

## ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

As I write this column, I have 46 more days as your County Judge. The honor of being your County Judge has, every day, been what has kept me going. General MacArthur said, "Duty, Honor, Country." My words are added to say, "Duty to perform, Honor to act with integrity, and service to a Country I love." I have said before that my integrity will be the only possession I will take to the grave with me and I will allow no one to take that from me!

I would like to do some part-time teaching after the first of the year. I would like to do this either in high school or junior college. Unfortunately, I do not have teaching credentials. I do have a bachelor's degree in business and 12 successfully completed hours of graduate work toward an MBA. I do have 50 years of successful business experience, and 25 years of government service (U.S. Military, City Council, and County Government). Some of the best teachers I had in college were unique experts in their fields, i.e. Insurance, Tax Reporting and Business Law. I think it is sad that these junior colleges set such high academic standards for teachers and do not allow for experience.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, we will approve (canvas) the county vote. It will fix the election of all candidates from the Nov. 8 election. Then on Jan. 1, in addition to the reelection of existing office holders, there will be several new ones sworn in. Those are: County Judge – Weldon Cude, District Judge Jennifer Dillingham, County Clerk – Theresa Carasco, Commissioner Precinct 2 – Mark Bowen, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 – Willie Leal Jr., and Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 – Rusty Prasifka. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 – Wayne Vaughn, who has already been sworn in to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge Kyle Bradley, will be sworn in for his first full term. Judge Vaughn won the primary election and had no opponent in the general election.

"Not how long, but how well you have lived is the main thing."

Thank you for listening. It has been my goal for you to be proud of your county.