

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

I have been watching Wilson County's project to put in place a hotel – motel tax and generate the monies to build / expand a combination convention center, rodeo arena and livestock show facility.

For years I have wondered why Atascosa has never had such a facility of its own. I have seen over the years counties that have such facilities that are our county's size and smaller. This is literally dozens of such facilities. I know we have the Show Barn and the Strawberry Festival Grounds and these are mighty fine facilities. But what I am envisioning is a county convention facility with breakout meeting rooms, air conditioned and convention friendly. Also in my vision is a very large livestock show facility that would draw from all over South Texas. Included in those thoughts are a covered rodeo arena that would be state of the art and be PRCA compatible. That type of rodeo arena would truly draw from all over South Texas and possibly a multi – state region bringing true heads in beds creating HOT (hotel motel tax revenues) funds to pay for it.

I will have to submit a bill in the next legislature to get approval for a county – wide HOT tax, so it will be a while before it could be accomplished. But, why not start dreaming now. The Bible says, "my people perish for lack of vision." George Bernard Shaw said, "You see things; and you say "Why?" But I dream things that never were; and I say "Why not?"

If you would like to dream with me on such a project, let me know and let's start now. Dream projects are often difficult and take a lot of work. And, I have been guilty in my life of having too many dreams. So, if one of my dreams is not working out I choose to often shelve it for later and work on another for the present. Please share your dreams with me at email countyjudge@atascosacounty.texas.gov.

Quote for the week, "All you can do is all you can do. And, when you have done all you can do that is all you can do." A. L. Williams.

Thank you for listening.

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