

## ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

Last week was a week of challenges. I did my best to be fair, factual and honest in dealing with every challenge. That is what you hired me to do. I try to have integrity and truth in all that I do and fairness in the way I treat people.

The Justice Center has been a real challenge to get finished. The real problem has been the prisoner holding area. The State Jail Commission must sign off on its use before we can fully utilize the way it was intended. Materials for it have drug on for 5 months and I have even begun holding back payment. We are finally seeing progress and perhaps next Friday the Jail Commission will give its okay. We are still trying to finish the audio in the courtrooms and that is a complicated system, to say the least. We are making good progress but not there yet. The General Contractor did a fabulous job building the fine architectural plan and it has been sad that they have drug these last issues out to a negative end. We do see the light at the end of the tunnel and I am happy about that.

We had a very positive County Election Board meeting last week. We need to begin planning now to fully implement our new machines to be the sole voting method in the promised "county – wide voting" system I have been talking about. Our hope is for this reality to take place beginning with the primary next year. We also plan to move to 3 early voting locations opening a new one at the Pleasanton Civic Center. Greg Leach has given me tentative approval to use the Pleasanton Center and that would be excellent. There will be changes because of the digital access need for voter verification which is the only thing we use the internet for (the voting machines and the results are NEVER hooked to the internet). We are confident because of the overwhelming success and acceptance of the new machines last November. If you would like me to talk to your group about the process or have questions, email me at [countyjudge@atascosacounty.texas.gov](mailto:countyjudge@atascosacounty.texas.gov).

Quote of the week: The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets. Will Rogers 😊

Thanks for listening.

We want you to be proud of your County Government.