

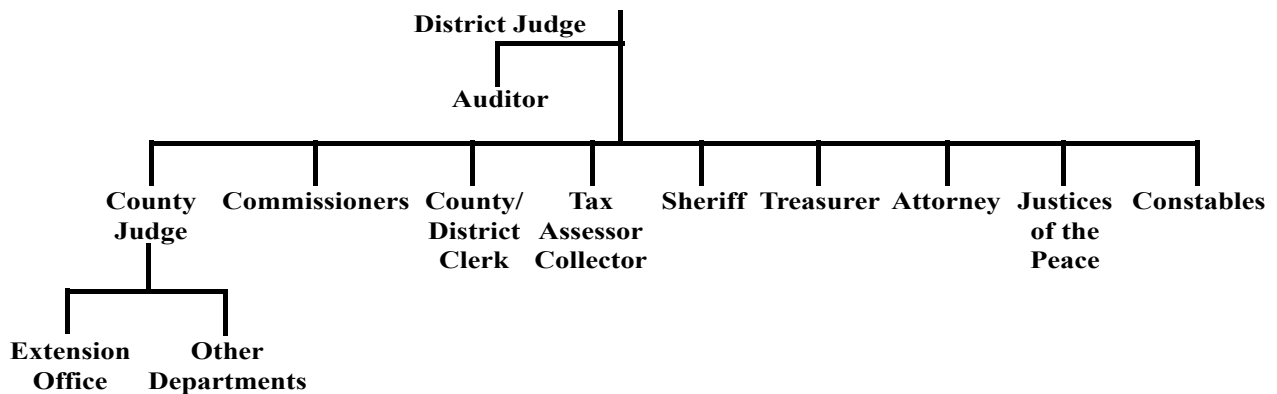
Coke County Comment

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The Special Government Section published in the January 18, 2013, issue of the *Observer/Enterprise* created some discussion among readers. Many of you have come by the office or seen me in various places and either congratulated me, thanked me or told me you had a problem with it. My intent with this issue was not to attack any person or office, but to educate and inform the readership. Other than the comments in the “Our Sheriff” article, I tried to leave my personal feelings out of the section and just provide information. I do, however, need to correct some mistakes and clarify certain information.

- Marty Boyd was elected as Constable, Precinct 1 in 2004.
- The annual State Supplements, totaling \$35,833, paid to the County Judge and County Attorney come from court fees collected.
- The comment in the “Our Sheriff” article referring to the ladies in the courthouse and the roadhands was not made by one of the ladies in the courthouse nor a roadhand.
- In the “What Can We Take Away” article, a paragraph mentions small tax increases could have been taken each year. This actually refers to “the effective tax rate”. According to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, “the effective tax rate would provide the taxing unit with approximately the same amount of revenue it had the year before on properties taxed in both years.”
- The graphic used to begin the Coke County Officials section was incomplete.

51st District Voters



Counties included in 51st District are Coke, Irion, Schleicher, Sterling and Tom Green. Only two of these counties have an auditor, Coke (3,320 population) and Tom Green (111,823 population).

Please don't hesitate to send in your own Coke County Comment on this or any other issue affecting the citizens of Coke County.