## ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

Early voting has started and will end on Feb. 25. There are four early voting sites for all citizens' convenience. They are located at JP2 near Lytle on FM 3175 building in Poteet, JP4 located just south of Pleasanton and the central election office in Jourdanton on Main St. Please exercise your precious right to vote and do it. I am going to Austin this Thursday with the county judges of Wilson and Karnes counties. Commissioner Gillespie is going with us. We will meet with the State Office of TIDC (Texas Indigent Defense Commission). They have funded a PDO (Public Defender Office) for four counties, including Atascosa, Wilson, Karnes and Frio. We will seek more dollars as our caseloads continue to increase, especially since the pandemic is somewhat letting up and allowing court cases (jury trials) to start back up. I hope for success to benefit the citizens of Atascosa County, both for an excellent public defender program and to save your tax dollars.

Thank you for listening, and God bless Texas.