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# **POLITICAL PROFILES**

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County Commissioner Precinct 2



Wendell Lee

I am a candidate for reelection for the office of County Commissioner, Precinct #2. I was born in Norton, Texas to Lester and Bertie Rue Lee. My dad farmed in the Norton, Maverick area most all of his life, so I have been around and worked on machinery all my life. I had two brothers and one sister. I met and married a Bronte girl, Jeanna Denman and have lived in Bronte most of our married life.

In 1977, we purchased the White's Auto Store from Jeanna's parents, Aubrey and Zada Denman. The name of the store was changed to Hometown Hardware and we sold it after over 30 years of serving the people of Coke County.

I completed 12 years of school at Norton ISD and attended Tarleton State. I later moved back to help my Dad farm. Later I went to work for a company repairing cotton gins.

My parents moved to Arizona to farm and we farmed the home place ourselves. After five years they moved back and I worked on a couple of ranches and then worked for West Texas Utilities power plant at Oak Creek Lake. I worked as manager for Higginbotham Lumber Company for eight years and then for Alderman Cave Feed for eleven years, while Jeanna managed the store.

We had two boys that had the privilege of growing up here and attended Bronte ISD and participated in all activities of a small town. We have four grandchildren; one goes to A& M. one ASU, and two seniors, one in Bronte and one in Georgetown, Texas. The highlight of our lives has been watching them participate in sporting event of the season. I enjoyed participating in the Coke County Rodeo Association for many years, was active in Bronte Fire Department and was a volunteer County East Coke in Ambulance Service. I was president of Big Country Cutting Horse Association for eight years. I am a member of First Baptist Church where I serve as Deacon which is one of the greatest honors of my life. I am a member of the Gideon International Group. I think one of the main things I bring to the job of Commissioner is my work ethic. I like doing a job right the first time. I have always had a good relationship with the

public that I work for.

Paul Williams

My name is Paul Williams and I am running in the Republican primary for the Coke County Precinct 2 Commissioner position. I am a relative newcomer to Coke County, having moved to Precinct 2 in 1990 when I purchased a Bronte fuel dealership.

In terms of background, I graduated from Abilene Cooper High School in 1981 where my emphasis was in football and hunting. I graduated from McMurry University in Abilene in 1984 with BA in Economics and later attended Texas Tech University's MBA program, completing a few hours before my personal economic situation demanded that I get a real job. I worked for Pride Refining until the move to Bronte in 1990, and finished my Masters of Business Administration at Angelo State University in 2000.

In these days of financial constraint, serving as county commissioner requires a deep and broad level of business experience and fiscal competence. I have over 30 years of experience in the energy sector. As owner and operator of Ways Company Inc., I have years of experience directing multi-million dollar annual budgets through the sales and delivery of petroleum products. I also serve as a consultant for two other Texas energy firms. Additionally, my 20 years of experience managing a personal cattle feeding, cow/calf operation and farming business in Coke and Runnels Counties gives me a day-to-day knowledge of the crucial relationship between landowners and our county.

Other business experience

In terms of community involvement, I attend church and have raised my family in Bronte, and served as a Trustee in the Bronte ISD for two terms. As President and in tandem with fellow board members and administration, we consolidated services and lowered cost in troubling financial times at Bronte ISD while maintaining the level of achievement, tax rates and financial security that citizens of Bronte have come to expect from their school. In 2003, in order to help provide academic scholarships for local youth, I applied for and received a \$160,000 grant. Now managed by the San Angelo Area Foundation, this fund grants up to \$10,000 per year to our county's students.

The primary reason I want to represent the folks of Precinct 2 at the Commissioner's court is because our county government has only the money that we the taxpayers of Coke County have provided through our tax payments in the first place. I am offering my services to you (the voters and taxpayers) to help bring about a more businesslike, practical, and fiscally conservative approach to Coke County. The county provides numerous important functions including road maintenance, law enforcement, budgetary and legal oversight, and too many functions to other list individually. I assure you that should you decide to elect me as your Commissioner, the court will explore a variety of alternatives for its business model. All I ever hear from county officials is that "we have no money"...well, bull-butter, it is time to use the money the county does have in the most efficient manner possible to provide the services that are essential to the county's taxpayers, voters, and commercial interests.

## County Commissioner Precinct 4





near Tennyson until it closed. After the facility closed I boarded ostrich for people from Amarillo, Texas, Sweetwater, Texas, Kentucky and Canada.

I moved into Bronte after leaving Orient and was employed at the Hardware Store. I left Bronte in 1998 when I was asked to be manager of an ostrich facility in Marfa, Texas where I designed and contracted a facility that became the second largest ostrich ranch in the United States. The ostrich were sold after the market dropped and I became comanager of a feather factory which made and distributed feather products all over the United States, North and South America, Europe and Asia. It was there in Marfa that I met and married Melissa. We moved back to Bronte in 2004.

We combined our families which now include three sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren. All of us are involved in our communities.

I became a commissioner in 2007 and found it to be challenging which I enjoy and try every day, 24-7, to do the best I can for the entire county.

recognitions My and accomplishments include: President of Texas Tech Range and Wildlife Association and graduating with a B.A. in Range Management; Past President of Business Men's Bible Class; Involved with Coke County Livestock Association for twenty years; Scholarship committee for West Texas Judges and Commissioners Conference; Director on Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association; Director with Wool & Mohair Association; and past Master of Hayrick Masonic Lodge.



#### Joe Sefcik

"Adapt and overcome...paving the way for positive change."

I, Joe Sefcik have been a resident of Coke County for the past 26 years. I raised my two oldest daughters Cara and Joe'l in Coke County where they graduated from Bronte High School.

Over the past few decades, I have farmed and ranched within Coke County and have been a major supporter of the agricultural industry. I enjoy farming and working with livestock on my ranch just south of Bronte.

I have been a member of the local Farm Bureau where I have served as a board member for the last seven years. I take an active interest in the local community and am always willing to lend a helping hand and an open mind to my fellow residents.

My adaptive nature and compassion make me an ideal candidate for the Precinct 4 County Commissioner seat.

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includes building the organizational structure and business plan for the start-up of a livestock nutrition firm which now has annual 5th and 6th year sales in excess of three million dollars, and employs over 30 folks. All of these business experiences have given me an opportunity to help educate the business leaders of tomorrow, as I served as a lecturer in Angelo State University's Management and Marketing Department from the Fall of 2001 to the Fall of 2011. Courses I taught included Communication in Business and Industry; Management; Retailing Salesmanship and Sales Management; and Intro to Business.

**Bobby Blaylock** My name is Bobby Blaylock, known as Melissa's also husband, and I am currently County Commissioner of Precinct 4, seeking re-election in the up-coming Coke County primary on March 4, 2014. Most of my life has been as a resident of Coke County except for about twenty years living at Orient, Texas where I ranched with my Dad and assisted two other ranches with their operation. In 1990 I became manager of an ostrich operation



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