

ATASCOSA COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, SUITE 203
December 30, 2024
9 a.m.

If after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Commissioners Court should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Court is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the Court. Purposes for a closed or executive meeting or session permitted by the Act include the following:

- 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.
- 551.072 Deliberation regarding real property.
- 551.073 Deliberation regarding prospective gifts.
- 551.074 Personnel Matters.
- 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits.
- 551.0785 Deliberation involving medical or psychiatric records of individuals.
- 551.084 Investigation; exclusion of witness from hearing.
- 551.087 Deliberation regarding economic development negotiation.
- 551.088 Deliberation regarding test item.

AGENDA

1. Judge Cude: Call to Order.
2. Judge Cude: Prayer; Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments:
4. Audrey Louis: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning personnel:
 - Existing Employee: Rene Williams
 - Position: Administrative Assistant
 - Pay Rate: \$40,000.00 annually
 - Salary Budget Area: [047-400-404](#)
 - Start Date: 01/01/2025
 - Physical: n/a
 - Drug Test: n/a
5. Sarah Rihn: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning personnel:
 - New Employee: Santo Greenwood
 - Position: Animal Control Officer
 - Pay Rate: \$42,000.00 annually
 - Salary Budget Area: 012-478-402
 - Start Date: 01/06/25
 - Physical: Complete
 - Drug Test: Complete
6. Courtney Grier: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning personnel:

Existing Employee:	Christopher Lewis
Position:	PRN Paramedic
Pay Rate:	\$22.00 hourly
Salary Budget Area:	041-400-518
Correction of Pay amount for Classification:	12/30/2024
Physical:	N/A
Drug Test:	N/A

Existing Employee:	Hannah Tonneman
Position:	PRN Paramedic
Pay Rate:	\$22.00 hourly
Salary Budget Area:	041-400-518
Correction of Pay amount for Classification:	12/30/2024
Physical:	NA
Drug Test:	NA

7. Sheriff Soward: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the presentation of the Atascosa County Sheriff's Office Annual Reports for 2024 (data through 11:59 p.m. on 12/25/2024)

8. Sheriff Soward: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning personnel:

New Employee:	Ashlee Krehel
Position:	Deputy Sheriff
Pay Rate:	Tier 2: \$27.70 Hourly, 86 Fluctuating,\$120.00 Mo. Uniform, Incentive Pay, SB22 Pay, 90-Day County Probation, 1-Year Agency Probation
Salary Budget Area:	012-440-410
Start Date:	01/01/2025
Physical:	complete
Drug Test:	complete

9. Comm. Gillespie: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the contract between Atascosa County and MT Mobile Home Repairs for the work at Atascosa County's, Texas Department of Public Safety, Driver's License Department building located at 1102 Campbell Ave, Jourdanton, Tx 78026. The amount of repairs and materials to the building is equal to the amount of \$43,930.00. These funds passed in Commissioners Court not to exceed the allocated amount of \$45,000.00 used from ARPA funds. Work will take place in mid-year of 2025 to accommodate both contractor and DPS scheduling.

10. Tracy Barrera: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning the review, acceptance and selection of the following bids that were submitted by the deadline or direct the County Auditor to re-advertise:

Fuel, gas and diesel, Bids (89 octane unleaded gasoline; #2 low sulfur fuel)
Hauling of Road Materials Bids
Road Material Bids (Pit run base, grade 3 & 4 coated, recycled asphalt, crushed limestone 1½ to dust, 1¼; crushed limestone, topping

rock#3, topping rock#4, topping rock#5, cold mix asphalt type D, trap rock#3, trap rock#4, trap rock#5, reclaimed millings)

11. Judge Cude:
Policy &
Procedure
Committee: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the proposed revisions to the "Vacation Benefits" policy to streamline eligibility and usage requirements for regular full-time employees. Effective January 1, 2025.
12. Judge Cude: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the Order Setting the Terms of Atascosa County Commissioner's Court 2025.
13. Judge Cude: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning the approval of the Rules of Procedures, Conduct, and Decorum at the meetings of the Atascosa County Commissioner's Court 2025.
14. Judge Cude: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the Proclamation Recognizing Atascosa County Sheriff David Soward's 48 Years of Service to Atascosa County.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Regular Session of Atascosa County Commissioners Court will now recess in order to convene in Executive Session according to Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.074 to discuss personnel and other matters with the County Attorney's office.

16. **OPEN SESSION**

17. Judge Cude: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning item(s) discussed in executive session.
18. Judge Cude:
Tracy Barrera: Discuss, review and take action to accept and/or approve any invoices and payroll.
19. Judge Cude:
Tracy Barrera: Discuss, review and take action on reports submitted.
20. **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS COURT (No Action Can Be Taken).** The next Commissioners Court is set for Monday, January 13, 2025.
21. Judge Cude: Adjourn.



Weldon P. Cude, Atascosa County Judge

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jessica Kidd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and "K".

Jessica Kidd, Court Coordinator



PERSONNEL ACTION FORM

Please indicate if action to be taken is regarding *new employment or completion of probation*:

Employment Type: Request for salary increase based on completion of probation period
Requested Action

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AGENDA REQUEST (GENERAL)

Agenda Item 7.

Meeting Date: 12/30/2024
Item Title: 2024 Reports
Submitted For: David Soward, Sheriff

Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning:

Sheriff Soward: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the presentation of the Atascosa County Sheriff's Office Annual Reports for 2024 (data through 11:59 p.m. on 12/25/2024)

Recommendation/Action Requested and Justification

Discuss and Accept Presentation of the Atascosa County Sheriff's Office Annual Reports for 2024 (data through 11:59 p.m. on 12/25-2024)



PERSONNEL ACTION FORM

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Employment Type:

New employee

Requested Action

Sheriff Soward:	Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning personnel:
New Employee:	Ashlee Krehel
Position:	Deputy Sheriff
Pay Rate:	Tier 2: \$27.70 Hourly, 86 Fluctuating, \$120.00 Mo. Uniform, Incentive Pay, SB22 Pay, 90-Day County Probation, 1-Year Agency Probation
Salary Budget Area:	012-440-410
Start Date:	01/01/2025
Physical:	complete
Drug Test:	complete

AGENDA REQUEST (GENERAL)

Agenda Item 9.

Meeting Date: 12/30/2024

Item Title:

Submitted For: Mark Gillespie, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning:

Comm. Gillespie: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the contract between Atascosa County and MT Mobile Home Repairs for the work at Atascosa County's, Texas Department of Public Safety, Driver's License Department building located at 1102 Campbell Ave, Jourdanton, Tx 78026. The amount of repairs and materials to the building is equal to the amount of \$43,930.00. These funds passed in Commissioners Court not to exceed the allocated amount of \$45,000.00 used from ARPA funds. Work will take place in mid-year of 2025 to accommodate both contractor and DPS scheduling.

ATTACHMENTS

Information

MT MOBILE HOME REPAIR AND HANDYMAN SERVICE

7993 Coughran Rd.
Pleasanton, TX 78064
Mark Jerkins 830-570-1515
mtjerkins@yahoo.com

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THIS IS A KINGDOM BUSINESS
We have given this company to the Lord and it is His.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as
working for the Lord, not for men..." Colossians 3:23

TO: Atascosa County
TODS DMV Building
1102 Campbell Ave Jourdanton TX 78026

DATE
12 23, 2024

PHONE:

Contact Mark Gillespe
830 480 4760

DESCRIPTION OF WORK PERFORMED

Trench around North & east side of building excavate & remove soil as needed
for drainage add drain pipe with drains around building north & east side
ending at southeast corner
install drain pipe thru fence @ southeast corner of Sheriff's dept fence
excavate soil to guide water south across yard
remove a section of existing concrete sidewalk install drain pipe
pour new sidewalk at higher elevation allowing drainage underneath to south
Build & install metal awning over front doorway

remove & replace floor tile as needed Polish entire office floor, hallway, restrooms,
breakroom & utility room
remove hot water heater & install point of demand water heater run new plumbing
to 2nd restroom & hook to sink
Prep & clean all walls of office, breakroom, 2 restrooms, hallway &
utility room. Caulk, prime, & paint.
Paint trim, baseboards, & doors thru out building Repair or Replacement
as needed

TOTAL MATERIALS & LABOR:

\$ 43,930.00

Approved By: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

AGENDA REQUEST (GENERAL)

Agenda Item 10.

Meeting Date: 12/30/2024
Item Title: 2025 Fuel and Material Bids
Submitted For: Tracy Barrera, County Auditor

Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning:

Tracy Barrera: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning the review, acceptance and selection of the following bids that were submitted by the deadline or direct the County Auditor to re-advertise:
Fuel, gas and diesel, Bids (89 octane unleaded gasoline; #2 low sulfur fuel)
Hauling of Road Materials Bids
Road Material Bids (Pit run base, grade 3 & 4 coated, recycled asphalt, crushed limestone 1½ to dust, 1¾; crushed limestone, topping rock#3, topping rock#4, topping rock#5, cold mix asphalt type D, trap rock#3, trap rock#4, trap rock#5, reclaimed millings)

AGENDA REQUEST (GENERAL)

Agenda Item 11.

Meeting Date: 12/30/2024

Item Title:

Submitted For:

Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning:

Judge Cude: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the proposed revisions to the
Policy & Procedure "Vacation Benefits" policy to streamline eligibility and usage requirements for
Committee: regular full-time employees. Effective January 1, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Policy Edits

3.03 VACATION BENEFITS

Vacation (time-off with pay) is available to eligible employees to provide opportunities for rest, relaxation, and personal pursuits. Regular full-time employees are eligible to earn and use vacation time as described in this policy. Part-time and temporary employees shall not be eligible for vacation benefits.

The amount of paid vacation time employees receive each year increases with length of their employment as shown in the schedule below:

Years of Service	Vacation Hours (for 40-hour workweek)	Vacation Days (for 40-hour workweek)
After one (1) year	Forty (40) hours	5 days (8-hour shifts)
After two (2) years	Eighty (80) hours	10 days (8-hour shifts)
After ten (10) years	One hundred twenty (120) hours	15 days (8-hour shifts)
After twenty (20) years	One hundred sixty (160) hours	20 days (8-hour shifts)

Employees working 12-hour or 24-hour shifts will accrue vacation time based on the number of hours in their shifts, ensuring equity in time off. The vacation time allotment for employees on 12-hour and 24-hour shifts is calculated as follows:

- **For employees working 12-hour shifts:**
 - After one (1) year, the employee will earn **60 hours** of vacation (equivalent to 5 working days of 12-hour shifts).
 - After two (2) years, the employee will earn **120 hours** of vacation (equivalent to 10 working days of 12-hour shifts).
 - After ten (10) years, the employee will earn **180 hours** of vacation (equivalent to 15 working days of 12-hour shifts).
 - After twenty (20) years, the employee will earn **240 hours** of vacation (equivalent to 20 working days of 12-hour shifts).
- **For employees working 24-hour shifts:**
 - After one (1) year, the employee will earn **120 hours** of vacation (equivalent to 5 working days of 24-hour shifts).
 - After two (2) years, the employee will earn **240 hours** of vacation (equivalent to 10 working days of 24-hour shifts).
 - After ten (10) years, the employee will earn **360 hours** of vacation (equivalent to 15 working days of 24-hour shifts).

- After twenty (20) years, the employee will earn **480 hours** of vacation (equivalent to 20 working days of 24-hour shifts).

Note:

- A "day" of vacation is defined based on the employee's shift schedule (e.g., 8 hours for those on 8-hour shifts, 12 hours for those on 12-hour shifts, and 24 hours for those on 24-hour shifts).
- Vacation accrual is granted on the anniversary of the employee's hire date and will be calculated according to the appropriate number of hours or days as per the above chart.

OLD

A regular full-time employee will be allowed to take vacation any time after the anniversary of their first and second year of service with the county. Thereafter, a regular full-time employee will be allowed to schedule their vacation in accordance with the provisions of this section on a calendar year basis, beginning with the calendar year in which the third anniversary of employment falls.

NEW

A regular full-time employee will be eligible for vacation benefits after completing one full year of service. On the anniversary of their hire date each year, employees will receive the appropriate amount of vacation hours based on their length of service. Employees will have one full year from their anniversary date to utilize the vacation time they have accrued. Vacation time must be used within this 12-month period, and any unused vacation will not carry over to the next year.

Paid vacation can be used in increments of **half-day** or **full-day** off, based on the employee's shift schedule. To take vacation, employees must request approval from their department head. Requests will be reviewed based on a number of factors, including county needs and staffing requirements. Vacation time-off is paid at the employee's base pay rate at the time of vacation. It does not include overtime or any special forms of compensation.

Vacation shall not be accrued while an employee is on leave without pay. Scheduling of vacations shall be at the discretion of the individual department heads. Employees shall only be able to use vacation that has already been accrued and shall not be allowed to borrow vacation against possible future accruals.

Each employee shall be responsible for accurately recording all vacation time used on his/her time sheet. Employees are encouraged to use available paid vacation time. In the event that available vacation time is not used by the end of the fiscal year, employees may NOT carry unused time forward to the next fiscal benefit year.

**AGENDA REQUEST
(GENERAL)**

Agenda Item 12.

Meeting Date: 12/30/2024

Item Title:

Submitted For: Weldon Cude, County Judge

Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning:

Judge Cude: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the Order Setting the Terms of Atascosa County Commissioner's Court 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Information



ORDER SETTING THE TERMS OF ATASCOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

WHEREAS., Texas Local Government Code (LGC) prescribes that Constitutional County Courts must set the terms for it to conduct civil and criminal business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 81.005, Texas Government Code, the Commissioners Court may fix the number of terms, set times, and set the length of each meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court believes that it is the best interest of the County to adopt an order setting the terms of the Commissioners' County Court of ATASCOSA declaring that the Second and Fourth Mondays of the month beginning at 9:00AM be designated for those Regular meetings with the First Regular Term beginning on Monday the 13th of January and ending on Monday the 24th of March; the Second Term beginning on Monday the 14th of April and ending on Monday the 23rd of June; the Third Term beginning on Monday the 14th of July and ending on Monday the 22nd day of September; and the Fourth Term beginning on Tuesday the 14th of October and ending on Monday the 29th of December; and recognizing the following exceptions being May 26th due to Memorial Day October 13th due to Columbus Day and ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Sec. 29, Texas Constitution, our Commissioners County Court of Atascosa County, Texas may conduct Special (Meetings) Terms to conclude business not completed in the Reg. Court Session, to include, Workshops, and Public Hearings which may be set for any day other than Monday following the Open Meetings Act posting of Agendas; and beginning meeting times may be different than 9:00 AM; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the terms of the ATASCOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT, Texas shall be set as follows:

First Term beginning on the SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY 2025 and ending on the FOURTH MONDAY in MARCH; and

Second Term beginning on the SECOND MONDAY in APRIL and ending on the FOURTH MONDAY in JUNE; and

Third Term beginning on the SECOND MONDAY in JULY and ending on the FOURTH MONDAY in SEPTEMBER; and

Fourth Term beginning on the THIRD TUESDAY in OCTOBER and ending on the FIFTH MONDAY of DECEMBER 2025; and

These terms of Court shall remain in effect unless and until otherwise ordered.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

WELDON P. CUDE

COUNTY JUDGE

MARK GILLESPIE

COMMISSIONER PCT 1

MARK BOWEN

COMMISSIONER PCT 2

ELIESO PEREZ

COMMISSIONER PCT 3

KENNARD "BUBBA" RILEY

COMMISSIONER PCT 4

ATTEST:

THERESA CARRASCO
County Clerk

**AGENDA REQUEST
(GENERAL)**

Agenda Item 13.

Meeting Date: 12/30/2024

Item Title:

Submitted For: Weldon Cude, County Judge

Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning:

Judge Cude: Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning the approval of the Rules of Procedures, Conduct, and Decorum at the meetings of the Atascosa County Commissioner's Court 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Information

RULES OF PROCEDURES, CONDUCT, AND DECORUM

AT THE MEETINGS OF THE

ATASCOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

I. All Regular, Special, Emergency, and Executive Session Meetings of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court will be called and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

II. Regular, Special, and Emergency Meetings of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court are open to the public and to representatives of the press and media. Executive Sessions of the Commissioners Court are not open to the public, the press, or the media, and only those individuals expressly requested or ordered to be present are allowed to attend Executive Sessions.

III. The Atascosa County Commissioners Court meets in Regular Session on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. In order for a matter or issue to appear as an agenda item on the Agenda of any Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court, a request must be filed with and approved by at least one member of the Commissioners Court and/or the County Judge by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the Wednesday immediately preceding the next Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court.

IV. The business of Atascosa County is conducted by and between the members of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court and by those members of the county staff, elected officials, department heads, consultants, experts, and/or members of the public requested to be present and participate. While the public is invited to attend all meetings of the Commissioners Court (except Executive Sessions) the public's participation therein is limited to that of observers unless a member (or members) of the public is requested to address the Commissioners Court on a particular issue (or issues) or unless the member (or members) of the public completes a Public Participation Form and submits same to the County Clerk prior to the time the agenda item (or items) is addressed by the Court. A sample of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court Public Participation Form is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

A) Each member of the public who appears before the Commissioners Court shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her remarks. Time for each speaker shall be maintained by the County Clerk or such other designated representative of the Commissioners Court.

B) Maximum discussion on any agenda item, regardless of the number of members of the public wishing to address the Commissioners Court on such agenda item (or items), shall be limited to

thirty (30) minutes. In the event that more than six (6) members of the public wish to address a particular agenda item (or items), then time allocated to members of the public recognized to speak shall be divided equally between those members of the public wishing to speak for the agenda item (or items) and those members of the public wishing to speak against the agenda item (or items).

C) In matters of exceptional interest, the Court may, by the majority vote of the members of the Court in attendance at the meeting, either shorten or lengthen the time allocated for all members of the public and/or the amount of time allocated for all agenda items and/or a specific agenda item.

D) It is the intention of the Court to provide open access to the citizens of Atascosa County to address the Commissioners Court and express themselves on issues of County Government. Members of the public are reminded that the Atascosa County Commissioners Court is a Constitutional Court, with both judicial and legislative powers, created under Article V, Section 1 and Section 18 of the Texas Constitution. As a Constitutional Court, the Atascosa County Commissioners Court also possesses the power to issue a Contempt of Court Citation under Section 81.024 of the Texas Local Government Code. Accordingly, members of the public in attendance at any Regular, Special, and/or Emergency Meeting of the Court shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in speaking to and/or addressing the Court; in participating in public discussions before the Court; and in all actions in the presence of the Court. Proper attire for men, women, and children is mandatory. Those members of the public who are inappropriately attired and/or who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting. Refusal to abide by the Court's Order and/or continued disruption of the meeting may result in a Contempt of Court citation.

E) It is not the intention of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court to provide a public forum for the demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Court to allow a member (or members) of the public to insult the honesty and/or integrity of the Court, as a body, or any member or members of the Court, individually or collectively. Accordingly, profane, insulting, or threatening language directed toward the Court and/or any person in the Court's presence and/or racial, ethnic, or gender slurs or epithets will not be tolerated. These Rules do not prohibit public criticism of the Commissioners Court, including criticism of any act, omission, policy, procedure, program, or service. Violation of these rules may result in the following sanctions:

1. cancellation of a speaker's remaining time;
2. removal from the Commissioners Courtroom;
3. a Contempt Citation; and/or
4. such other civil and/or criminal sanctions as may be authorized under the Constitution, Statutes, and Codes of the State of Texas.

V. The County Judge is the presiding officer of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court and is a fully participating member thereof. In the event of the absence of the County Judge, the senior member of the Commissioners Court (in terms of total number of years as an elected representative) present at the Regular, Special, Emergency Meeting, or Executive Session, shall serve as the Judge Pro Tem of the Court. However, nothing herein shall prevent the senior member of this Commissioners Court from delegating this duty to another member of the Commissioners Court.

VI. The County Judge (or the designated Judge Pro Tem of the Commissioners Court), as presiding officer of the Commissioners Court, is responsible for conducting all meetings, and members of the public who have properly completed a Public Participation Form and submitted same to the County Clerk must wait to be recognized before they will be allowed to address the Court.

VII. Special Rules for the Press and Media

A) No media personnel or equipment including lights, cameras, or microphones will be located on the Commissioners Court bench nor closer than five feet (5') in front of the Commissioners Court bench.

B) Reporters and media technicians are required to structure their movements, equipment set-up, and take-down and adjustments, etc., in such a manner as to not disrupt the Commissioners Court deliberations or the ability of the public to see, hear, and participate in the proceedings.

C) Interviews shall not be conducted inside the Commissioners Courtroom during the time the Court is in session.

D) Media interviews which are conducted outside the Commissioners Courtroom should be conducted in such a manner that the interview does not disturb, impede, or disrupt the proceedings of any Regular, Special, Emergency, and/or Executive Session Meeting of the Court.

VIII. The Sheriff of Atascosa County, Texas, or his designated deputy, shall serve as the Bailiff at all Regular, Special, and Emergency Meetings of the Court. However, in the event of the absence of the Sheriff, or in the event that there exists a conflict of interest between the Sheriff, any member of the Sheriff's Department, and the Commissioners Court, or in the event of an Executive Session of the Court in which the Sheriff is not an authorized participant, then in such event, the Court shall appoint such other commissioned peace officers to serve as Bailiff as may be necessary.

IX. From time to time, the Commissioners Court shall conduct town meetings and public hearings. These Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum shall also apply to such town

meetings and public hearings; however, the Commissioners Court may adopt such additional and supplemental rules for such meetings as may be necessary and appropriate to conduct such meetings in an orderly, efficient, and proper manner.

X. These Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum at Meetings of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Court and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Commissioners Court.

ADOPTED BY THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE _____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT on this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Weldon P. Cude

Atascosa County Judge

Mark Gillespie

Commissioner, Pct. 1

Mark Bowen

Commissioner, Pct. 3

Eliseo Perez

Commissioner, Pct. 2

Kennard "Bubba" Riley

Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest:

County Clerk

**AGENDA REQUEST
(GENERAL)**

Agenda Item 14.

Meeting Date: 12/30/2024

Item Title:

Submitted For:

Discuss and/or take appropriate action concerning:

Judge Cude: Discuss and/or take appropriate action to approve the Proclamation Recognizing Atascosa County Sheriff David Soward's 48 Years of Service to Atascosa County.

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation



Atascosa County Commissioner's Court

WHEREAS, Sheriff David Soward has dedicated 48 years of exemplary service to Atascosa County, making him the longest-employed county employee with continuous service in the same department throughout those years; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Soward's career began on January 1, 1977, and through his commitment and leadership, he has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, the law enforcement community, and the citizens of Atascosa County, and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Since being elected as Sheriff of Atascosa County in 2013, Sheriff Soward has served with committed dedication, ensuring the safety and well-being of the county's residents while maintaining trust and collaboration within the community and law enforcement agencies across the County and State; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Sheriff Soward has exemplified the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and service to others, leaving a lasting impact on the county and its future; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Soward's legacy of leadership and dedication to public service has significantly contributed to making Atascosa County a safer and stronger place to live;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Weldon P. Cude Atascosa County Judge and members of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim December 30, 2024, as:

"Sheriff David Soward Day"

In recognition of his 48 years of service to Atascosa County, his leadership as Sheriff, and his lifelong commitment to public safety and service. We extend our deepest gratitude to Sheriff David Soward for his years of service and dedication to the people of Atascosa County. His legacy will forever be an inspiration to all who follow in his footsteps.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

We, the undersigned, have set our hands and caused the seal of Atascosa County to be affixed this 30th day of December, 2024.

Weldon P. Cude
County Judge

Mark Gillespie
Commissioner PCT. 1

Mark Bowen
Commissioner PCT. 2

Eliseo Perez
Commissioner PCT. 3

Kennard Riley
Commissioner PCT. 4