

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

To address some of the various things I read on Facebook about the county: We have stopped building any new buildings. We did not run out of money. After we finished JP3 and the Truck Weigh Station there will be no more new major construction as long as I am county judge. Every building was planned and needed. We are stopping because every major need for buildings for the county has been met. The jail expansion was essential and revenue neutral. The Justice Center (additional courtrooms) was essential. Except for JP3 and the Weigh Station (which will produce its cost back in fine revenue every year) all buildings were planned and funded by bond (COs) issue. We knew how much the reserves had and could afford. Some people have said we ran out of money and did not finish the Justice Center (the second floor). Not true. The unfinished second floor was planned for future growth. I personally do not understand why people make these statements with no basis in fact and do not check before they post, but that seems to be the nature of Facebook.

We have earnestly cut the county budget for 2021 and worked hard at it. People are posting that we have not, and all I can say is the many hours I, the Commissioners and the Auditor have put in speak to that. The postings that question why the county built so many nice JP offices predates my coming to the office. They were all done and the only one left in an older facility was JP3 which is the only one done during my tenure. They also house the Constables offices and other offices. In JP2 the Tax Office has a satellite office. At any rate, these buildings will serve the county for 50 years or better and do a fine job.

I am pleased to continue to announce that the "Atascosa Cowboy Connect" Transit System will commence on time, Oct. 1. We will have major announcements on Sept. 28.

Quote of the week, "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." Dr Seuss.

Thanks for listening.

We want you to be proud of your County Government.