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Abstract: **Bob Hebert**

In this interview county Judge Bob Hebert describes how Fort Bend County government works. Judge Hebert discusses historic data related to the writing of the 1876 Texas Constitution to current day issues in Fort Bend County.

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Interview Summary

Cross References (in order mentioned in interview)

How County Government Works
 1876 Texas Constitution
 Boards and Commissions
 254 Counties in Texas
 Judicial Continuing Education Units
 FBC Emergency Operations Center
 Annual Budget Hearings
 Sheriff's job
 Special Districts
 Aging Infrastructure
 Water Issues
 Agricultural land: exemptions and reductions
 Drainage Issues
 Emergency Medical System
 County Library system

Key Words (in order mentioned in interview)

Role of the County Judge
 Discussion of each county is an arm of State government
 Texas Constitution of 1876
 Role of the Governor of Texas
 Role of the County Judge
 Description of a Committee form of government
 Role of Commission Courts in Texas
 Role of County Judge during a state of emergency
 Role of County Court at Law Courts
 Health and Human Services Department
 Roles of District Judges

Role of Sheriff
 Role of County Attorney
 Role of District Attorney.
 Role of County Clerk
 Role of District Clerk.
 Role of Constables
 Role of Justices of the Peace
 Tax rates in Fort Bend County
 Discussion of assessed property values
 State requirement of Counties to balance the budget
 Assessing value and taxing Agricultural vs. developed properties
 Growth rate in the county
 Unincorporated parts of the county
 Special Districts
 Fort Bend County Central Appraisal District
 School Districts
 Water issues
 Minerals in Fort Bend County
 Aging infrastructure
 Drainage issues
 Medical services in Fort Bend County
 Oakbend Hospital
 County Library System

Names (in order mentioned in interview)

Rick Perry – Texas Governor
 Jim Adolphus – former FBC County Judge
 Vincent Morales – FBC Commissioner,

Prct 1
Grady Prestage – FBC Commissioner, Prct 2
Andy Meyers – FBC Commissioner, Prct 3

James Patterson – FBC Commissioner,
Prct 4
Ed Emmett – Harris County Judge