

### **What is a County Commissioner?**

The county commissioner is responsible for roads and bridges within their precinct and makes policy-making budget decisions. Four commissioners, elected from a quarter of the county's population, serve along with the county judge on the commissioner's court.

### **What does a County Commissioner Do in Texas?**

A county commissioner in Texas has the following duties:

- As member of the Commissioners' Court, exercises broad policy-making authority.
- Represents one of four precincts within the county.
- Typically, responsible for building and maintaining county roads and bridges within the precinct.

### **Commissioners' Court**

The Commissioners' Court conducts the general business of the county and consists of the county judge and four commissioners.

The Commissioners' Court has the following duties:

- Adopts the county's budget and tax rate.
- Approves all budgeted purchases of the county.
- Fills vacancies in elective and appointive offices.
- Sets all salaries and benefits.
- Has exclusive authority to authorize contracts.
- Provides and maintains all county buildings and facilities.

For more complete information about the responsibilities of a county commissioner and other county officials, see the "[Guide to Texas Laws for County Officials](#)."