

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

Presently the JJAEP (Juvenile School) occupies a building at 1508 Campbell Street directly behind the Juvenile Probation Department. That building is divided into (roughly) 2/3 school space and 1/3 records and forms storage for the county. two weeks ago, I told you about the function for JJAEP. The records and forms storage is essential and governed by state statute for maintenance and destruction. The County generates, as you can imagine, a large volume of paper. Much must be legally retained before destruction and must be done in a climate-controlled building. This can be court records, legal correspondence, and so forth. We have not increased our storage space in over a decade and need doing so. We priced the building of another records storage building and it came in at over \$400,000. I will not support that kind of expenditure in this COVID environment. So, where we came down on the issue is to convert the whole JJAEP building to forms storage. We had the good fortune to have a large modular building donated to us by Pleasanton ISD. We will locate it across the street from where JJAEP is right now and everyone will benefit. We will build a nice basketball court for the school and exercise yard. The new building will be quite a bit bigger than the old one. Jeff Thornton, Director, is a stalwart asset to this project. How could it get any better than to work it out where everyone benefits – including the Atascosa County Taxpayer.

Quote of the week, “Here’s all you have to know about men and women: Women are crazy, men are stupid. And the main reason women are crazy is that men are stupid.” — George Carlin

Thanks for listening.

We want you to be proud of your County Government.