

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

I would like to use this column to periodically revisit some of the county improvements I have led the efforts on since being elected. Before I list any, I want to clearly say that nothing was achieved by me alone. I felt responsible to provide the leadership. I have been blessed with supportive commissioners from day one and great county employees to work with. They share in these achievements with me.

I revised the workman comp insurance program. I included the implementation of a safety program and created the position of safety manager. This safety manager reviews all claims making sure all county departments are a safe place to work. My Judicial Bench includes being primary on guardianships. I led the effort to clean up years of neglect on Probate cases, closures and expired guardianship cases. I established a court visitor program to supervise all active guardianship cases. For the very first time, I developed a written agreement between County, County Court at Law and the District Court Judges for processing and assignment of cases. I directly supervised the overhaul and management of the EMS (ambulance system), Indigent Health Care and the Juvenile Detention Center. I supervised a complete rewrite of our outdated personnel manual. I started an ongoing program to update all lighting to LED and advanced rating energy-efficient equipment ratings on our HVAC.

I pushed building a truck weigh station that will make the roads safer for our citizens (by policing by the Texas DPS Weight Division) and create net revenue of over \$500,000 per annum. I worked to complete the truck Bypass Road to ease truck traffic from coming through the county's high-density traffic areas and implemented a reserve Deputy Constable program to enhance the law enforcement footprint. These reserve deputies have now become permanent positions. I successfully lobbied for the last four years to get new bridges built and funded by the state on Highway 16, CR 422, and Goose Creek Bridge. Those bridges are now completed and are safe and should last for the next 50 to 100 years. (more to come)

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