

PUBLIC PROFILES

As people move to Coke County, it's sometimes difficult to determine where to go and who to talk to at the local government offices.

Each week, *The Observer/Enterprise* will highlight one or more of these offices. These highlights will include the services performed at that office

and an introduction to the people who make that office work.

This week, we are highlighting a few of the offices of our county government. The table above shows the relationship between the voters and the officials.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen Elected to Office in 2008

The sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer in the county and has a range of duties that include criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, and operation of the jail, including the safekeeping of inmates and operation of the jail commissary. The sheriff also provides security for the courthouse, including the county and district courts, assists with service of subpoena and other process and accepts bail for prisoners in his custody. In a county without a Bail Bond

Board, the Sheriff sets bail bond policy for the county. Finally, the sheriff may conduct sales of forfeited property, property being sold at auction for failure to pay property taxes and property sold to satisfy judgments in civil cases.

As with all elected county officials, the sheriff has ultimate authority over the operations of the office, including the authority to hire and fire personnel and direct their daily activities. The sheriff also has authority to determine how to use all other resources allocated to the office during the budget process.



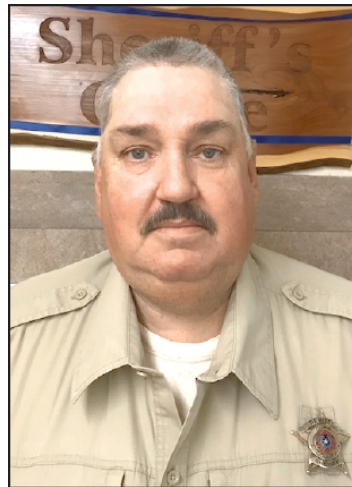
Sheriff Wayne McCutchen is shown with his Executive Assistant Misti Hayes. Sheriff McCutchen first joined the Sheriff's Office in 1988 and has served Coke County since that time as a deputy, chief deputy, commissioner and sheriff. He and his wife Melinda have two daughters, Morgan Brigham and Ashley Braswell. Misti joined the department in February of 2004.



Chief Deputy Brandon Neal
Began Service March 2009



Deputy Anthony Lopez
September 2007-2009
and November 2014



Deputy Russell Johnson
February 2014



Deputy Terry Crenshaw
March 2014

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