

## **Narrative**

When Al Flack and some of his closest friends decided to open a community bank, it was because they knew one thing to be true – people want to do business with people they know and trust. It was an interesting time in the 1980's when bank acquisitions were frequent and name changes were common. They knew if there ever was a time to open a community bank, that time was certainly upon them.

First National Bank started its first day in business on January 29, 1986, in a construction trailer on the corner of Kell and Fairway Boulevards in Wichita Falls, Texas with little more than a grocery store and a lot of mesquite trees surrounding the new building site. But by the end of their first quarter, they were almost double the number of deposits they projected for the end of their first YEAR.

Al C. Flack and his Board of Directors grew a bank from the ground up, and that growth has never wavered. Now in business for 36 years, First National Bank has grown to seven bank branches in three distinctly different markets: Wichita Falls, Southlake, and Wise County.

The original Southlake branch opened in Town Square on January 8, 2001. First National Bank quickly established a niche in commercial lending in the DFW metro area. To sustain the growth of the bank in this market, the board and leadership began looking for a location to build a new banking center. A wooded area off Dove Road and US Highway 114 became the future location of the First National Bank Southlake banking center.

Clearing of the land began the week of February 10, 2020. Despite the Coronavirus Pandemic and several weather delays, construction continued. In January 2021, the modern three-story, 16,183 square foot building was ready for its grand opening.

The striking new banking center is visible from US Highway 114 at the entrance to the city of Southlake. It is a culmination of the evolution of ideas and the collective decision making between SLI Group, Inc., a commercial design building firm founded in 1976, and First National Bank's experienced banking staff. The exterior of the building boasts a modern, eye-catching design built with traditional materials that ground the building. The fins and awnings are intended to cast playful shadows on the building that draw attention to the bank from the highway. The interior is a mix of traditional, modern, multi-textured elements that create a welcoming atmosphere to all who enter. The banking center features a spacious lobby and teller area, three conference rooms, airy offices, and a third-floor terrace perfect for hosting community events and employee cookouts.

First National Bank continues to grow and offer the best in community banking. What Al Flack knew in 1986 continues to be true today – people want to do business with people they know and trust.

## **Summary**

First National Bank moved into their newly constructed, modern three-story 16,183 square foot banking center at the entrance to Southlake, Texas, in January 2021. Conveniently located off State Highway 114, this new banking center was a culmination of the evolution of ideas and the collective decision making between architect Tom Baiker A.I.A., with the SLI Group, Inc., a commercial design building firm founded in 1976, and First National Bank's experienced banking staff. The exterior of the building boasts a modern, eye-catching design built with traditional materials that ground the building. The fins and awnings are intended to cast playful shadows on the building that draw attention to the bank from the highway. The interior is a mix of traditional, modern, multi-textured elements that create a welcoming atmosphere to all who enter. The banking center features a spacious lobby and teller area, three conference rooms, airy offices, and a third-floor terrace perfect for hosting community events and employee cookouts. First National Bank continues the commitment to offer their customers the best of community banking in the new Southlake banking center.