

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

Bits and bobs: This month we continued to be over \$5 million up from last year in reserves (government speak for savings). It looks like we will be increasing around \$50K per month for the rest of the year. This makes me smile. As an old businessman and salesmen, I like positive cash.

I wish to add a few things to follow up on wills and probate. First, a "Transfer on Death Deed" allows a property to be passed on death. An attorney is not needed and can be researched at <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/transfer-on-death-deed-todd-information-and-answers>. Second, you can transfer a car title without probate in Texas, and you can find this at www.txdmv.gov/node/4836. You must provide a completed Affidavit of Heirship for a Motor Vehicle (Form VTR-262). Third, you can use the Texas State authorized probate mechanism called "Small Estate- Affidavit" to probate small estates. An attorney is helpful but not required. This procedure is only allowed when the estate (sans the homestead and its value) is \$75,000 or less and is intestate (no will). Go to: <https://texaslawhelp.org/toolkit/i-want-use-small-estate-affidavit-probate-estate-0>.

Thanks for listening. May God bless us all. And, God, thank you for the rain. Please bring more! Amen.