

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

We have acted on a request by the new owner of the former McBee's BBQ Restaurant in Jourdanton to sell him a small tract of the front parking lot of the Courthouse so he can extend his parking lot. This is the unpaved grassy portion between the county and the BBQ parking lot. It does not reduce the parking of the courthouse. Also, we no longer have the parking demands in this area because of the new Justice Center. Most days it is pretty much empty. We sold that little strip to him for the appraised value of \$15,000 after proper posting in the paper. We also completed an earnest money contract with Clifton Shearrer to sell the Hwy. 16 frontage property across Broadway from the Juvenile Detention Center. That appraisal came in at \$25,000 and Clifton offered \$30,000 and Commissioner's Court approved the sale.

I have supported this because of my belief that government should not own property unnecessarily. It is not just the receipt of the money, although I am happy to get it for the county's account. It is because it can support the local economy by encouraging the best use for business purposes. This increases employment and creates tax revenue for local government.

Thank you. I pray that God will bless Atascosa County and all its citizens.