for, and by the people" had been more vigorously followed by our Commissioners Court.

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