

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

I want to congratulate all those who won their primaries. As I have been your County Judge for the last seven-plus years, I have seen the importance of the quality of local elected public officials. So the more that run and create a more extensive choice for the voter, I think the better.

I served on the Pleasanton City Council for 13 years and in various capacities for many associations and non-profit organizations over the years. Because of my service in the many organizations that do so much for the county, the cities, and the citizens, I see the good they do.

We need public officials who will look for ways to make the lives of their constituents better. We can do this with limited spending. It is possible with imagination and creativity, and those public servants and non-profit workers who seek will find it. A good example is the Atascosa Cowboy Connect Shuttle Transportation System working so well. By collaborating with AACOG (a non-profit) bringing their services, we have created a system that costs substantially less than if we tried to do it independently.

We have shown this in the County Animal Control program. By participating with cities in the county, we have significantly reduced the cost to the county and provided a reduced cost service to the cities.

Intelligence, innovation, imagination and networking among us all creates low or no cost benefits to everyone.

I wish to say good luck to all the candidates in the upcoming runoff.

Thank you for listening, and God bless us all.