



**DISTRICT, COUNTY & PRECINCT
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**FORT BEND COUNTY
TEXAS**

**A roster of those elected officials who served from
1838 TO 2009**



2009

Dear Reader

Elected public service is one of the highest callings a person can pursue. This roster of current and past Fort Bend County elected officials has taken me almost five years to complete, and is my personal expression of deep gratitude to those who provided and continue to provide government leadership excellence to our citizens.

The research involved reading and deciphering countless handwritten records which at times was extremely challenging and difficult. If there are misspelled names or omissions of some of these fine men and women who faithfully served our county, I apologize.

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Fort Bend County official public records, election records and commissioner court records
Texas State Library and Archives election records, Austin
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston
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Sincerely,
Dianne Wilson
County Clerk
Fort Bend County, Texas

AN ACT
To create the county of Fort Bend

Section 1. Be it enacted, by the senate and house of representatives of the republic of Texas; in congress assembled, That there shall be laid off on the Brazos river, a new county to be called the county of Fort Bend, which shall include all the territory within the following limits viz: Beginning on the east side of the Brazos river at the upper corner of a league of land granted to Francis Biggum, on which said Biggum now lives; thence east with the north boundary of said league to its north east corner, continuing on the Harrisburg and Brazoria county line; three leagues from thence to the head of Bray’s bayou, where stands a low elm; thence running from the head of Bray’s Bayou to a point on Buffalo bayou where the present county line, running from Jesse H. Cartwright’s league, crosses the bayou; thence northwardly to the southeast corner of Fulshear’s league of land on the Brazos river; thence west with the south boundary of said league to said river; thence crossing river, and following it’s western bank to the mouth of sixteen mile creek; thence up said creek to its source; thence in a southwardly direction to the southeast corner of G. Coles land, thence down said stream to the southwest corner of league 8; thence with the lower line of said league to the southeast corner; thence in a direct line to the south prong of Cow bayou; thence down said bayou to its mouth; thence crossing the Brazos, and up said river to the place of beginning.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That the said county shall be organized in conformity with an “act organizing the inferior courts, and defining the jurisdiction of the same,” and the county courts of said county shall be held on the second Monday in January, April, June and October, in each year.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That the said county shall be included in, and shall form a part of the third judicial district, and the district court of said county shall be holden on the last Mondays in February and August of each year.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the chief justice so soon as he shall receive a notice of his appointment, to proceed to give notice, and hold an election in the town of Richmond, for the permanent location of the seat of justice of said county, and he shall make a return of the results of said election to the secretary of state.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, That said county shall be entitled to one representative in congress, and the county of Fort Bend and Austin shall form one senatorial district, and be entitled to one senator.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, That all suits which are now existing by or against any of the citizens of the county of Fort Bend, shall be continued and concluded in the county in which they originated, in the same manner as if no division of the counties had been made.

JOSEPH ROWE,
Speaker of the house of representatives

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR,
President of the Senate

APPROVED, DEC 29, 1837.

SAM HOUSTON

<p>Note 1: William Little (?-1841) laid out the town of Richmond in 1836 and signed a petition for the organization of Fort Bend County in 1837.</p> <p>Note 2: Spelling and sentence structure is copied exactly from the original text.</p>



JAYBIRD – WOODPECKER WAR IN FORT BEND COUNTY

JAYBIRD-WOODPECKER WAR. The Jaybird-Woodpecker War was a feud between two political factions for the control of Fort Bend County. The Jaybirds, representing the wealth and about 90 percent of the white population, were the regular Democrats who sought to rid the county of the Republican government that had gained control during Reconstruction. The Woodpeckers, numbering about forty persons and also claiming to be Democrats, were the officials and former officials who held office as a result of the black vote for the Republican ticket. Former friends, neighbors, and relatives became bitter enemies as a result of the feud.

The election of 1888 engendered much bitterness. Serious altercations occurred between rival candidates. On August 2, 1888, J. M. Shamblin, Jaybird leader, was killed. In September Henry Frost, another Jaybird leader, was seriously wounded. The Jaybirds held a mass meeting at Richmond on September 6 and resolved to warn certain black people to leave the county within ten hours. They did so. Members of both factions were armed, and Texas Rangers were stationed in Richmond. The heaviest vote in the history of the county was polled on election day, which passed peacefully. Again the Democrats were defeated and the Woodpeckers left in control. After the election the breach between the factions widened. There were insults, assaults, threats, and denunciations-and two more killings. Kyle Terry, Woodpecker tax assessor, killed L. E. Gibson at Wharton on June 21, 1889; a week later Terry was killed by Volney Gibson. The county became an armed camp, and the "Battle of Richmond," on August 16, 1889, became inevitable.

An exchange of shots between J. W. Parker and W. T. Wade of the Woodpeckers and Guilf and Volney Gibson of the Jaybirds was the signal for the beginning of the battle. Most of the action took place around the courthouse, the National Hotel, and the McFarlane residence. After about twenty minutes of exchange of shots, the Woodpecker combatants retreated to the courthouse and left the Jaybirds in possession of the town. The casualties were heavy. Jaybirds from all parts of the county hurried to Richmond in anticipation of further hostilities, but there was no renewal of the conflict. The Houston Light Guards arrived to establish martial law, and Governor Lawrence S. Ross and the Brenham Light Guards arrived on August 17. Governor Ross remained in Richmond several days to act as mediator. A complete reorganization of county government resulted in the removal or resignation of all Woodpecker officials and the selection of Jaybirds or persons acceptable to the Jaybirds to fill the offices. After a turbulent era of more than twenty years, the white citizenry once more controlled the government.

A mass meeting was held at Richmond on October 3, 1889, to form a permanent organization to maintain white control. It passed a resolution to appoint a committee to draft a constitution for an association of the white people of Fort Bend County to control county affairs. A second meeting on October 22, 1899, organized the Jaybird Democratic Organization of Fort Bend County. Four hundred and forty-one white men signed the membership roll. The organization played the dominant role in Fort Bend County politics for the next seventy years.

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COMMISSIONER COURT

DATE	NAME	POSITION
1838	Clement C. Dyer	Chief Justice
1846	Unknown	Commissioner Pct. 1
	Unknown	Commissioner Pct. 2
	Unknown	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Unknown	Commissioner Pct. 4
1847	John P. Borden	Chief Justice
1850	J. M. Briscoe	Commissioner Pct. 1
	J. H. Pickens	Commissioner Pct. 2
	Arche Hodge	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Thomas M. Gray	Commissioner Pct. 4
1851	Clement C. Dyer	Chief Justice
1857	Archibald Hooper	Commissioner Pct. 1
	Daniel Perry	Commissioner Pct. 2
	William S. James	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Thompson H. McMahan	Commissioner Pct. 4
1857	Clement C. Dyer	Chief Justice
	Archibald Hooper	Commissioner Pct. 1
	Daniel Perry	Commissioner Pct. 2
	Charles B. Sojourner	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Thompson H. McMahan	Commissioner Pct. 4
1858	George P. Foster	Chief Justice
1859	Mason Gordon Mayes	Commissioner Pct. 1
	Henry M. Daughtry	Commissioner Pct. 2
	Charles B. Sojourner	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Milton N. Lum	Commissioner Pct. 4



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1860	George P. Foster	Chief Justice
1861	Alford H. Foster	Commissioner Pct. 1
	Gustave Cook	Commissioner Pct. 2
	Pat Perry	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Thomas B. Howard	Commissioner Pct. 4
1861	George P. Foster	Chief Justice
	Alfred H. Foster	Commissioner Pct. 1
	Ephraim J. Brevard	Commissioner Pct. 2
	Pat Perry	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Milton N. Lum	Commissioner Pct. 4
1861	James S. Sullivan	Chief Justice
1863	R. H. Leigh	Commissioner Pct. 1
	John W. Miller	Commissioner Pct. 2
	G. W. Pleasants	Commissioner Pct. 3
	George H. Schley	Commissioner Pct. 4
1864	Charles H. Kendall	Chief Justice
	Elisha Ryon	Commissioner, Pct 1
	R. H. Leigh	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Ephraim J. Brevard	Commissioner, Pct 3
	John W. Miller	Commissioner, Pct 4
1865**	George H. Schley	Chief Justice
1866	Seth R. Walker	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Phil Vogel	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Thomas W. DeWalt	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Felix G. Secrest	Commissioner, Pct 4

NOTES:

**** APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT September 1865 – July 1866**

From 1866 – 1872 many officials/candidates died, resigned or failed to qualify to serve in that position

1865 Election records mentioned the name of a commissioner but no precinct #: J. E. Prescer



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DATE	NAME	POSITION
1866	Robert J. Calder	County Judge
1868	R. A. Torrance	Commissioner Pct. 1
	J. H. Wright	Commissioner Pct. 2
	George W. Pleasants	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Seth R. Walker	Commissioner Pct. 4
1869	William Sheriff	County Judge
	E. G. Lovell	Commissioner Pct. 1
	James H. Gill	Commissioner Pct. 2
	George W. Pleasants	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Seth R. Walker	Commissioner Pct. 4
1869	William Sheriff	County Judge
	E. G. Lovell	Commissioner Pct. 1
	James H. Gill	Commissioner Pct. 2
	T. H. Rahilly	Commissioner Pct. 3
	E. H. Carlisle	Commissioner Pct. 4
1869	William Sheriff	County Judge
	Adam Smucker	Commissioner, Pct 1
	James H. Gill	Commissioner, Pct 2
	T. H. Rahilly	Commissioner, Pct 3
	W. D. Dering	Commissioner, Pct 4
1869	William Sheriff	County Judge
1875	Adam Smucker	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Stephen Gilbert	Commissioner, Pct 2
	T. H. Rahilly	Commissioner, Pct 3
	W. D. Dering	Commissioner, Pct 4
1876	J.C. Williams	County Judge
1877	Frederick Voss	Commissioner Pct. 1
	J.B. Hartgraves	Commissioner Pct. 2
	William Eaton	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Thomas M. Blakely	Commissioner Pct. 4

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1878	J. C. Williams	County Judge
1879	Frederick Voss	Commissioner Pct. 1
	Thomas H. Taylor	Commissioner Pct. 2
	C. C. Minnegan	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Charles Head	Commissioner Pct. 4
1880	R. H. Earnest	County Judge
1881	John "Jack" Cobbin	Commissioner Pct. 1
	Thomas H. Taylor	Commissioner Pct. 2
	William Eaton	Commissioner Pct. 3
	Thomas M. Blakely	Commissioner Pct. 4
1882	R.G. Calder	County Judge
	John "Jack" Cobbin	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Thomas H. Taylor	Commissioner, Pct 2
	William Eaton	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Andrew C. McJunkin	Commissioner, Pct 4
1883	Henry L. Sommerville	County Judge
	H.J. Ogilby	Commissioner, Pct 1
	H.G. Green	Commissioner, Pct 2
	William Eaton	Commissioner, Pct 3
	J.B. Roberts	Commissioner, Pct 4
1884	H.L. Sommerville	County Judge
	H.J. Ogilby	Commissioner, Pct 1
	H.G. Green	Commissioner, Pct 2
	William Eaton	Commissioner, Pct 3
	J.B. Roberts	Commissioner, Pct 4
1885	James Wesson Parker	County Judge
1886	Ike McFarlane	Commissioner, Pct 1
	John P. Dillard	Commissioner, Pct 2
	M.T. McMahan	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Mason Briscoe	Commissioner, Pct 4

NOTE:

The 1884 election records indicated the areas that the commissioner precincts represented:
Pct 1 – Richmond, Pct 2 – Kendleton, Pct 3 – Sugar Land, Pct 4 – Foster



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DATE	NAME	POSITION
1887	R. H. Earnest	County Judge
1888	W. F. Collier	Commissioner, Pct 1
	J. P. Dillard	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Tom King	Commissioner, Pct 3
	C. R. Scott	Commissioner, Pct 4
1889	John Weston	County Judge
	J. B. Herndon	Commissioner, Pct 1
	A. F. Phipps	Commissioner, Pct 2
	William Thatcher	Commissioner, Pct 3
	W. M. Robinson	Commissioner, Pct 4
1890	M. J. Hickey	County Judge
	J. H. P. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Will Darst	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. D. Fields	Commissioner, Pct 3
	B. F. Stuart	Commissioner, Pct 4
1891	M. J. Hickey	County Judge
1892	J. H. P. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 1
	H. R. Farmer	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. D. Fields	Commissioner, Pct 3
	B. F. Stuart	Commissioner, Pct 4
1893	M. J. Hickey	County Judge
1894	J. H. P. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 1
	B. G. Snedecor	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. D. Fields	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Joseph Burton Nesbitt	Commissioner, Pct 4
1895	John A. Ballowe	County Judge
1896	J. M. McFarlane	Commissioner, Pct 1
	B.G. Snedecor	Commissioner, Pct 2
	H. Bookar	Commissioner, Pct 3
	R. P. Briscoe	Commissioner, Pct 4
1897	J. S. McEachin	County Judge
	J. H. P. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 1
	J. W. Moore	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Walter H. Bertrand	Commissioner, Pct 3
	S. J. Avis	Commissioner, Pct 4



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DATE	NAME	POSITION
1898	J. S. McEachin	County Judge
	J. H. P. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 1
	W. H. Ayler	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Walter H. Bertrand	Commissioner, Pct 3
	B. F. Stuart	Commissioner, Pct 4
1899	J. S. McEachin	County Judge
1900	P. F. Ward	Commissioner, Pct 1
	W. H. Ayler	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. A. Robinson	Commissioner, Pct 3
	J. Rich	Commissioner, Pct 4
1901	William Masterson	County Judge
1902	A. M. Holmes	Commissioner, Pct 1
	August Schendel	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. T. Dorrity	Commissioner, Pct 3
	J. Rich	Commissioner, Pct 4
1903	William Masterson	County Judge
1904	A. M. Holmes	Commissioner, Pct 1
	August Schendel	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. T. Dorrity	Commissioner, Pct 3
	E. M. Huggins	Commissioner, Pct 4
1905	D. R. Peareson	County Judge
1906	J. R. Farmer	Commissioner, Pct 1
	R. B. Marshall	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Walter H. Bertrand	Commissioner, Pct 3
	E. M. Huggins	Commissioner, Pct 4
1907	D. R. Peareson	County Judge
1908	J. R. Farmer	Commissioner, Pct 1
	R. B. Marshall	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Walter H. Bertrand	Commissioner, Pct 3
	J. C. Hunken	Commissioner, Pct 4
1909	George C. Baker	County Judge
1910	Tom Coleman	Commissioner, Pct 1
	J. M. Williams	Commissioner, Pct 2
	G. D. Scott	Commissioner, Pct 3
	J. C. Hunken	Commissioner, Pct 4



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1911	George C. Baker	County Judge
1912	Tom Coleman	Commissioner, Pct 1
	C. H. Mahler	Commissioner, Pct 2
	G. D. Scott	Commissioner, Pct 3
	E. M. Huggins	Commissioner, Pct 4
1913	W. I. McFarlane	County Judge
1914	Albert P. George	Commissioner, Pct 1
	C. H. Mahler	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. T. Bertrand	Commissioner, Pct 3
	E. M. Huggins	Commissioner, Pct 4
1915	W. I. McFarlane	County Judge
1916	Albert P. George	Commissioner, Pct 1
	B. R. Ulrich	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. T. Bertrand	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Walter Rosenbush	Commissioner, Pct 4
1917	C. H. Chernosky	County Judge
	Kinch Hillyer	Commissioner, Pct 1
	B. R. Ulrich	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. B. Bertrand	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Walter Rosenbush	Commissioner, Pct 4
1918	C. H. Chernosky	County Judge
	Kinch Hillyer	Commissioner, Pct 1
	B. R. Ulrich	Commissioner, Pct 2
	A. J. Adams	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Walter Rosenbush	Commissioner, Pct 4
1919	C. H. Chernosky	County Judge
1920	Kinch Hillyer	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Fred Kemp	Commissioner, Pct 2
	A. J. Adams	Commissioner, Pct 3
	T. L. Mullins	Commissioner, Pct 4



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DATE	NAME	POSITION
1921	C. D. Myers	County Judge
1922	John Yarling	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Fred Kemp	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	T. L. Mullins	Commissioner, Pct 4
1923	C. D. Myers	County Judge
1924	John Yarling	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Emil Nowotny	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I.G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Mason Briscoe	Commissioner, Pct 4
1925	W. I. McFarlane	County Judge
1926	W. A. Hand	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Emil Nowotny	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Mason Briscoe	Commissioner, Pct 4
1927	W. I. McFarlane	County Judge
1928	W. A. Hand	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Fred Grunwald	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	M. K. Mayes	Commissioner, Pct 4
1929	F. X. Joerger	County Judge
1930	John Yarling	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Fred Grunwald	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	M. K. Mayes	Commissioner, Pct 4
1931	F. X. Joerger	County Judge
1932	John Yarling	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Ed Stern	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	P. A. Poorman	Commissioner, Pct 4



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DATE	NAME	POSITION
1933	John Moore	County Judge
1934	J. M. Kovar	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Ed Stern	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	P. A. Poorman	Commissioner, Pct 4
1935	John Moore	County Judge
1934	J. M. Kovar	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Ed Stern	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Hunter Harris	Commissioner, Pct 4
1937	Clinton L. Dutton	County Judge
1938	L. W. Cummings	Commissioner, Pct 1
	D. C. Cardwell	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Hunter Harris	Commissioner, Pct 4
1939	Clinton L. Dutton	County Judge
1940	L. W. Cummings	Commissioner, Pct 1
	D. C. Cardwell	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Richard H. Mullins	Commissioner, Pct 4
1941	Hunter P. Harris	County Judge
1942	J. M. Kovar	Commissioner, Pct 1
	M. F. Mensik	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Richard H. Mullins	Commissioner, Pct 4
1943	Hunter P. Harris	County Judge
1944	J. M. Kovar	Commissioner, Pct 1
	M. F. Mensik	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	W. J. Walker	Commissioner, Pct 4



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DATE	NAME	POSITION
1945	Charles Schultz	County Judge
1946	John C. Gassoway	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Tom Snedecor	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	W. J. Walker	Commissioner, Pct 4
1947	Charles Schultz	County Judge
1948	John C. Gassoway	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Tom Snedecor	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Andrew Briscoe	Commissioner, Pct 4
1949	H. Cecil Baker	County Judge
1950	J. M. Kovar	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Louis Teykl	Commissioner, Pct 2
	I. G. Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Andrew Briscoe	Commissioner, Pct 4
1951	H. Cecil Baker	County Judge
	J. M. Kovar	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Louis Teykl	Commissioner, Pct 2
	(Mrs. I.G.) Georgia Wirtz	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Ed Helwig	Commissioner, Pct 4
1952	H. Cecil Baker	County Judge
	J. M. Kovar	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Louis Teykl	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Georgia Wirtz Covert	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Ed Helwig	Commissioner, Pct 4
1953	George G. Roane	County Judge
1954	Ervin Muegge	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Tom Snedecor	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Ed Helwig	Commissioner, Pct 4



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1955	George G. Roane	County Judge
1956	Ervin Muegge	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Tom Snedecor	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	G. W. Spencer	Commissioner, Pct 4
1957	George G. Roane	County Judge
1958	Steve Chernosek	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Tom Snedecor	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	G. W. Spencer	Commissioner, Pct 4
1959	Clyde Kennelly	County Judge
1960	Steve Chernosek	Commissioner, Pct 1
	M.F. Mensik	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J.M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Johnnie Phillip	Commissioner, Pct 4
1961	Clyde Kennelly	County Judge
1962	Ervin Muegge	Commissioner, Pct 1
	M. F. Mensik	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Johnnie Phillip	Commissioner, Pct 4
1963	Clyde Kennelly	County Judge
1964	Ervin Muegge	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Louis Teykl	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Johnnie Phillip	Commissioner, Pct 4
1965	Clyde Kennelly	County Judge
1966	E. H. Muegge	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Louis Teykl	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Johnnie Phillip	Commissioner, Pct 4



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1967	Josh Gates	County Judge
1968	E. H. Muegge	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Louis Teykl	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Johnnie Phillip	Commissioner, Pct 4
1969	Josh Gates	County Judge
1970	Johnnie Pustka	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Louis Teykl	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Johnnie Phillip	Commissioner, Pct 4
1971	Josh Gates	County Judge
1976	Johnnie Pustka	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Paul Wenzel, Jr.	Commissioner, Pct 2
	J. M. Davis	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Ed Helwig	Commissioner, Pct 4
1977	Josh Gates	County Judge
1978	Johnnie Pustka	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Paul Wenzel, Jr.	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Tony Jebbia	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Ed Helwig	Commissioner, Pct 4
1979	Jodie Stavinoha	County Judge
1980	Johnnie Pustka	Commissioner, Pct 1
	W. Lee Schmidt	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Tony Jebbia	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Ed Helwig	Commissioner, Pct 4
1981	Jodie Stavinoha	County Judge
1982	Johnnie Pustka	Commissioner, Pct 1
	W. Lee Schmidt	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Alton Pressley	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Elton King	Commissioner, Pct 4



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1983	Jodie Stavinoha	County Judge
1988	Johnnie Pustka	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Bennett "Ben" Denham	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Alton Pressley *	Commissioner, Pct 3 *
	Bob Lutts	Commissioner, Pct 4
1989	Jodie Stavinoha	County Judge
1990	Robert L. "Bud" O'Shieles	Commissioner, Pct 1
	Bennett "Ben" Denham	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Alton Pressley	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Bob Lutts	Commissioner, Pct 4
1991	Roy Cordes	County Judge
1994	Robert L. "Bud" O'Shieles	Commissioner, Pct 1
	James "Grady" Prestage	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Alton Pressley	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Bob Lutts	Commissioner, Pct 4
1995	Mike Rozell	County Judge
1996	Robert L. "Bud" O'Shieles	Commissioner, Pct 1
	James "Grady" Prestage	Commissioner, Pct 2
	Alton Pressley	Commissioner, Pct 3*
	Bob Lutts	Commissioner, Pct 4
1997	Mike Rozell	County Judge
1998	Robert L. "Bud" O'Shieles	Commissioner, Pct 1
	James "Grady" Prestage	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. A. "Andy" Meyers	Commissioner, Pct 3
	Bob Lutts	Commissioner, Pct 4

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COMMISSIONER COURT (continued)

DATE	NAME	POSITION
1999	James C. Adolphus	County Judge
2000	Robert L. "Bud" O'Shieles	Commissioner, Pct 1
	James "Grady" Prestage	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. A. "Andy" Meyers	Commissioner, Pct 3
	James Patterson	Commissioner, Pct 4
2001	James C. Adolphus	County Judge
2002	Tom Stavinoha	Commissioner, Pct 1
	James "Grady" Prestage	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. A. "Andy" Meyers	Commissioner, Pct 3
	James Patterson	Commissioner, Pct 4
2003	Robert E. "Bob" Hebert, Ph.D.	County Judge
2008	Tom Stavinoha	Commissioner, Pct 1
	James "Grady" Prestage	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. A. "Andy" Meyers	Commissioner, Pct 3
	James Patterson	Commissioner, Pct 4
2009	Robert E. "Bob" Hebert, Ph.D.	County Judge
Present	Richard Morrison	Commissioner, Pct 1
	James "Grady" Prestage	Commissioner, Pct 2
	W. A. "Andy" Meyers	Commissioner, Pct 3
	James Patterson	Commissioner, Pct 4



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1838 TO CURRENT**

Chief Justice

1838 – 1846 Clement C. Dyer
 1847 – 1850 John P. Borden
 1851 – 1857 Clement C. Dyer
 1858 – 1861 George P. Foster
 1861 – 1863 James S. Sullivan*
 1864 – 1864 Charles H. Kendall
 1865 – 1866 George H. Schley **
 1866 – 1869 Robert J. Calder*

County Judge

1869 – 1875	William Sheriff	1921 – 1924	C. D. Myers
1875 – 1878	J. C. Williams*	1925 – 1928	W. I. McFarlane
1879 – 1882	R. H. Earnest	1929 – 1932	F. X. Joerger
1882 – 1882	R. G. Calder	1933 – 1936	John Moore
1883 – 1884	H. L. Sommerville*	1937 – 1940	Clinton L. Dutton
1885 – 1886	James Wesson Parker	1941 – 1944	Hunter Harris
1887 – 1888	R. H. Earnest	1945 – 1948	Charles Schultz
1889 – 1889	John Wesson	1949 – 1952	H. Cecil Baker
1890 – 1894	M. J. Hickey	1953 – 1958	George G. Roane
1895 – 1896	John A. Ballowe	1959 – 1966	Clyde Kennelly
1897 – 1900	J. S. McEachin	1967 – 1978	Josh Gates
1901 – 1904	William Masterson	1979 – 1990	Jodie E. Stavinoha
1905 – 1908	D. R. Peareson*	1991 – 1994	Roy L. Cordes
1909 – 1912	G. C. Baker, Jr.	1995 – 1998	Michael D. Rozell
1913 – 1916	W. I. McFarlane	1999 – 2002	James C. Adolphus
1917 – 1920	C. H. Chernosky	2003 – P	Robert E. “Bob” Hebert, PhD

Notes:

* Appointed

** APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT September 1865 – July 1866

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 1

1838 – 1846	Unknown	1898 – 1900	P. F. Ward
1847 – 1850	J. M. Briscoe	1901 – 1904	A. M. Holmes
1851 – 1857	Archibald Hooper	1905 – 1908	J. R. Farmer
1858 – 1859	Mason Gordon Mayes	1909 – 1912	Tom Coleman
1860 – 1861	Alfred H. Foster	1913 – 1916	Albert P. George
1861 – 1863	R. H. Leigh	1917 – 1920	Kinch Hillyer
1864 – 1864	Elisha Ryon	1921 – 1924	John Yarling
1865 – 1866	Seth R. Walker**	1925 – 1928	W. A. Hand
1866 – 1869	R. A. Torrance**	1929 – 1932	John Yarling
1869 – 1869	E. G. Lovell	1933 – 1936	J. M. Kovar
1869 – 1876	Adam Smucker*	1937 – 1940	L. W. Cummings
1877 – 1879	Frederick Voss	1941 – 1944	J. M. Kovar
1880 – 1882	John “Jack” Cobbin	1945 – 1948	John C. Gassoway
1883 – 1884	H. J. Ogilby	1949 – 1952	J. M. Kovar
1885 – 1886	J. M. McFarlane	1953 – 1956	Ervin Muegge
1887 – 1888	W. F. Collier	1957 – 1960	Steve Chernosek
1889 – 1889	J. B. Herndon	1961 – 1968	Ervin Muegge
1890 – 1894	J. H. P. Davis	1969 – 1988	Johnnie Pustka
1895 – 1896	J. M. McFarlane	1989 – 2000	R. S. “Bud” O’Shieles
1897 – 1897	J. H. P. Davis	2001 – 2008	Tom Stavinoha
		2009 – P	Richard Morrison

Notes:

* Appointed

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 2

1838 – 1846	Unknown	1898 – 1900	W. H. Ayler
1847 – 1850	J. H. Pickens	1901 – 1904	August Schendel
1851 – 1857	Daniel Perry	1905 – 1908	R. B. Marshall
1858 – 1859	Henry M. Daughtry	1909 – 1910	J. M. Williams
1860 – 1861	Gustave Cook	1911 – 1914	C. H. Mahler
1861 – 1861	Ephraim J. Brevard	1915 - 1918	B. R. Ulrich
1861 – 1863	J. W. Miller	1919 – 1922	Fred Kemp
1864 – 1864	R. H. Leigh	1923 – 1926	Emil Nowotny
1865 – 1866	Phil Vogel**	1927 – 1930	Fred Grunwald
1866 – 1868	J. H. Wright**	1931 – 1936	Ed Stern
1869 – 1869	James H. Gill	1937 – 1940	D. C. Cardwell
1869 – 1875	Stephen Gilbert	1941 – 1944	M. F. Mensik
1876 – 1877	J. B. Hartgraves	1945 – 1948	Tom Snedecor
1878 – 1882	Thomas H. Taylor	1949 – 1952	Louis Teykl
1883 – 1884	H. G. Green	1953 – 1958	Tom Snedecor
1885 – 1886	John P. Dillard	1959 – 1962	M. F. Mensik
1887 – 1888	J. P. Dillard	1963 – 1970	Louis Teykl
1889 – 1889	A. F. Phipps	1971 – 1978	Paul Wenzel Jr.
1890 – 1890	Will Darst	1979 – 1982	W. Lee Schmidt
1891 – 1892	H. R. Farmer	1983 – 1990	Bennett “Ben” Denham
1893 – 1896	B. G. Snedecor	1991 – P	James “Grady” Prestage
1897 – 1897	J. W. Moore		

Notes:

* Appointed

** **APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT September 1865 – July 1866**

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1865 Election records mentioned the name of a commissioner but no precinct #: J. E. Prescer

1884 Election records indicated the areas that the commissioner precincts represented: Pct 1 – Richmond, Pct 2 – Kendleton, Pct 3 – Sugar Land, Pct. 4 - Foster



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COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 3

1838 – 1846	Unknown	1898 – 1898	W. H. Bertrand
1847 – 1850	Arche Hodge	1899 – 1900	W. A. Robinson
1851 – 1857	William S. James	1901 – 1904	J. T. Dorrity
1857 – 1859	C. B. Sojourner	1905 – 1908	Walter T. Bertrand
1860 – 1861	Pat Perry	1909 – 1910	G. D. Scott
1861 – 1863	G. W. Pleasants	1911 – 1912	G. S. Scott
1864 – 1864	Ephraim J. Brevard	1913 – 1916	W. T. Bertrand
1865 – 1866	Thomas W. DeWalt**	1917 – 1917	W. B. Bertrand
1866 – 1869	George W. Pleasants**	1918 – 1920	A. J. Adams
1869 – 1875	T. H. Rahilly	1921 – 1950	I. G. Wirtz
1876 – 1877	William Eaton	1951 – 1951	(Mrs. I. G.) Georgia Wirtz
1878 – 1879	C. C. Minnegan	1952 – 1952	Georgia Wirtz Covert
1880 – 1884	William Eaton	1953 – 1976	J. M. Davis
1885 – 1886	M. T. McMahon	1977 – 1980	Tony Jebbia
1887 – 1888	W. L. Dunlap	1981 – 1996	Alton Pressley***
1889 – 1889	William Thatcher	1997 – P	W. A. “Andy” Meyers
1890 – 1892	W. D. Fields		
1893 – 1894	Joseph Burton Nesbitt		
1895 – 1896	H. Bookar		
1897 – 1897	Walter H. Bertrand		

Notes:

* Appointed

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1838 TO CURRENT**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 4

1838 – 1846	Unknown	1897 – 1898	B. F. Stuart
1847 – 1850	Thomas M. Gray	1899 – 1903	J. Rich
1851 – 1857	Thompson H. McMahan	1904 – 1906	E. M. Huggins
1858 – 1859	Milton N. Lum	1907 – 1910	J. C. Hunken
1860 – 1861	Thomas B. Howard	1911 – 1914	E. M. Huggins
1861 – 1861	Milton N. Lum	1915 – 1918	Walter Rosenbush
1861 – 1863	George H. Schley	1919 – 1922	T. L. Mullins
1864 – 1864	John W. Miller	1923 – 1926	Mason Briscoe
1865 – 1866	Felix G. Secrest**	1927 – 1930	M. K. Mayes
1866 – 1869	Seth R. Walker	1931 – 1934	P. A. Poorman
1869 – 1869	E. H. Carlisle	1935 – 1938	Hunter Harris
1869 – 1875	W. D. Dering	1939 – 1942	Richard H. Mullins
1876 – 1877	Thomas M. Blakely	1943 – 1946	W. J. Walker
1878 – 1879	Charles Head	1947 – 1950	Andrew Briscoe
1880 – 1881	Thomas M. Blakely	1951 – 1954	Ed Helwig
1882 – 1882	Andrew C. McJunkin	1955 – 1958	G. W. Spencer
1883 – 1884	J. B. Roberts	1959 – 1970	Johnnie Phillip
1885 – 1886	Mason Briscoe	1971 – 1980	Ed Helwig
1887 – 1888	C. R. Scott	1981 – 1982	Elton King
1889 – 1892	B. F. Stuart	1983 – 1998	Bob Lutts
1893 – 1894	J. W. Dewalt	1999 - P	James Patterson
1895 – 1896	R. P. Briscoe		

Notes:

* Appointed

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COUNTY CLERK

1838 – 1842	Joseph H. Barnard, M.D.	1911 – 1914	M. M. Newell
1843 – 1856	Mills M. Battle	1915 – 1918	C. D. Myers
1857 – 1866	Walter Andrus	1919 – 1922	M. M. Newell
1867 – 1868	J. S. Sullivan	1923 – 1926	Kate Mitchell
1869 – 1874	William P. Huff	1927 – 1930	Imogene M. Chance
1875 – 1876	J. C. Smith	1931 – 1934	Nannie M. Lehman
1877 – 1880	H. L. Sommerville	1935 – 1938	C. D. Myers
1881 – 1888	J. J. Dickerson	1939 – 1942	Ella Macek
1889 – 1890	L. B. Smith	1943 – 1946	C. D. Myers
1891 – 1892	C. W. Parnell	1947 – 1950	Ella Macek
1893 – 1894	Thomas W. DeWalt	1951 – 1954	Winona Schendel
1895 – 1898	J. R. Farmer	1955 – 1965	Ella Macek
1899 – 1902	M. D. Fields	1959 – 1966	Ella Stubblefield
1903 – 1906	M. M. Newell	1967 – 1974	Ella Macek
1907 – 1910	C. D. Myers	1974 – 1982	Pearl Ellett
		1983 – Present	Dianne Wilson, Ph.D.



Joseph H. Barnard, MD



Dianne Wilson, PhD

Historical Note: The County's first county clerk, Dr. Joseph H. Barnard, was one of Texas Revolution military Officer James Walker Fannin Jr.'s men who escaped the massacre at Goliad because he was a physician who was forced to provide medical care for Mexican troops. A memorial grave site is located at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.



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SHERIFF

1838 – 1842	John V. Morton	1900 – 1902	R. P. Briscoe, Jr.
1843 – 1848	Hiram M. Thompson	1903 – 1906	E. A. Peareson
1848 – 1852	Robert H. Beal	1907 – 1908	J. C. Blakeley
1853 – 1857	Thomas J. Smith	1909 – 1910	S. J. Winston
1857 – 1858	James W. Roper	1911 – 1914	M. L. Woolley
1958 – 1959	Thomas J. Smith	1915 – 1918	R. A. “Dink” Hagan
1860 – 1861	L. Martin	1919 – 1922	H. W. Collins
1862 – 1865	George W. Davis	1923 – 1926	R. A. “Dink” Hagan
1866 – 1869	James W. Miles	1927 – 1930	H. W. Collins
1869 – 1870	John L. Garwood	1931 – 1934	T. R. Roane
1870 – 1873	Walter Moses Burton*	1935 – 1938	A. Hennigan
1873 – 1874	J. W. Miles	1939 – 1942	T. R. Roane
1874 – 1876	Christian Stratman	1943 – 1946	Fred Zwahr
1876 – 1880	J. W. Blakely**	1947 – 1950	Rue Lincecum
1881 – 1885	Tom M. Blakely	1951 – 1954	Fred Zwahr
1885 – 1889	T. J. Garvey**	1955 – 1958	R. Z. Cowart
1889 – 1890	Ira Aten (Texas Ranger)	1958 – 1974	R. L. “Tiny” Gaston
1891 – 1892	Clement Bassett*	1974 – 1984	Ervin Hurta
1893 – 1894	C. W. Parnell	1985 – 1989	Gus George
1895 – 1896	W. M. Darst	1989 – 1992	Perry Hillegeist
1897 – 1899	C. W. Parnell	1993 – 1996	R. George Molina
		1997 – Present	Milton Wright (retired Texas Ranger)

HISTORICAL FACTS:

* Walter Moses Burton (c 1840-1913) was the first Black elected to public office in Fort Bend County. He ran and won a seat in the Texas Senate (1874-1882).

* Clem Bassett was a member of Terry’s Texas Rangers

FOLKLORE :

**J. W. Blakely and T. J. Garvey – Killed in Jay bird-Woodpecker Shootout



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JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS

23rd Judicial District Court:

1870 – 1874	George Noonan	1911 – 1912	R. T. Mulcahy
1874 – 1876	T. M. Norwood	1913 – 1920	Samuel J. Styles
1876 – 1879	H. C. Pleasants	1921 – 1950	M. S. Munson
1880 – 1884	Unknown	1951 – 1952	Clyde Kennelly
1885 – 1892	W. H. Burkhart	1953 – 1976	Thurman M. Gupton
1893 – 1898	T. S. Reese	1977 – 1980	Neil Caldwell
1898 – 1910	Wells Thompson		

130th Judicial District Court:

1949 – 1980 G.P. Hardy, Jr.

240 th Judicial District Court (effective April 1977)	1977 - 1990 1990 – Present	Charles A. Dickerson Thomas R. Culver, III
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268 th Judicial District Court (effective 1981)	1981 - 1988 1988 – Present	A. Reagan Clark Brady G. Elliott
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328 th Judicial District Court (effective 1975)	1975 – 1982 1982 – 2002 2003 – Present	Sidney Brown Thomas O. Stansbury Ronald Pope
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387 th Judicial District Court (effective 09/01/1999)	1999 – Present	Robert Kern
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400 th Judicial District Court (effective 09/01/2000)	09/01/2000 – 11/19/2001 11/19/2001 – 07/31/04 08/25/04 – Present	Vickie Pinek J. Bradley Smith Clifford Vacek*
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434 th Judicial District Court (effective 01/01/2007)	02/28/2007 – Present	Jim Shoemake**
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<p>* J. Bradley Smith retired (had sufficient time in service from another county) and Governor Rick Perry appointed Cliff Vacek. ** Jim Shoemake was appointed by Governor Rick Perry.</p>



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COUNTY COURT AT LAW COURTS

(Prior to 1976, the county judge conducted all probate hearings and some civil and misdemeanor hearings while the district courts heard the remaining cases. However, the 1846 election records indicate that a probate judge was elected to hear probate matters. This position was not mentioned again in any election record)

PROBATE JUDGE	1846 – 1848	Clement C. Dyer
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1 (effective 07/1976)	1976 - 1981	A. Reagan Clark
	1981 – 1990	Thomas R. Culver, III
	1991 – 2005	Larry Wagenbach
	2005 – 2006	David Hunter*
	2007 – Present	Ben W. “Bud” Childers
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2 (effective 01/1986)	1986 – Present	Walter S. McMeans
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #3 (effective 07/1994)	1994 – 1995	Gary Franks
	1996 – Present	Susan Lowery
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #4 (effective 01/2001)	2001 – Present	R.H. “Sandy” Bielstein

* David Hunter was appointed by Commissioners Court upon the retirement of Larry Wagenbach
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

23rd Judicial District

1873 – 1875	G. O. (or S. O.) Greene
1876 – 1884	Unknown
1885 – 1890	R. E. Hanney
1891 – 1900	J. M. Pickney
1901 – 1902	Samuel J. Styles

23rd and 130th Judicial Districts

1903 – 1912	Samuel J. Styles
1913 – 1918	W. M. Holland
1919 – 1920	J. W. Conger
1921 – 1924	C. C. Parker
1925 – 1968	R. A. “Bob” Bassett
1969 – 1976	Jack Salyer *

* In 1976 judicial districts changed and the DA now represents one district: 268th

268th Judicial District

1977 – 1977	Charles A. Dickerson *
1977 – 1985	William A. “Bill” Meitzen**
1986 – 1990	Sam Dick
1991 – 1993	Jack Stern ***
1993 – Present	John Healey**

* Dickerson appointed in April 1977 to the newly created 240th Judicial District Court

** Appointed to serve unexpired term

*** Removed from office for publicly revealing Grand Jury testimony



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DISTRICT CLERK

1838 – 1841	William H. Pool	1895 – 1898	A. M. Holmes
1842 – 1849	Thompson H. McMahan	1899 – 1902	Lon A. Hagan
1850 – 1852	Tacitus G. Collins	1903 – 1905	E. P. Andrus
1852 – 1857	William W. Hudspeth	1906 – 1910	G. T. Snedecor
1858 – 1858	Charles Ward Green	1911 – 1914	Will Schendel
1859 – 1863	John Dillard	1915 – 1916	T. M. Hickey
1864 – 1865	John Eli Dyer	1917 – 1920	W. E. Jones
1865 – 1866	John W. Johnson**	1921 – 1924	Imogene Mullinax
1866 – 1867	William H. Morris**	1925 – 1928	Aline C. Roane
1867 – 1868	H. L. Somerville*	1929 – 1932	Mrs. B. C. Smith
1869 – 1869	John H. Bailey	1933 – 1936	Aline C. Roane
1870 – 1873	William P. Huff***	1937 – 1940	Mabel Schulz
1873 – 1876	J. C. Smith	1941 – 1944	Aline C. Roane
1876 – 1881	L. H. “Mac” McCabe	1945 – 1958	Zora Dell Cole
1882 – 1888	C. M. Ferguson	1959 – 1970	Jane Whatley
1889 – 1890	W. H. Gayle, Jr.	1971 – 1978	Zora Dell Cole
1891 – 1892	A. M. Holmes	1979 – 1986	Irene Wleczyk
1893 – 1894	T. C. Blakely	1987 – 2006	Glory (Kettlers) Hopkins
		2007 – Present	Annie Rebecca Elliott

Note:

* Appointed

** APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONIAL GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 1865 – JULY 1866

*** Served as both County Clerk and District Clerk

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E. P. Andrus, descendant of William Andrews- Old 300. The spelling of the family name was changed for reason lost to time.



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TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

TAX ASSESSOR

1846 – 1847	Henry J. Parkerson
1848 – 1850	Nathaniel Peck
1851 – 1857	John Bassett
1858 – 1863	H. M. Thompson
1864 – 1865	R. H. Perry
1865 – 1866	A. E. Ford**
1866 – 1869	T. R. Beard
1869 – 1876	John Ulrich*
1876 – 1878	G. N. Cower*
1879 – 1888	H. C. Ferguson
1889 – 1890	J. K. Terry
1891 – 1892	Yandell Feris
1893 – 1894	Guilf Gibson
1895 – 1896	H. R. Farmer
1897 – 1900	W. I. McFarlane
1901 – 1902	Joe S. Gibson
1903 – 1906	John T. Gibson
1907 – 1910	H. E. Mitchell
1911 – 1914	W. P. Winner
1915 – 1918	W. D. Anderson
1919 – 1924	George A. Reading, Jr.
1925 – 1928	H. E. Mitchell
1929 – 1932	George A. Reading, Jr.
1933 – 1934	W. C. Minkwitz

TAX COLLECTOR

Duties conducted by the County Sheriff
until 1901

1901 – 1902	B. F. Stuart
1903 – 1906	Clem Bassett
1907 – 1910	W. I. Mc Farlane
1911 – 1914	J. D. Kennon
1915 – 1918	E. W. Ransom
1919 – 1924	C. H. Wallace
1925 – 1928	W. W. Ward
1929 – 1930	Elouise Minkwitz
1931 – 1934	E.W. Ransom

NOTES:

* Appointed

** **APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT September 1865 – July 1866**

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Effective 1901 Legislation changed to transfer Tax Collector duties from Sheriff to an elected Tax Collector

Effective January 1, 1935 the two positions were merged into one combined Tax Assessor-Collector



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**TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
(continued)**

1935 – 1936	W.C. Minkwitz
1937 – 1940	Henry L. Meyer
1941 – 1944	Fred W. Schawe
1945 – 1948	Sinclair Dyer
1949 – 1952	W.B. Emerson
1953 – 1956	M.F. Mensik
1957 – 1960	Rita Williams
1961 – 1980	Betty J. Hanzelka
1981 – 1984	Kathy Norvel Black
1985 – 2004	Marsha P. Gaines
2005 – Present	Patsy Schultz



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TREASURER

1843 – 1850	Randall Jones	1915 – 1918	C. Minkwitz
1851 – 1857	Joseph N. Massey	1919 – 1924	N. M. Shannon
1858 – 1859	John Eli Dyer	1925 – 1928	C. Minkwitz
1860 – 1863	William K. Davis	1929 – 1930	Aileen E. Mitchell
1864 – 1866	William B. Robinson***	1931 – 1934	Minnie M. Brown
1866 – 1869	R. E. Hill	1935 – 1938	Mrs. J. J. Chadil
1869 – 1869	J. P. Marshall	1939 – 1942	Mrs. S. M. Griffith
1869 – 1872	Anton Wessendorf	1943 – 1946	Minnie M. Brown
1872 – 1878	John Cobbin	1947 – 1950	Mrs. C. D. Myers
1878 – 1879	London Branch	1951 – 1954	Minnie M. Brown
1880 – 1881	J. W. Blakely	1955 – 1958	Ola B. Bassett
1882 – 1883	London Branch	1959 – 1982	M. Elizabeth (Liz) Williams
1884 – 1888	J. B. Roberts	1983 – 2002	Kathy Hynson
1889 – 1890	J. C. Mayfield	2003 – 09/17/04	Jeanne Parr*
1891 – 1894	John McCloy	09/20/04 – 2006	Clifford Terrell**
1895 – 1898	A. Myers	2007 – Present	Paul “Jeff” Council
1899 – 1902	J. T. Dyer		
1903 – 1906	T. B. Wessendorf		
1907 – 1910	E. G. Wessendorf		
1911 – 1914	Homer N. Darst		

* Resigned by order of 240th District Court due to being found guilty of theft of funds from a private organization not associated with her duties as county treasurer.

** Appointed by Commissioners Court to fill unexpired term

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY
(no mention of this position until 1867)**

1867 – 1878	W. L. Davidson	1925 – 1928	F. M. O. “Otis” Fenn
1879 – 1879	J. W. Parker	1929 – 1932	Clinton L. Dutton
1880 – 1881	J. C. Williams	1933 – 1936	L.W. Pollard
1882 – 1886	R. H. Earnest	1937 – 1940	George G. Roane
1887 – 1888	J. C. Williams	1941 – 1942	Clyde Kennelly
1889 – 1890	J. V. Meek	1943 – 1944	George G. Roane
1891 – 1892	J. Bryant	1945 – 1948	Sidney J. Brown
1993 – 1994	O. D. Kirkland	1949 – 1952	Lester A. Van Slyke
1895 – 1896	James Slyfield	1953 – 1956	Arthur H. Van Slyke
1896 – 1900	L. M. Williamson	1957 – 1960	Jean Edward (J.E.) Junker(no “Jr”)
1901 – 1904	F. M. O. “Otis” Fenn	1961 – 1964	Ted Schulz
1905 – 1907	W. L. Davidson	1965 – 1968	Bob Stallings
1908 – 1912	J. C. Florea	1969 – 1972	A. Reagan Clark
1913 – 1916	Thomas B. Peareson	1973 – 1976	Charles A. Dickerson
1917 – 1920	R. A. “Bob” Bassett		
1921 – 1924	W. L. Davidson		

Notes:

This position was eliminated for the 1976 election by legislative action upon request of Commissioners Court.

From 1978 to 1990, the duties of county attorney were administer by the District Attorney

In 1990, Commissioners Court successfully petitioned for legislative action to re-create the position and it was filled by appointment in December 1990.

1990 – 2006	Ben “Bud” Childers
2007 – Present	Roy Cordes



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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT #1
(no mention of this position until 1865)**

Election records indicate eight (8) constable positions in the General Election of November 1900. However, over the decades that number decreased to its current four (4).

1865 – 1869	LaFayette Hebert*	1913 – 1914	R. A. Hagan
1869 – 1876	John V. Brown	1915 – 1918	J. D. Hillyer
1876 – 1878	Lanty H. Young	1919 – 1920	Jay Morgan
1879 – 1881	J. P. Calder	1921 – 1928	Dave Howard
1882 – 1883	C. W. Parnell	1929 – 1932	W. H. Dunn
1884 – 1886	John Thomas	1933 – 1934	L. H. Goss
1887 – 1888	J. P. Conner	1935 – 1936	Henry Kastrop
1889 – 1890	S. E. Reading	1927 – 1940	P. A. Hamilton
1891 – 1892	Unknown	1941 – 1944	W. S. Adkins
1893 – 1894	J. B. Brush	1945 – 1948	L.H. Goss
1895 – 1896	Walter Bass	1949 – 1952	Henry Hejl
1897 – 1898	R. A. McGee	1953 – 1968	W. S. “Bill” Adkins
1899 – 1902	Walter Bass	1969 – 1972	Frank Bremer, Jr.
1903 – 1906	J. O. Goodman	1973 – 1976	C. M. “Sonny” Harris
1907 – 1908	W. B. Smith	1977 – 1988	Henry H. Hejl
1909 – 1910	S. R. Heard	1989 – 1992	R. L. “Tiny” Gaston
1911 – 1912	Unknown	1993 – Present	Arthur J. “AJ” Dorr

Notes:

* Appointed to serve unexpired term

From 1866 – 1872 many officials/candidates died, resigned or failed to qualify to serve in that position



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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT # 2
(no mention of this position until 1869)**

Election records indicate eight (8) constable positions in the General Election of November 1900. However, over the decades that number decreased to its current four (4).

1869 – 1869	Stephen Gilbert	1913 – 1920	M. M. Boone
1869 – 1870	Edward Redenburg*	1921 – 1928	Ed Hardin
1871 – 1876	Unknown	1929 – 1932	C. H. Bame
1876 – 1878	George Turner	1933 – 1936	L. R. Pratka
1879 – 1881	J. Frank Robinson	1937 – 1940	Konrad Guttenberger
1882 – 1883	John P. Dillard	1941 – 1944	Otto Hackstedt
1884 – 1888	H. G. Green	1945 – 1946	L. R. Pratka
1889 – 1890	J. M. Shelburne	1947 – 1950	Bill A. Gragert
1891 – 1892	B. C. Smith	1951 – 1954	M. C. Gregory
1893 – 1893	J. B. Brush	1955 – 1956	Bill A. Gragert
1893 – 1896	J. H. Scott	1957 – 1968	M. C. Gregory
1897 – 1898	A. Wetz	1969 – 1972	Bubba Gregory
1899 – 1900	A. J. Horton	1973 – 1984	Wesley F. Oberhoff
1901 - 1902	O. B. Verbick	1985 – 1988	W. C. Todd, II
1903 – 1906	W. F. “Will” Barker	1989 – 1996	Ray Breeding*
1907 – 1910	M. M. Boone	1996 – Present	Ruben Davis**
1911 – 1912	C. H. Mahler		

Notes:

* Removed from office due to offense in Harris County

** Appointed to serve unexpired term

From 1866 – 1872 many officials/candidates died, resigned or failed to qualify to serve in that position



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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT # 3
(no mention of this position until 1869)**

Election records indicate eight (8) constable positions in the General Election of November 1900. However, over the decades that number decreased to its current four (4).

1869 – 1869	William C. Sims	1909 – 1914	C. C. Robinson
1870 – 1876	Unknown	1915 – 1932	Unknown
1876 – 1878	R. E. Douglas	1933 – 1936	O. G. Fogg
1879 – 1879	C. C. Benton	1937 – 1938	T. R. Roane
1880 – 1881	Thomas Martin*	1939 – 1940	J. E. McFarland
1882 – 1883	Joseph Abbott	1941 – 1944	Hamp Robinson
1884 – 1886	O. E. Dering	1945 – 1950	E. D. Battle
1887 – 1890	J. J. Jackson	1951 – 1968	J. C. “Buster” Court
1891 – 1896	Unknown	1969 – 1972	Lloyd Tyre
1897 – 1900	G. W. Hairgrave	1973 – 1980	J. C. “Buster” Court
1901 – 1902	George G. Roane	1981 – 1988	Robert G. Parker**
1903 – 1906	W. G. Pledger	1988 – Present	Rob Cook*
1907 – 1908	H. L. Trammell		

Note:

** Removed from office by a district court

* Appointed

From 1866 – 1872 many officials/candidates died, resigned or failed to qualify to serve in that position



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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT # 4
(no mention of this position until 1846)**

Election records indicate eight (8) constable positions in the General Election of November 1900. However, over the decades that number decreased to its current four (4).

1846 – 1847	John A. Ryan	1907 – 1910	D. F. McLaughling
1847 – 1867	Unknown	1911 – 1914	L.W. Stiles
1869 – 1869	Foster Hudgins*	1915 – 1916	L. A. Martin
1869 – 1869	John V. Brown*	1917 – 1918	L.W. Stiles
1869 – 1870	Alexander Ferguson*	1919 – 1920	B.W. Ross
1870 – 1876	Unknown	1921 – 1928	J. F. Guyer
1876 – 1876	Abner Echols**	1929 – 1930	M. K. Mayes
1876 – 1878	Unknown	1931 – 1932	J. F. Guyer
1879 – 1881	William Wallace	1933 – 1934	W.W. Jenkins
1882 – 1883	David Mitchell	1935 – 1936	J. F. Guyer
1884 – 1888	Thomas Sherman	1937 – 1948	Ed. S. Rather
1889 – 1890	E. E. Wallace	1949 – 1968	Curtis Hall
1891 – 1892	D. F. McLaughlin	1969 – 1972	Tillman Lewis
1893 – 1894	J. P. Stansbury	1973 - 1980	W.W. “Ug” Dozier
1895 – 1896	Unknown	1981 – 1984	Joe B. Spillers
1897 – 1898	A. J. Voss, Jr.	1985 – 1988	Richard Pring
1899 – 1900	S. B. McKaskle	1989 – 2004	S. H. “Hal” Werlein
1901 – 1902	Don G. Robinson	2005 – Present	Troy Nehls
1903 – 1904	Ed Johnston		
1905 – 1906	R. L. Hunter		

Note:

* Appointed

** From 1866 – 1872 many officials/candidates died, resigned or failed to qualify to serve in that position

sp? uncertain of spelling of name due to handwritten records



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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT # 5
(no mention of this position until 1876)**

Election records indicate eight (8) constable positions in the General Election of November 1900. However, over the decades that number decreased to its current four (4).

1876 – 1878	J. N. Lawton	1899 – 1904	Will H. Wheaton
1879 – 1879	George W. Smith	1905 – 1906	G. A. Glick
1880 – 1881	George C. Cummings*	1907 – 1910	J. A. Cowart
1882 – 1886	M. McKinsey	1911 – 1912	A. H. Zoellener
1887 – 1888	John Milton	1913 – 1914	C. F. Perkins
1889 – 1890	J. T. Reese		
1891 – 1892	J. P. Briscoe, Jr.	position not mentioned again until the 1950 election	
1893 – 1896	Unknown		
1897 – 1898	J. P. Stuart		
		1951 – 1952	Binz J. Settegast
		1953 – 1956	Unknown
		1957 – 1960	R. N. Allen
		1961 – 1964	John E. Rosenbush

No mention again of position #5

Note:

* Appointed to serve unexpired term



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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT # 6
(no mention of this position until 1876)**

Election records indicate eight (8) constable positions in the General Election of November 1900. However, over the decades that number decreased to its current four (4).

1876 – 1879	James B. Roberts	1909 – 1910	W. P. Warner
1880 – 1881	Benjamin George	1911 – 1914	M. K. Mayes
1882 – 1883	Sey Spencer	1915 – 1928	W. T. Wade
1884 – 1886	James Walker	1929 – 1930	W. E. Burrell
1887 – 1890	Jeff Sims	1931 – 1942	E. M. Huggins
1891 – 1892	Milton Richardson	1943 – 1944	W. M. Warster
1893 – 1894	S. M. Preston	1945 – 1946	L. A. Turner
1895 – 1896	Unknown		
1897 – 1898	W. H. Smith		position not mentioned again until the 1954 election
1899 – 1900	J. C. Martin		
1901 – 1904	Mitchell H. Mayes		
1905 – 1908	W. T. Wade		
		1955 – 1960	Gilbert Meier
		1961 – 1964	William W. Dozier

No mention again of position #6

Note:

* Appointed to serve unexpired term



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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT # 7
(no mention of this position until 1882)**

Election records indicate eight (8) constable positions in the General Election of November 1900. However, over the decades that number decreased to its current four (4).

1882 – 1886	Thomas Calhoun		position not mentioned again
1887 – 1888	L. L. Givan		until the 1944 election
1889 – 1890	John J. Dickerson		
1891 – 1892	Unknown	1945 – 1948	A. O. Lamb
1893 – 1894	Tobe Evans	1949 – 1952	K. L. Copeland
1895 – 1896	Unknown	1953 – 1960	J. W. “Tony” Glasscock
1897 – 1902	E. J. Bell	1961 – 1964	E. F. Gorka
1903 – 1908	Dave Howard		
1909 – 1912	W. R. Booth		No mention again of position #7



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**CONSTABLE PRECINCT # 8
(no mention of this position until 1884)**

Election records indicate eight (8) constable positions in the General Election of November 1900. However, over the decades that number decreased to its current four (4).

1884 – 1886	Paul Starnes	1925 – 1928	Fred Grigar
1887 – 1888	J. W. Hatton	1929 – 1930	W. H. Roper
1889 – 1894	Unknown	1931 – 1936	Louis J. Sanders
1895 – 1896	J. E. Booth	1937 – 1938	Maury Walzel
1897 – 1898	J. W. Sharp	1939 – 1940	H. F. Walger
1899 – 1904	S. E. Bevens	1941 – 1944	W. H. Roper
1905 – 1908	W. C. Bevens	1945 – 1946	Alec Demny
1909 – 1910	J. L. Aylor	1947 – 1948	John Nowak
1911 – 1912	C. F. Mahler	1949 – 1960	Louis J. Sanders
1913 – 1916	J. Kommiski	1961 – 1964	Charles Sulak
1917 – 1920	John Padon		
1921 – 1924	Ignac Jurek		
			position not mentioned again until the 1968 election
		1969 – 1972	R.W. Marek
			No mention again of position #8



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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
GENERAL JURISDICTION**

Based on elections records, many of the early justice precincts were divided into lower, upper and middle Brazos River districts.

1838 – 1840

NAME	EAST OR WEST OF BRAZOS RIVER	PRECINCT BEAT
Clement C. Dyer	East	Lower
John H. Pickens	West	Lower
Mills M. Battle	East	Upper
Samuel Flint	West	Upper
Aaron C. Dodd	West	Lower
William Walker	East	Lower
Daniel Perry	East	Middle



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT #1

1838 – 1840	John Levering
1841 – 1843	Mills M. Battle and Clement C. Dyer
1844 – 1845	Daniel Shipman and Henry Earl Hartridge
1845 – 1846	James B. Thompson
1846 – 1847	Daniel Perry
1848 – 1850	John A. Ryon
1851 – 1856	Daniel Perry and John M. Little
1857 – 1859	J. N. Wright
1859 – 1859	Thomas W. DeWalt
1860 – 1861	John H. Wright and E. H. Byne
1862 – 1863	Thomas W. DeWalt and Burton Brown
1864 – 1865	Thomas W. DeWalt and James L. Cambers
1865 – 1869	J. W. Wright and Thomas W. DeWalt **
1869 – 1869	W. D. Dering*
1869 – 1878	Francis Williams *
1879 – 1879	R. H. Earnest
1880 – 1881	H. L. Somerville
1882 – 1886	R. J. Calder
1887 – 1888	J. V. Meek
1889 – 1890	J. S. Sullivan
1891 – 1892	John Todd
1893 – 1894	A. L. George
1895 – 1896	W. P. Jones
1897 – 1898	A. D. McNabb
1899 – 1900	Jon H. Baker

NOTES:

* Appointed

1861 Election list a JP position but no Precinct # for George H. Schley

APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 1865 – JULY 1866

1865 Election records mentioned three (3) JP positions by name but no precinct #

Jacob W. Blakely, R. S. Calder and B. F. Atkins

From 1866 – 1872 many died, resigned or failed to qualify

Beginning in 1884, election records indicated that this Precinct represented City of Richmond and area



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT #1

Election records indicate eight (8) justice court positions in the General Election of November 1900.

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1901 – 1904	W. P. Jones	1941 – 1944	G. T. Snedecor
1905 – 1908	J. W. Eckman	1945 – 1950	S. O. Morrow
1909 – 1910	J. Cobb	1951 – 1952	Henry Kacal
1911 – 1912	H. J. Ogilby	1953 – 1960	M.J. “Whitie” Waller
1913 – 1916	Francis Marion Otis Fenn	1961 – 1965	(Mrs. M. J.) Callie Jo Waller
1917 – 1918	R.D. Addison	1966 – 1970	H.E. “Bert” Gubbels
1919 – 1928	Francis Marion Otis Fenn	1971 – 1974	Guy N. Wynn
1929 – 1932	C. D. Myers	1975 – 1978	James Matlock
1933 – 1936	Charles T. Zich	1979 – 1982	C. B. “Bubba” Watson
1937 – 1940	T. J. Hicks	1983 – 1987	Mary Ward

JP 1 position was divided into two places by Commissioners Court in 1987: JP 1 Place 1 and JP 1 Place 2 with equal jurisdiction throughout Precinct #1. Additionally, JP 2 was merged from two places into one. Therefore, JP 2 Place 2 became JP 1 Place 1

JP 1 Place 1 (was JP 2 Place 2)

1988 – 2008 Gary “Ike” Fredrickson
2009 – Present Gary Janssen

JP 1 Place 2 (was JP 1)

1988 – Present Gary A Geick



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT # 2

1840 – 1841	Aaron C. Dodd
1841 – 1842	Wyly M. Head
1843 – 1844	John H. Walker
1844 – 1845	Ely F. Ross
1845 – 1851	Arche Hodge and W. L. Murray
1852 – 1859	H. B. Van Pelt
1860 – 1861	William R. Sullivan and R. J. Calder
1862 – 1865	No Name Mentioned
1865 – 1869	H. Danley and J. F. Irwin
1869 – 1869	Henry Dunlavy *
1869 – 1869	Stephen Gilbert *
1869 – 1869	James W. Parker *
1869 – 1872	Shade Croom
1872 – 1873	J. L. King
1873 – 1878	Carolina Kinchloe
1879 – 1883	N. W. Ballard
1884 – 1888	A. B. White
1889 – 1890	Robert Norman
1891 – 1892	Robert Hodge
1893 – 1894	George Collingsworth
1895 – 1896	John Schulett
1897 – 1898	J. W. Moore
1899 – 1900	A. C. Locke

NOTES:

* Appointed

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT # 2

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1901 – 1904	M. L. Woolley	1941 – 1944	G.M. Goldsmith
1905 – 1908	H. Meyer	1945 – 1948	Ed Kuykendall
1909 – 1912	C.T. Zich	1949 – 1950	Henry Kacal
1913 – 1914	H. Meyer	1951 – 1952	August Woytek
1915 – 1918	Charles T. Zich	1953 – 1958	Walter W. Bathe
1919 – 1930	Ed Kuykendall	1959 – 1970	Floyd C. Bremer
1931 – 1934	Charles T. Zich	1971 – 1974	Oliver W. Kunkel, Jr.
1935 – 1936	J. Zich	1975 – 1978	Marvin Geick
1937 – 1940	Ed Kuykendall	1979 – 1982	Oliver W. Kunkel, Jr.

JP 2 was divided by Commissioners Court in 1982 into two positions: JP 2 Place 1 and JP 2 Place 2 with equal jurisdiction throughout the Precinct 2 territory.

JP 2 Place 1

1983 – 1984 Len S. Goff, Jr.
1985 – 1988 R. George Molina

JP 2 Place 2 (became JP 1 Place 1 in 1988)

1983 – 1988 Gary “Ike” Fredrickson

Commissioners Court changed JP 2 Place 1 to JP 2 and changed JP 2 Place 2 to JP 1 Place 1 effective end of term of office in 1988.

JP 2

1988 – 1992 R. George Molina
1993 – Present Joel C. Clouser, Sr.



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT # 3

1838 – 1940	William Little
1841 – 1843	Eli L. Ross
1844 – 1845	Jacob Casner and George P. Foster
1845 – 1856	John Jarman
1856 – 1861	Mason Gordon Mayes
1862 – 1863	No Name Mentioned
1864 – 1865	Richard A. Smith
1865 – 1869	B. G. Bonds and Jas Ward **
1869 – 1869	Herman Leobnits and William Sheriff *
1869 – 1873	James W. Parker *
1873 – 1878	W. N. Winner
1879 – 1881	G. K. Cessna
1882 – 1883	W. L. Dunlap
1884 – 1888	C. H. Brown
1889 – 1890	Syd McMahan
1891 – 1892	Tom DeWalt
1893 – 1896	No Name Mentioned
1897 – 1898	M. D. L. Hairgrave
1899 – 1900	J. C. Florea

NOTES:

* Appointed

1861 Election list a JP position but no Precinct # for George H. Schley

APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 1865 – JULY 1866

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT # 3

Election records indicate eight (8) justice court positions in the General Election of November 1900.

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1901 – 1902	E. R. Saylor
1903 – 1906	T. T. Dew
1907 – 1908	G. G. Roane
1909 – 1910	H. W. Dew
1911 – 1914	H.M. Robinson
1915 – 1918	No Name listed
1919 – 1922	J. C. Westley

JP 3 position not mentioned again until 1932 election

1933 – 1936	Lee Ellis
1937 – 1940	A. J. Falsone
1941 – 1942	Walter Adams
1943 – 1944	A.J. Adams
1945 – 1948	Fred P. Coleman
1949 – 1952	A. J. Falsone
1953 – 1962	Fred P. Coleman
1963 – 1966	Roy Kelly
1967 – 1974	T. R. “Rusk” Roane
1975 – 1978	M. J. Zak
1979 – 1982	L. E. “Lee” Eugia
1983 – 1990	Robert Stahl
1991 – 1994	Gary Franks
1994 – 2006	Faye D. Dettling *
2007 – P	Kenneth Cannata

NOTES:

* Appointed



**DISTRICT, COUNTY & PRECINCT ELECTED OFFICIALS
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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT # 4

1838 – 1840	George P. Foster
1841 – 1842	James M. Briscoe
1842 – 1844	Cornelius P. Heermans and Jacob Casner
1845 – 1846	Stephen Barnard and Thomas M. Grey
1846 – 1848	Phillip T. Herbert and J. C. Newman
1848 – 1850	Joseph N. Massey and George Huff
1850 – 1850	Samuel Johnson
1851 – 1852	John W. Sutherland and A. B. Autrey
1852 – 1852	George P. Foster and G. W. Miller
1853 – 1855	Charles Martin
1856 – 1857	David Ferguson and William E. Kendall
1858 – 1859	William E. Kendall and David Ferguson
1859 – 1859	John L. Newsom
1860 – 1861	David Ferguson and Robert S. Robinson
1862 – 1863	David Ferguson
1864 – 1865	J. P. Marshall and Jacob W. Blakely
1865 – 1869	David Ferguson and G. H. Hand **
1869 – 1869	J. P. Marshall *
1869 – 1873	J. C. Williams *
1874 – 1878	None listed
1879 – 1881	H. E. Ganaway
1882 – 1886	J. Stansbury
1887 – 1888	J. W. Davenport
1889 – 1890	Owen Williams
1891 – 1892	B. F. Dreker

NOTES:

* Appointed

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT # 4

Election records indicate eight (8) justice court positions in the General Election of November 1900.

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1893 – 1894	A. F. Givans
1895 – 1896	None listed
1897 – 1898	W. I. Moody
1899 – 1900	D. A. Turner
1901 – 1904	Paul Dolfino
1905 – 1906	E. E. Wisley
1907 – 1910	C. J. Voss
1911 – 1914	W. R. Crittenden
1915 – 1918	C. A. Dierks
1919 – 1924	T. G. Locke
1925 – 1930	I. G. Wirtz
1931 – 1932	James Rutland
1933 – 1948	W. L. Friend
1949 – 1950	A. M. Horn
1951 – 1952	William E. Tise
1953 – 1962	W. T. (Sweet Pea) Gandy
1963 – 1966	Hal W. Rucker
1967 – 1970	William E. “Buddy” Tise
1971 – 1974	R.W. Womack
1975 – 1982	Carl Bentley
1983 – 1985	Jim Scott *
1985 – 1998	James C. Adolphus**
1999 – P	Jim Richard

Notes:

* Removed from office for publicly announcing his intent to run for another office with more than one year on his current term

** Appointed by Commissioners Court to serve unexpired term



**DISTRICT, COUNTY & PRECINCT ELECTED OFFICIALS
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1838 TO CURRENT**

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT #5
(No mention of this position until 1842)**

1842 – 1843 John H. Pickens
1843 – 1844 Aaron C. Dodd
1845 – 1846 Thomas A. Pilkington and John H. Dickens
1847 – 1852 William Ryon and James W. Sansberry
1852 – 1856 Rueben M. Martin
1856 – 1869 Charles B. Sojourner **
1869 – 1873 P. L. West
1873 – 1875 J. W. Smith
1875 – 1878 James B. Gill
1879 – 1881 J. A. Lantern
1882 – 1890 L. H. Young
1891 – 1892 J. M. Cassil
1893 – 1896 None listed
1897 – 1898 J. M. Cassil
1899 – 1900 E. D. Mays
1901 – 1902 J. M. Cassil
1903 – 1906 B. F. Scheckler
1907 – 1910 G. A. Glick
1911 – 1918 Boyd McCreary
1919 – 1924 M. C. Feeney
1925 – 1928 George Phillipps

This position not mentioned again until 1958

1959 – 1966 Carl Briscoe Bentley

No mention of this position again

NOTES:

* Appointed

1861 Election list a JP position but no Precinct # for George H. Schley

APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 1865 – JULY 1866

1865 Election records mentioned three (3) JP positions by name but no precinct #
Jacob W. Blakely, R. S. Calder and B. F. Atkins

From 1866 – 1872 many died, resigned or failed to qualify

The 1884 and 1886 election records indicated this Precinct represented Foster and area



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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT # 6
(No mention of this position until 1856)**

Election records indicate eight (8) justice court positions in the General Election of November 1900.

1856 – 1859	Rupert J. Collier	1899 – 1900	S. M. Quattlebaum
1860 – 1863	Jordan Fasmerl	1901 – 1904	Warren Miller
1864 – 1865	J. C. Williams	1905 – 1908	M. K. Mayes
1865 – 1866	Unknown	1909 – 1912	Warren Miller
1867 – 1878	No mention of this position	1913 – 1916	Joe R. Nesbitt
1879 – 1882	W. C. Sims	1917 – 1920	S. J. Avis
1883 – 1884	Warren Miller	1921 – 1928	M. K. Mayes
1885 – 1886	S. R. Walker	1929 – 1930	G. W. Spencer
1887 – 1894	W. C. Sims	1931 – 1940	J. R. Nesbitt
1895 – 1896	Unknown	1941 – 1942	B. R. Guyler
1897 – 1898	L. A. Briscoe	1943 – 1948	C. D. Wilcox
		1949 – 1952	M. P. Copeland

JP 6 position not mentioned again until the 1954 election

1955 – 1958 Carl Bentley

JP 6 position not mentioned again until the 1962 election

1963 – 1966 Donald H. Mullins, Jr.

1967 – 1984 Carl Briscoe Bentley

No mention again of position #6

NOTES:

* Appointed

1861 Election list a JP position but no Precinct # for George H. Schley

APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 1865 – JULY 1866

1865 Election records mentioned three (3) JP positions by name but no precinct #

Jacob W. Blakely, R. S. Calder and B. F. Atkins

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Beginning in 1884 election records indicated this Precinct represented Pittsville and area



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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT #7
(No mention of this position until 1882)**

Election records indicate eight (8) justice court positions in the General Election of November 1900.

1882 – 1883	Henry Voss
1884 – 1885	T. R. Sorsby
1886 – 1890	Thomas Calhoun
1891 – 1892	T. A. Collins
1893 – 1894	J. J. Davis
1895 – 1896	None listed
1897 – 1898	Mat Lowry
1899 – 1900	P. F. Ward
1901 – 1902	J. E. Sampson
1903 – 1904	Ed C. Vanness

No mention again of position #7

NOTES:

* Appointed

1861 Election list a JP position but no Precinct # for George H. Schley

APPOINTMENTS UNDER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 1865 – JULY 1866

1865 Election records mentioned three (3) JP positions by name but no precinct #
Jacob W. Blakely, R. S. Calder and B. F. Atkins

From 1866 – 1872 many died, resigned or failed to qualify

Beginning in 1884 election records indicated this Precinct represented Hellinora and area



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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT # 8
(No mention of this position until 1884)**

Election records indicate eight (8) justice court positions in the General Election of November 1900.

1885 – 1892	J. H. Hatton	1917 – 1918	Joe L. Farkas
1893 – 1894	None listed	1919 – 1920	J.J. Grigar
1895 – 1896	H. B. Mountain	1921 – 1924	Joe L. Farkas
1897 – 1898	J. N. Gray	1925 – 1930	B.J. Dusek
1899 – 1900	J. L. Wall	1931 – 1934	E. J. Walter
1901 – 1902	J. N. Gray	1935 – 1936	Joe L. Farkas
1903 – 1904	E. L. Davis	1937 – 1938	B. E. Tavener
1905 – 1906	J. N. Gray	1939 – 1940	Joe L. Farkas
1907 – 1908	J. S. Aylor	1941 – 1942	Unknown **
1909 – 1910	J. N. Gray	1943 – 1948	Joe L. Farkas
1911 – 1912	R. G. Sager	1949 – 1952	M. M. Cook
1913 – 1916	C. C. Vaughn		

JP 8 position not mentioned again until the 1962 election

1963 – 1966 W.L. Hadaway

No mention again of position #8

Note:

*Appointed

**In the 1940 election, L.J. Sanders and C.A. Confield each received one vote. There is no mention of how the tie was broken or who won and served the term as JP 8.

The 1886 election records indicated this precinct represented Wallis and area



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COUNTY SURVEYOR

1838 – 1839	Nathaniel Peck		
1839 – 1842	Joseph H. Barnard, MD (also served as County Clerk at same time)		
1843 – 1847	Unknown		
1848 – 1849	John S. Peck		
1849 – 1850	John P. Borden (also served as Chief Justice at same time)		
1850 – 1850	Samuel Johnson		
1851 – 1852	Henry B. Wood	1899 – 1900	C. W. Rollins
1852 – 1852	John Jameson	1901 – 1902	J. C. Tolman
1852 – 1857	Henry B. Wood	1903 – 1906	Clifton Rice
1858 – 1868	William M. Sherwood	1907 – 1908	J. C. Tolman
1869 – 1878	George H. Schley	1909 – 1912	Clifton Rice
1879 – 1879	J. D. Lott	1913 – 1914	Unknown
1879 – 1886	George H. Schley	1915 – 1916	R. C. Waitt
1887 – 1890	S. M. Farr	1917 – 1918	Unknown
1891 – 1892	D. R. Peareson	1919 – 1920	Clifton Rice
1893 – 1894	Unknown	1921 – 1922	Robert W. Haggard
1895 – 1896	J. D. Bryant		
1897 – 1898	H. J. Walger		

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COUNTY HIDE INSPECTOR

1869 – 1878	Henry Phelps
1879 – 1880	Lawrence Smith
1881 – 1884	R. O. Weston
1885 – 1890	J. W. Harper

No mention again until mid - 1900s

1940s – 1940s	Clyde B. Kennelly
1987 – 1989	Charles Michulka*
1989 – 2006	Jeff McMeans**

Originally, the purpose of this position was to inspect hides to ensure the hide was not stolen. It was easier and more profitable to strip the hide from a cow to sale than to sell the whole live or dead cow. The Hide Inspector issued a certificate that the hide was legal prior to a sale. Later this became a non-paying elected position with no official duties.

The State of Texas voters eliminated this position across the state as of 12/31/2006

NOTES:

* Resigned due to moving out of the county

** Appointed by Commissioners Court to serve unexpired term

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Clyde B. Kennelly years of service in this position is unknown but family members estimate it to be in the 40's during a portion of the time that he also served as County Attorney (1941-1942)



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COUNTY PUBLIC WEIGHER

1889 – 1890	Frank Bell	1919 – 1920	H. C. Reading
1891 – 1892	S. J. Winston and W. W. Groce	1921 – 1922	George A. Reading, Jr.
1893 – 1894	W. W. Groce	1923 – 1928	E. W. Nowotny
1895 – 1896	W. B. Smith	1929 – 1932 Pct 2	A. W. Bernshausen
1897 – 1898	W. W. Groce	1931 – 1932 Pct 1	C. B. Meyers
1899 – 1900	W. H. Chandler	1933 – 1934	Raymond V. Bartosh
1901 – 1904	J. W. Pullen	1937 – 1938	M. F. Mensik
1905 – 1908	W. M. Daugherty	1939 – 1940 Pct 1	Jarvis Clay
1909 – 1912	A. A. Hinson	1939 – 1940 Pct 2	R. Bartosh
1913 – 1914	E. H. Darst	1939 – 1940 Pct 4	P. E. Schumann
1915 – 1918	W. H. Sheppard		

No mention again of this position



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