

The Commissioners View on the April 10th Special Election

We the Board of Hutchinson County Commissioners would appreciate a YES VOTE on April 10, 2018 for a new courthouse in Olivet SD.

We want to make it clear that a NO VOTE means we will not build a new courthouse in OLIVET SD BUT will start remodeling the existing courthouse with the addition of a new courtroom to the present courthouse. We believe the cost to remodel and building onto the existing building will be much higher than building new.

We checked into moving the courthouse out of Olivet and to another location within the county. If we did we would need 66% of the voters to vote for one town, which we feel would almost be impossible to do. We also would need to be out of our existing courthouse and into the new location within 30 days after the election.

We have been informed by many taxpayers that we as a board have been moving money illegally to the courthouse building fund. At the end of every year all the unspent budget money from the governmental expense accounts goes back into the General Fund. The total unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund may not exceed 40% of the money needed for the next year's budget. We as a Board have to transfer that excess money to funds or assigned accounts that we feel will benefit the county such as transferring excess money to the Highway Fund or the courthouse building assigned account each year. The Highway Fund is separate from the General Fund, so any unspent revenue remains in the Highway Fund.

A special levy will not be created to finance this building project. We have 2.7 million saved already and will finance the rest with a bank that resides in Hutchinson County. We the Board of County Commissioners were elected by the people of Hutchinson County and we feel building a new courthouse in Olivet SD is the right thing to do for Hutchinson County. Olivet has served as the county seat for over a 100 years and we feel it should remain there for the next 100 years.

If you have any questions, please contact a Commissioner or Diane at the Auditors office to answer your questions.

Thank you and please get out and vote.

Hutchinson County Commissioners