



Justice Court

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February 5, 2013

Judge Dan Gattis

Commissioner Lisa Berkman

Commissioner Valerie Covey

Commissioner Cynthia Long

Commissioner Ron Morrison

Judge and Commissioners:

It has been my great pleasure to serve as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3 of Williamson County for over 13 years. Out of consideration for my health, I am submitting my notice of intent to retire from this position, effective February 28, 2013.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank this Court for their support over the years, and to express my appreciation of my excellent staff for their support and service to my Court, myself and the County.

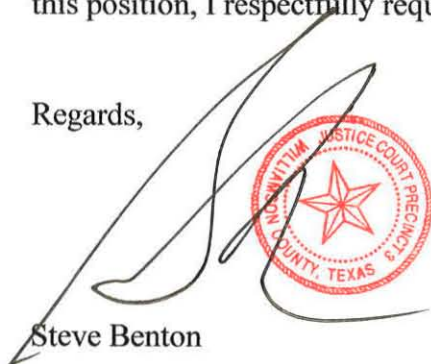
I respectfully request that the Commission consider in their determination of appointment for my replacement the following needs and requirements as evidenced by the volume reflected in annual reports for the position of Justice of the Peace in Precinct #3.

- This position is responsible for the extremely high workload of traffic cases due to the number of primary roadways in this Precinct.
- Because of this Precinct's location at the County Seat, a significant number of civil cases are filed in the Precinct #3 Court.

- With a growing senior population and high traffic volume, this position is responsible for a large number of death inquests on a 24 hour basis.
- Additionally, this Court handles juvenile truancy, evictions and Texas Department of Transportation cases.

I have worked hard to develop an excellent, efficient office operation. And I desire to give my best effort toward ensuring that the demands of this position continue to be met during this transition as smoothly as possible, and with the least detrimental impact in service to our communities. Therefore, out of consideration for my constituents and staff, I have studied the applications that have been submitted for your review and appointment. In looking at their relevant experience, training and expertise, as well as the personal attributes they could bring to this position, I respectfully request that you highly consider Kevin Stofle for my position.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Benton", is written over a red circular official seal. The seal features a five-pointed star in the center and the text "JUSTICE COURT PRECINCT 3" and "WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS" around the perimeter.

Steve Benton

Justice of the Peace, Precinct #3

Williamson County, Texas