

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

The main function of a County Government is to house, fund and facilitate the “Justice System” in that county. That is what your Atascosa County Government does. The Justice system includes the District Court, County Court At Law, County Court, Juvenile Court, and Justice of the Peace Courts. The departments related to the “County Justice System” are the Sheriff’s Department which includes law enforcement, serving legal papers and housing prisoners awaiting court. The Sheriff runs courthouse security. The Sheriff also runs “911” which is critical to life and property for every citizen. More are the District Clerk’s office and the County Clerk’s office which manage the court records for their related courts. The District Clerk and the County Clerk also provide a myriad of other services. The county also provides courtroom space for AG Court and CPS Court. We also provide office space for the Adult Probation Department, the Juvenile Probation office and the Juvenile Detention Center. I would estimate that the staffing and support of these departments are roughly 75% of the county budget.

Also the Tax Office – that not only collects taxes but takes care of vehicle titles and license registration; the Elections office; the Fire Marshal; the Emergency Management office; the 911 Mapping office; EMS Ambulance; the Treasurer’s office and Auditor’s office, and certainly not the least – the Precincts (Commissioners) who maintain the roads and bridges of the county roads.

There are other departments which are important that I have not mentioned. My point of this column is to educate and inform what your county government does. It is a huge compilation of responsibilities and a complex operation.

Quote of the week: "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." --*Thomas A. Edison*

Thanks for listening.

We want you to be proud of your County Government.