

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

I am pleased to announce that the AACOG (Alamo Area Council of Governments) grant committee has awarded two grants in our area. The first is \$ 940,558.35 to Safer Path (Family Crisis Center) in Pleasanton. These folks do a great job assisting battered persons and their families who are in crisis. The second grant is for \$100,000 to our District Attorney for a canine officer and dog. These are still subject to the Governor's approval.

Jeanne Israel last day with my office is April 26. I am so happy for her since she is going to really retire. She has bought a van to travel all over and her excitement for it is obvious. So, while I will miss her, she has left me in good condition because her replacement will be Robbie (Hamby) Denson who has been here in the office for almost 18 months and is stepping over into the job of Administrative Assistance / Court Coordinator for me. We will welcome Rusty Prasifka to work, at this time, part – time at Robbie's desk. We will make a decision later if we need to change that.

I wish Jeanne Godspeed in her life, her journeys, and spending time with her family. It was just Jeanne and me when I started this job and we had to learn everything from scratch. Except for help from other County officials we had no one to teach us. A lot we had to learn together and work through it. Add that to my ADHD personality of having to attack all challenges head on she had to help while we took on a new Justice Center, new jail and new JP3. It has been very busy to tackle learning new jobs while continuing to meet the daily challenges of the county. I will miss her.

We will be opening a search committee for a new EMS Director. The applicant must be a certified paramedic with experience in emergency medicine. The successful candidate will have to demonstrate a good work record and good interpersonal skills. Management experience will be a plus. If you or anyone you know is interested, send the resume to countyjudge@atascosacounty.texas.gov.

Closing quote, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill.

Thanks for listening.

We want you to be proud of your County Government.