

## **ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT**

Commissioners Court voted Monday to back up the initiative I undertook last week to provide alternate coverage for our nurses at the adult and juvenile detention facilities. They also supported my endeavor to use PRN nurses to staff a COVID-19 testing site for our county employees. The Omicron variant is spreading rapidly through the county offices. Virtually every county employee has direct contact with the public and risks their health daily. Some have more exposure, such as the nurses and guards at the detention facilities I mentioned. Also, the EMS ambulance staff are very much on the frontlines. The good news is that we can use the federal funds we received to pay for this help and not use county funds.

I want to share a positive thought. I am a huge fan of Sam Houston, the first general of the Texican Army, the first and third President of the Republic of Texas before becoming a U.S. Senator and Governor of the State of Texas. I am going to share some of my favorite Sam Houston quotes: “Do right and risk the consequences,” “A leader is someone who helps improve the lives of other people or improve the system they live under,” and “Texas can make it without the United States, but the United States cannot make it without Texas.”

And General Sam had a very wry sense of humor, so my final quote of his is about someone he obviously had disdain for—“He has all the characteristics of a dog—except loyalty.” I hope that gives you a smile.

Thank you for listening, and God bless Texas.