

PUBLIC PROFILES

County Tax Assessor/Collector Josie Dean Appointed November 2005 Elected to Office in 2006

The major tax duty of the assessor-collector, is the assessment (calculation) of taxes on each property in the county and collection of that tax, but the tax assessor-collector does not appraise property. That function is performed by the Appraisal District, which is not a part of county government. As an agent of the Texas Department of Transportation, the assessor-collector also is responsible for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles owned by residents of the county.

In most Texas counties, the tax assessor-collector is the voter registrar. In a few counties, the county clerk or an elections

administrator provide this function. The county tax office voter registration responsibilities include accepting applications for voter registration, issuing voter certificates, maintaining voter registration lists, verifying petitions for local option elections and submitting required reports to the Secretary of State's Office.

The county tax assessor-collector is also responsible for the collections of special fees imposed by the county and state on coin-operated vending machines, alcoholic beverage permits and registration and titling boats.

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County Tax Assessor/Collector Josie Dean was appointed in 2005 after serving as a part-time deputy for Gayle Sisemore. Josie was raised in Brownwood before moving to Robert Lee. She and her husband Joe have five children - Kris, Brandie, Krystal, Brittany and Brandon. Josie is shown with her deputies. Paul Pineda just joined the office in March of this year. Randi Hardesty (center) began as a deputy in June of 2015.

collector has ultimate authority over the operations of the office, including the authority to hire and fire personnel and direct their daily activities. The tax assessor-collector also has authority to determine how to use all other resources allocated to the office during the budget process.

County Justice of the Peace Elected to Office in 2010

Following the retirement of Grady Coulter, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, at the end of 2016, Coke County combined the two positions into just one elected position. Judge Jackie Walker has her office in the courthouse in Robert Lee and is now responsible for all four precincts in Coke County.

The justice of the peace is the legal jurisdiction closest to the average citizen.

Justices of the Peace hear misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only. The justice court also has authority to hear most civil cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000.

The justice of the peace also performs the functions of a magistrate and conducts inquests. In addition, a justice of the peace may issue a variety of

civil process, as well as warrants for search and arrest. Justices of the peace also conduct preliminary hearings, administer oaths, perform marriages and serve as a coroner in counties where there is no medical examiner. They can also deal with matters concerning foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property, as well as landlord-tenant disputes.

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Judge Jackie Walker is a native of Robert Lee. Returning to Robert Lee after 17 years in Junction, Jackie has had a very public work life. She was Robert Lee's mayor for five years, served as Coke County Judge, and is currently Robert Lee's Municipal Judge. Before politics, she worked in both a medical office and an attorney's office. She also owned and operated a bakery, an H&R Tax Office, and Mountain Creek Lodge. She and her late husband, Ralph, have four daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her children include Loretta Bridges, Carla Moore, Pamela Talley, and Frankie Gartman.

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