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Strong Leadership for Bosque County



Citizens and Residents of Bosque County:

Today, I am formally announcing my candidacy for Bosque County Judge in the March 3, 2026, Republican Primary. Having filed my application on November 12th, I step forward with a clear purpose: to restore principled leadership, transparent governance, and a renewed sense of trust between our county government and the people it serves.

For too long, Bosque County has operated without the steady leadership, vision, and open communication our citizens rightfully expect. Major decisions—including tax abatements for multiple solar farms and a large data center—have been made with minimal and largely perfunctory public engagement. These actions have left many residents deeply concerned about the long-term impacts on our communities, landscape, and shared values.

Bosque County's identity is rooted in rural character, personal responsibility, and fairness. County government should reflect those values. Instead, it functions as an unfocused body increasingly out of step with the people who call this county home.

A recent example is the Court's decision regarding the Board of Directors for the Central Appraisal District. Holding 29 percent of all eligible votes, the County had a duty to lead. Instead, the Court and Judge Vanlandingham dispersed their votes across all eleven nominees—effectively avoiding the responsibility to choose five directors. Rather than leadership, citizens witnessed apathy, abdication, and questionable judgment. Avoiding difficult decisions is not leadership—it is a failure of duty.

Why I'm Running

The authority of a Texas County Judge originates in the Texas Constitution and other statutes, underscoring the fundamental importance of this office. Our Founders assumed that those entrusted with public authority would honor their oath and perform the duties voters expect.

Yet today, Bosque County faces a vacuum of leadership. Whether that void exists because our current leaders are unwilling or unable to lead is uncertain. What is clear is that the people of Bosque County deserve a Judge fully committed to their needs and accountable only to the voters.

My promise is straightforward: When elected, I will provide the leadership, vision, and transparency our county government currently lacks. There will be no abdication of duty on my watch.

I am committed to restoring responsible, citizen-focused governance—leadership that respects taxpayers, protects property rights, and plans honestly for the future. All tax abatement agreements will be subjected to full transparency and meaningful public scrutiny.

I Will Work Diligently to:

- End reckless solar farm and data center tax-abatement giveaways
- Exercise meaningful oversight of the County Appraisal District
- Ensure truly open and accessible Commissioners Court proceedings
- Improve two-way communication and explain major actions before—not after—they occur
- Hold quarterly town halls across the County
- Develop a citizen-driven County Master Plan
- Ensure fair, case-by-case evaluation of any tax-abatement requests
- Actively sponsor water and infrastructure grants for qualified communities

A Lifetime of Service

My life has been defined by service—to my country and my community. From decorated gunship pilot in Vietnam, to Deputy Assistant Secretary under President Ronald Reagan, to Republican County Chairman, I have always been in "service" to my country and the people. Whether as a Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office and Medical Center Director, as CEO of Humana Veterans Healthcare and Executive Director of a Presidential Task Force—my career has centered on responsibility, accountability, and putting people first.

I have the experience, dedication, and commitment to represent Bosque County with integrity, to listen to your concerns, and to ensure your voice is faithfully represented on the Court.

A Court Out of Touch

One of the most troubling examples of failed leadership occurred on November 4, 2024, when the Lakeside Water Supply District requested County sponsorship for its Texas Community Development Block Grant—critical for water infrastructure improvements. Commissioner Billy Hall made the motion, yet no one on the Court, including the Judge, would even second it. This action killed the motion to sponsor the Lakeside grant without a vote.

Because of this inaction, Lakeside's request has now been rejected four times. Other unincorporated communities, including King Creek, have also been repeatedly denied essential water system upgrades. Managing these grants is not complicated; yet applications from these communities have gone unsupported since 2018, leaving rural residents without improvements they both need and deserve.

If elected, one of my first actions will be to revisit these rejections, correct these long-standing failures, and ensure that every qualified community in Bosque County receives full support for water and infrastructure grants.

Moving Forward

If you entrust me with your vote on March 3rd, I will ensure the priorities of Bosque County residents—every town, every community, every family—guide the actions of the Commissioners Court.

Bosque County deserves a Judge who listens, communicates, and leads with integrity. I stand ready to be that leader.

Respectfully,

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