

## **ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT**

This has been a difficult week for several county personnel. Judge Jackie Bodden (JP4) lost her husband, Mark, suddenly. This is a terrible loss for Jackie and her daughter Blair. Loretta Holley lost her sister and is suffering over the loss. Margaret Littleton, our county District Clerk was in a wreck on Friday and was taken to the emergency room. The last word I have on that is that she is sore but okay. Thank goodness! The older I get and the more I see of this life I am made aware that tomorrow is very uncertain for us all. That is everyone — from 15 to 50 to 75 years of age.

Our plans are moving along for the new JP3 building and the Truck Weigh Station. The Juvenile Department is still working toward opening a juvenile rehab center in our detention center. The jail is leaping toward completion. We are days rather than weeks away from the jail completion. We should know this week about our county – wide voting application and start planning for it. We have some minor changes to make to the new Justice Center parking lot, but it is otherwise completed and doing its job. The animal control building has a few warranty repairs needed but otherwise is doing very well.

If you remember the long series I did on EMS and how it came to be as is, you will remember that I talked about the need that was never filled to have an intergovernmental local contract in place. I am so pleased to announce that Pleasanton, Lytle and Jourdanton have stepped up and done their part. Poteet is different because we own that building. Many thanks to all of you for getting this done. This is the right way to do business between local governments, to put it in writing so that future occupants of our jobs do not have to reinvent the process.

This week's quote: "If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." – Will Rogers

Thank you for listening.

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