

## **ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT**

I received a request from a citizen to review an article on voting machines. It said that many new machines had wireless modems in them to transmit results back to the election office. Our new election vendor was listed. So, I questioned them about this and received an absolute statement that confirmed there are no transmission devices in any of our voting machines or scanning devices. The only thing that is hooked to the internet is the voter verification we now use instead of paper books. It is hooked to the Secretary of State's data banks to verify the voter is valid, can vote and has not already voted. I appreciated the citizen who saw this article because I want no doubts about our process being "nonhackable." On that subject I want to note that we are less than 30 days from our primary's early voting starting up. I think February 1 is the deadline for voter registration and you can do that during working hours without an appointment at the County Election Office.

Please go to the County website and/or Facebook page for a complete list of all early voting sites and election day polling locations. Remember, we are now a "county-wide" approved ballot county. You can vote at ANY polling location. You can no longer go to the "wrong" location. We also are opening a new (4th) early voting location in Poteet at the County EMS training building right on Avenue H in downtown Poteet. To vote early you can go to ANY early voting site (Pleasanton area – JP Office, Precinct 4; Jourdanton – County Elections Office; Lytle area – JP Office, Precinct 2; Poteet – EMS Training Center). It is our goal to make it so easy to vote that everyone will do so!

Quote: "A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees." – Amelia Earhart

Thank you for listening.

We want you to be proud of your county government.