

Fellow Citizens of Live Oak County,

As your Live Oak County Judge, I would like to update you on some of the things that we have been working on in the county from January 2025 through June 2025.

- To start the New Year, I swore in the newly elected officials on New Year's Day.
- Commissioners Court continues to work in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation Capital Improvement Grant in hopes of expanding the runway of the Live Oak County Airport.
- Live Oak County Coliseum remodel has been completed.
- New members were appointed to the Live Oak County Historical Commission, George West Cemetery, and Emergency Services District No. 1 Board.
- Commissioners Court purchased land off Hwy 281, North of George West with water well and office building.
- Attended the South Texas Judges & Commissioners Conference and obtained continuing education hours.
- The Commissioners' Court met with Water Finance Exchange and the water districts in our area to discuss water issues and to consider forming a utility board.
- Live Oak County Senior Center continues to serve and add people to the meal delivery program.
- Actively participating in the South Texas Water Working Group organized by Representative Monica De La Cruz.
- Proud to share that the Texas Commission on Jail Standards acknowledged the excellent work of the Live Oak County Sheriff's Office by presenting a Certificate of Compliance. The Certificate of Compliance demonstrates the outstanding leadership and the diligent work of the staff in complying with minimum jail standards and is a direct result of the commitment to excellence.
- Continuing to work with Coastal Plains to provide a Mental Health Facility in Live Oak County and initiating a Jail Diversion program.
- The Commissioners continue to pave, repair, and improve the roads in their respective precincts.
- Commissioners' court met with the Texas Association of Counties to begin a 5-year financial plan.
- Built 3 additional storage units.
- Traveled to Washington, D.C. for the inauguration and attended meetings and balls.
- Met our new TXDOT engineer and expressed road concerns.
- Commissioners' Court purchased an additional 6 acres of land adjacent to the Live

Oak County Justice Center for expanding services, including the Coastal Plains Integrated Health Facility and Live Oak County Fire Station.

- Gathered to watch live feed with Sheriff Busby as he was recognized on the Congressional Floor by-Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz.
- Commissioners' Court has adopted an updated the employee handbook.
- Commissioner Kopplin and I met with Conoco Phillips for annual update.
- Texas Association of Counties held a workshop for county officials and department supervisors to explain benefits and assistance that they offer counties.
- Met with McMullen and Bee County judges to discuss Indigent Defense.
- Working with our County Treasurer, Kitley Wasicek, and Congresswoman De La Cruz's office on community grant for Live Oak County Volunteer Fire Station.
- Had a mid-year review with Texas Association of Counties with Kitley Wasicek to go over the County's risk management results.
- Met with area Judges and Nueces River Authority.
- Active member of the Juvenile Board.
- Preparing for 2026 Budget Workshops.
- Attended the Probate Academy in Lubbock, Texas.
- Had a productive meeting with Corpus Christi Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo
- The construction of the first of four Halo-pads has been completed.
- A new county extension agent was hired, Mrs. Kathy Messer Bryan.
- Presided over 550 Criminal Cases from January through June.

- Courthouse and County Facilities:
 - Phase 1 of the courthouse remodel is progressing well.
 - Justice of the Peace Building now has a much-needed covered walkway that has kept the water from entering the doorways.
 - Live Oak County Coliseum improvements have been made with the ARPA funds contributed by Live Oak County.
 - Health Department was moved back into the Annex at 301 Houston St, George West, Texas.
 - Adult probation is preparing to relocate to the previous Health Dept location at 204 Bowie Street, George West, Texas.
 - Work continues at Live Oak County Park on the construction of the new restrooms and concession area.

- Proclamations:
 - Community Action Month - May, 2025.
 - Soil & Water Conservation Stewardship Week- 4/27/25 thru 5/4/25.

- Some of the Community Activities I have participated in:
 - Met with City of George West and City of Three Rivers to consider countywide Animal Control.
 - Emceed the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce Banquet.
 - Sheriff Busby and I led the Live Oak County Fair Parade.
 - Read to Mrs. Holleman's class for Read Across America.
 - Attended Live Oak County Day at the Texas State Capitol.
 - Attended the Swinney Switch Fire Department Fish Fry.
 - Attended the Lagarto School 100th Year Celebration.
 - Attended the Live Oak County Historical Commission's meeting in Oakville, Texas.
 - Appreciate Judge Watkins filling in for me at GW Primary Career Day.
 - Attended the George West Elementary opening celebration of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation STEM Center.

It is truly an honor and privilege to be your Live Oak County Judge. We continue to work hard and do our best to keep Live Oak County an exceptional place to live. The diligence, commitment, and assistance from the Live Oak County elected officials, Live Oak County employees, and you, the remarkable citizens of Live Oak County, continue to make us successful. I would like to personally wish you a wonderful 4th of July and I pray for blessings to you all.

Sincerely,

Live Oak County Judge James Liska