ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

We are getting closer to the official start of the "Atascosa Cowboy Connect" transportation service between Jourdanton, Pleasanton and Poteet. The contracts are finished between the County and the Cities. Next meeting of Commissioners' Court we will finalize the contract with AACOG/ART and set an official ribbon cutting event.

Think of it — a person in Poteet can catch the shuttle to go to college in Pleasanton. A person in Pleasanton can catch the shuttle to go to the hospital or a medical appointment. Someone anywhere in the Tri — City area can catch the shuttle to shop — riding to all three cities if necessary. The cost of transit is (each entry on the system) \$1.00 or \$.50 if you are a senior citizen or student. I hope there will be stops at HEB and Walmart. If you stop at HEB there is a legal crosswalk to walk to the Atascosa Health Clinic or even the Post Office and downtown Pleasanton shopping and appointments. I am trying to pinpoint the perfect spot for a County stop. If we put it in the right place there can be no more than a 2 block access to the Tax Office, Voters office, County Veterans Office, Adult Probation, Courthouse, Justice Center, etc. The county will pay for a nice covered seating area to be sheltered from the sun and rain. I hope the other locations will get into the spirit and do the same. We might even rent ads on the bus stops and / or the shuttles themselves to help pay for their cost (just a thought,).

If you live in other areas of the county (i.e. Campbelton) you can set up a pickup from the ART shuttles already running in Atascosa to take you to one of the shuttle stop from where you can access the entirety of the shuttle stops. Then you could pre – arrange for ART to take you home after shopping. This will take some practice and getting used to, but it can be so useful to so many.

On the "Hero Businesses of Atascosa County" list – if you wish to nominate a business please send to my email at countyjudge@atascosacounty.texas.gov. We will investigate the business and if they qualify we will put them on the list. We will also send them a certificate they can frame and hang in their business.

Quote of the week, "Golf contains two favorite pastimes: taking long walks and hitting things with a stick." P. J. O'Rourke.

Thanks for listening.

We want you to be proud of your County Government.