

# **FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

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**DATE:** April 15, 2019

**TO:** FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**RE:** COURTHOUSE PROJECT

The Franklin County Farm Bureau is pleased that the sales tax passed to fund the new courthouse. We felt that the immediate need was to get the sales tax passed so that a new courthouse could be built.

Now that the funding mechanism is in place, our membership is concerned about the placement of the new building. We feel that keeping the courthouse at its current location poses a safety risk for our members as they move farm equipment and commodities through town. The current congestion on and about the square is getting worse and made even more hazardous by frequent closures of I-57 due to accidents rerouting of traffic.

The Franklin County Farm Bureau Board, on behalf of its membership, requests that the county board invest the time and effort to consider an alternate location for the new courthouse.