

# **Williamson County Commissioner Terry Cook**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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# The Message



## December – Remembrance and Hope

As we crash into December, our time gets filled with colleagues, friends and families at galas, parties, fundraisers, and other gatherings. Celebrating the successes and good times in events of 2022 and looking forward to changes and hopes of improvements in the coming new year.

December is also a time for special events and days of remembrance.

Dec 5 World Aids Day – highlighting the long pandemic of AIDS/HIV and lives lost, reminding us it is still present among us and still lacks an affordable and straightforward remedy.

Dec 6 Pearl Harbor Day – few remain of those who were there as Veterans Day reminded us.

Dec 10 Human Rights Day - arising from the 1948 adoption by the United Nations General assembly of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document, which proclaims the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world. Yet we still wait.

Then the flood of major holiday celebrations:

Dec 19 – Hanukkah - This Jewish festival starts in the Gregorian calendar this year on December 19. Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish festival with the first day known as Chanukah, Festival of Lights, and Feast of Dedication. In the Jewish calendar, the first day of Hanukkah is on the 25th day of the month of Kislev. For the Jewish calendar, all days begin at nightfall and end the next day at nightfall including holidays. So, Hanukkah will begin at sundown on December 19 this year.

Dec 25 Christmas – that highly commercialized season of hope, love, and giving for more than Christians.

Dec 26 – 1/1 Kwanza - an African-American annual holiday period devised in 1966 by a professor of African studies at California State University, Maulana Karenga. It is a time of celebrating African cultural influences on African-Americans, affirming African family and social values, and generally closes with a community celebration of African-influenced food, music and dance.

Dec 31 – New Year's Eve, a late night of overeating and over drinking in anticipation of not knowing what the new year will bring, regrets and wishing to forget the previous year's events and mishaps.

Then, not to be forgotten, there's the minor holidays of:

National Handwashing Awareness Week (December 6 - 12)

National Influenza Vaccination Week (December 5 - 11)

Dec 1: Rosa Parks Day, Eat a Red Apple Day, National Pie Day

Dec 2: Special Education Day, National Mutt Day

Dec 3: Make a Gift Day, National Roof Over Your Head Day, Let's Hug Day, National Apple Pie Day, Coats & Toys for Kids Day\* (first Saturday)

Dec 4: Santa's List Day, National Cookie Day, Wildlife Conservation Day

Dec 5: Repeal Day, International Volunteer Day, National Communicate With Your Kids Day

Dec 6: Mitten Tree Day, National Microwave Oven Day, National Gazpacho Day, Walt Disney Day\* (first Monday)

Dec 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Letter Writing Day, International Civil Aviation Day, National Cotton Candy Day

Dec 8: Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day, National Brownie Day, National Christmas Tree Day

Dec 9: Christmas Card Day, National Pastry Day

Dec 10: Nobel Prize Day, Dewey Decimal System Day, National Lager Day

Dec 11: UNICEF Day for Change, National App Day

Dec 12: National Poinsettia Day, Gingerbread House Day, National Ding-a-Ling Day, World Choral Day\* (second Sunday)

Dec 13: National Violin Day, Ice Cream Day, National Cocoa Day

Dec 14: Roast Chestnuts Day, National Energy Conservation Day  
 Dec 15: Bill of Rights Day, National Cupcake Day, International Tea Day  
 Dec 16: Boston Tea Party Day, National Chocolate Covered Anything Day  
 Dec 17: Wright Brothers' First Flight Anniversary, National Maple Syrup Day, National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day\* (third Friday), National Wreaths Across America Day\* (third Saturday)  
 Dec 18: Bake Cookies Day, National Twin Day, First Night of Hanukkah\* (varies, sometimes in November)  
 Dec 19: Look for an Evergreen Day, National Oatmeal Muffin Day, Holly Day  
 Dec 20: Go Caroling Day, Games Day, National Sangria Day  
 Dec 21: First Day of Winter/Winter Solstice\* (date varies), Crossword Puzzle Day, Look on the Bright Side Day, National Flashlight Day, Humbug Day, Forefathers' Day, Don't Make Your Bed Day, National Short Story Day\* (first day of Winter)  
 Dec 22: National Date Nut Bread Day, Forefathers' Day  
 Dec 23: Festivus, National Roots Day, National Pfeffernüsse Day  
 Dec 24: National Egg Nog Day  
 Dec 25: Christmas Day, National Pumpkin Pie Day  
 Dec 26: National Whiners Day, Boxing Day, National Candy Cane Day  
 Dec 27: National Fruitcake Day, Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day  
 Dec 28: National Card Playing Day, National Chocolate Candy Day  
 Dec 29: Tick Tock Day, International Cello Day, Still Need To Do Day  
 Dec 30: Bacon Day, National Resolution Planning Day  
 Dec 31: Make Up Your Mind Day, National Champagne Day



The Williamson County Brown Santa Program helps local families by donating toys, clothes, books and much more during the holiday season. Brown Santa toy collection barrels will be available at several county buildings for people to drop off new, unwrapped toys. Barrel locations include these locations in Georgetown: the historic courthouse, 710 S. Main St.; the Sheriff's Office, 508 Rock St.; and the Justice Center, 405 MLK. To learn how to adopt a family this holiday season, visit [Williamson County Brown Santa \(wcbrownsanta.com\)](http://wcbrownsanta.com)



For those of you in the City of Austin part of Williamson County, there is a mayoral runoff election. **EARLY VOTING HAS BEGUN!** There is only one **EARLY VOTING** polling location for this runoff: **Anderson Mill Limited District, Room A, 11500 El Salido Parkway.**

**Dates and Times for Full-Time Locations and Limited Ballot Voting:**

**Thursday, December 1 through Saturday, December 3: 8:00am to 6:00pm**

**Sunday, December 4: Polls Closed**

**Monday, December 5 through Friday, December 9: 8:00am to 6:00pm**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A BALLOT BY MAIL IS TODAY: Friday, December 2, 2022**

**Runoff Election Day is December 13, 2022!**



### **Julie Kiley Appointed Williamson County Auditor**

Julie Kiley has been appointed to serve as the Williamson County auditor following the retirement of County Auditor Jerri Jones in December. Under Texas law, the county auditor is appointed by the Williamson County district judges.

Julie Kiley currently serves as the first assistant county auditor, a position she has held since 2004. Kiley has been with the Williamson County Auditor's Office for 28 years. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant. She is a member of the Texas Association of County Auditors, Government Finance Officers Association, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and Government Finance Officers Association of Texas. She is the 2010 recipient of the Denise Linch Award from the Texas Association of County Auditors.

"The county auditor's role is unique in county government," said Judge Betsy Lambeth, who serves as local administrative district judge. "She is trusted advisor to county officials and an independent monitor to ensure that we are good stewards of the public's resources. The judges are excited about the knowledge and experience Julie brings to this role, and we look forward to working with her in the years to come."

"I would like to thank the district judges for entrusting me to serve as the next county auditor of Williamson County. I look forward to serving the citizens and working alongside the elected and appointed officials and department heads of the county," said Kiley.

During Kiley's time with the county, the County Auditor's Office has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report for 31 years and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence for their popular annual financial report for 17 years. The office also received the Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle Award from 2010 through 2015 for its financial online transparency. The office also received the Government Finance Officers Association Louisville Award for innovation in government finance for the implementation of the Auditor's Office Performance Center reporting tool for elected officials and department heads in 2014.

Julie Kiley will serve as the county's sixth county auditor. (Julie is the keeper of all historical spending info—in her head—we all highly rely on her to keep us straight!)



## Musical Chairs in Magistrates Office



From left to right: Commissioner Terry Cook, Judge Stacey Mathews of District Court 277<sup>th</sup>, Retiring Judge Alexandra Gauthier, and Judge Doug Arnold of County Court at Law #3



Joining the Magistrate's Office is now-Judge Cole Spainhour.

You may be asking, what is the difference between a District Judge, a County Court-at-Law Judge and a Magistrate? In Williamson County, Magistrates, who are also called Associate Judges do not preside over trials but perform judicial work in support of our District and County Court-at-Law Judges. They conduct 15.17 hearings for arrested individuals and advise them of their charges and rights, assess risk using information provided by pre-trial services, review results of financial screenings for potential defense attorney appointments, determine and manage the bail process for release, mental health emergency commitments, emergency protective orders and modifications and any orders for alcohol monitoring or other appropriate conditions of release. In short, magistrates are the primary cog in the county's pre-trial justice system. Magistrates are on-call 24/7. While Magistrates do not determine guilt or innocence in criminal cases, wisdom and endurance are required.

Two magistrates, also known as Associate Judges, have moved on with their careers. Judge Alexandra Gauthier, after 8 years and many changes in Wilco's Magistrate's Office and Pre-Trial Program, has returned to Travis County to work in the County Attorney's Office. Judge Sarah Bruchmiller tossed her robe into the 368<sup>th</sup> District Court race and seeing no opponent in 2022 is ascending to the bench as Judge Rick Kennon is retiring at the end of this year. Moving from the Defense Attorney's chair in the Drug/DUI Specialty Court is Cole Spainhour to one of the Magistrate positions; sworn into that position November 1st.



Newest County Judge, Cole Spainhour, surrounded by, from left to right: Judge Ryan Larson 395<sup>th</sup>, Judge Scott Field 480<sup>th</sup>, Judge Betsy Lambeth 425<sup>th</sup>, Judge Laura Barker CCL #2, Judge Cole Spainhour, Judge Stacey Mathews 277<sup>th</sup>, Judge Donna King 26<sup>th</sup>, Judge Will Ward CCL #5 and retiring Judge Rick Kennon 368<sup>th</sup>



# Where is Commissioner Cook?



## 2022 Dr. James Dickey Day – Taylor

On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, the Annual health Fair and Thanksgiving Feast of Sharing was held in Fannie Robinson Park using both the park's pavilion for the health fair and the Dickey-Givens Community Center for the Thanksgiving Feast. The sun was bright, but the breeze was past "re-freshing". The pavilion was ringed in tables staffed by health organizations with lots of information to take home. Even the Williamson County and Cities Health District was offering flu shots – **got yours?** Saw one person bravely bare a shoulder – got mine in the warmth of CVS.

This annual celebration of Dr. James Dickey's birthday actually landed on his birthday this year. Originally planned with live music – the temperature stifled that. To participate in the Thanksgiving feast – you needed to visit at least half the tables – we were each given lists of all health fair participating organizations and needed them signed off – great incentive as the meal was GREAT. There was opportunities to network over the steaming plates and a great deal of that occurred.



## Field of Honor 2022



Approximately 1600 3'x5' US Flags flew in San Gabriel Park in Georgetown from Saturday 11/5 – Sat 11/12. New and unique this year was the impressive Tunnel to Towers Exhibit. What made this display most incredible and memorable is that each small group was escorted through the exhibit of events on 9/11, when the World Trade Center was destroyed by airplanes used as bombs, by NYC firemen who were serving and present on that day. The insight and backgrounds given by my tour guide were fantastic and memorable. Can't believe these guys stood for so long each day of the exhibit – they're not spring chickens.

For those of you who have never experienced any of the Field of Honor events, plan to attend next year – week of Veterans Day. I walk the circle of historic flags – most of which I am not familiar – each year. This event is organized by the Georgetown Rotary Club and is well done. Obtaining the Tunnel to Towers exhibit was a major "get" for this year.





## Cedar Park Celebrates Veterans Day

Under an expansive blue sky and bright sun, citizens, elected officials, veterans and representatives of many military entities gathered to remember, acknowledge, and appreciate the sacrifices many made in support of our country as they served in our military forces on Saturday, November 5. Jim Penniman-Morin, mayor of Cedar Park and an Army veteran, acted as master of ceremony.

## Sun City Celebration of Veterans Day



On Friday, November 11, several Veterans Day programs occurred; I attended the one in Sun City. We were greeted by a blustery, cold, windy day with threat of the cold front and rain coming through the county right about 11AM, the start time for nearly everyone's Veterans Day program. The Sun City program pivoted to using the Sun City Ballroom, and with a sigh of relief, we hustled indoors. This was especially important as the Georgetown High School Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra and Show Choir were invited to combine talents and provide preliminary and closing music for the program. Our own Veterans Services Officer, Juan Amaya, was the keynote speaker. In attendance were two veterans of World War II, the oldest being 102 years old and still full of vigor and smiling from ear-to-ear.



## Specialty Court Graduations

Judge Laura Barker held two specialty court graduation ceremonies during the first week of November. One graduate of the Drug/DUI Court was honored with his completion of the program and enormous change in his life that occurred over the year. Two days later, the Veterans Court honored 5 gentlemen who completed the program. Each graduate receives their medals and certificate of completion.

And what are those medals? Those entering the Veterans Court program receive achievement medals as they complete key phases. These dog tags are for Courage, Commitment, Pride, Integrity, and Honor. They are retained for each member, then framed and presented to them at their graduation. Oh – the memories... This is a tough program and you can see pride in completion on each graduate's face.



Judge Barker presenting medals & certificate to a graduate of the Veterans Court

## Jessie Daniel Ames



### RESOLUTION

On November 1, the court declared November 2, 2022 to be declared Jessie Daniel Ames Day in Williamson County, as did the Georgetown City Council, on the 139<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth. Jessie was a mover and a shaker of many organizations, especially those getting women involved. Drawn to the inequalities suffered by women, Ames entered the public world of politics. She organized the Georgetown Equal Suffrage League in 1916 and was treasurer of the Texas Equal Suffrage League by 1918. One area of controversy was her mission to modify the primarily Southern misconception that defending the “white womenfolk” required lynchings of black men. Her family home is located at 1004 S. Church Street in Georgetown.

The Williamson County League of Women Voters sponsored a program on Jessie’s life on the evening of November 2 at the Lark and Owl Booksellers in Georgetown. The turnout was much beyond expectation yet all were accommodated. Helen Cordes, of the Association, entertained and educated us all with a lengthy and in-depth look at Jessie Ames’ endeavors including a slideshow. We encouraged her to seek a second program through the Williamson Museum given in the Historic District Court of the historic courthouse on the square. It was a stellar historic program with Georgetown the location of many monumental events in women’s suffrage and the advent of female political activism.



Hellen Cordes, left, and Georgetown City Councilwoman Amanda Parr reading Georgetown’s proclamation for Jessie Daniel Ames.

**WHEREAS**, a business owner, writer, women’s suffragist, and a champion of human rights, the life of Jessie Daniel Ames was one of a Woman on a Mission; and

**WHEREAS** Jessie Daniel Ames helped her mother run their Georgetown Telephone Exchange Company; and

**WHEREAS**, she took on the issue of voting rights for women by organizing the Georgetown Equal Suffrage League and became its first president, while writing a weekly “Woman Suffrage Notes” column for the *Williamson County Sun*; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1918, as Treasurer of the Texas Equal Suffrage Association, Jessie Daniel Ames not only helped make the Great State of Texas the first southern state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment giving women the right to vote, but she and others led nearly 4,000 women from all over Williamson County to register to vote in the 17 days before the deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Equal Suffrage Association reorganized as the Texas League of Women Voters in 1919, and she served as its first president until 1924; and

**WHEREAS**, Jessie Daniel Ames wasn’t just content with attaining the right to vote for women, she became the director of the Texas and Southwest Area for the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in Atlanta, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, after moving to Atlanta in 1929, she formed the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching and was its Director until 1942;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court declare that the 139<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth on November 2, 2022, be proclaimed Jessie Daniel Ames Day in Williamson County to honor the impact her work has been on women’s voting rights and on human rights overall.



# In The News

## Williamson Commissioner Cook: The overlooked truths of county government

[Williamson Commissioner Cook: The overlooked truths of county government \(statesman.com\)](https://www.statesman.com/story/news/politics/2021/05/11/williamson-commissioner-cook-the-overlooked-truths-of-county-government/7251117002/)

In Texas, county government is “an arm of the state.” We have 254 counties, and each is charged with carrying out state-decreed administrative and judicial responsibilities, some of which include actual funding.

Go back 200 years. What did every county have? A sheriff, a traveling judge and someone to record legal documents such as marriages, divorces, land sales and lawsuits. Well, it’s bigger, better and much more expensive now.

Let’s look at state-mandated responsibilities of counties. Nearly all are poorly funded by the state:

- Process and maintain voter registration and conduct elections. All entities on a ballot contribute to the cost of running that election, such as cities, school districts, water control and improvement districts and community colleges. These entities contract with county elections departments to conduct their elections but don’t have to; they can run their own elections. It’s cheaper for each entity to join others, with the county conducting the elections.
- Provide public safety with a sheriff’s office; build and maintain a jail system and a juvenile justice facility both incurring high medical costs for inmates.
- Provide courts for civil and felony issues – we have four justice of the peace courts, five district courts and five county courts-at-law, a juvenile justice court and a child support court for deadbeat parents.
- Provide legal defense attorneys for those who cannot afford one; this is very expensive for counties.
- Provide medical care for indigent county residents.
- Provide local support (generally space) for state agencies such as the Department of State Health Services, the Department of Public Safety, Parks and Wildlife and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Ask yourself why.

The county also manages local government responsibilities for county residents.

- Record-keeping is one area – all court records, births, deaths, real estate titles, probate records.
- Processes motor vehicle registrations and title transfers, collects and remits state motor vehicle taxes.
- Design, build and maintain roads, often with voter-approved bonds.
- Approve platting of county neighborhoods; with the subdivision rules adopted by the county specifying drainage, road construction, floodplain restrictions, ingress and egress.
- Collect property taxes for the county and other taxing entities that contract with the tax assessor/collector office such as school districts, water improvement districts and community colleges.

Counties can also elect to provide optional services like county parks and trails. Cities have now started partnering with Wilco to fund trails and shared-use paths to connect cities and parks across the southern part of the county where the populations are dense. One day soon you will be able to bike from Cedar Park to Hutto on connected trails. In Wilco, we also have the glorious Expo Center providing space for many diverse events, including rodeos and the county fair. We funded the first county fair in 2021, with a nonprofit overseeing the fair and profits made; it is self-funding now.

Where does all this funding come from? Mostly from all of us through property taxes. Who decides the spending? The Commissioners Court of each county. That administrative court has five members: four commissioners and one county judge who serves as the administrative head of the court, among other responsibilities. There has been enormous pushback from counties for state-mandated services without funding or insignificant funding. The Legislature has even passed a bill to eliminate unfunded mandates, but somehow, they keep squeaking through. Then the "state" declares local governments to be essentially evil for the taxes they place on property owners (passed on, of course, to renters).

### **What I Wish Constituents Knew**

1. Counties do not have anything to do with issuing drivers licenses. That is a function of the Texas Department of Public Safety. In Williamson County, that building is on the south side of Westinghouse Road just east of Interstate-35. Make an appointment or be disappointed. Actually, you'll probably be disappointed anyway.
2. The county does not provide yard cleanups. If there is a declared disaster, the county may participate in roadside pickups of debris, but county personnel may not make any improvements to private property by law. If the wind blows, and it does, and tree limbs drop, it is generally the property owner's responsibility to pick them up and take to a recycling center or the county landfill at a cost.
3. Counties cannot zone land like cities can. Yep, a manufacturing plant can be established next to a single-family home, ranch or farm.
4. Counties have no ordinance declaration capabilities so things like barking dogs, loud noises, obnoxious neighbors are just county life.
5. Counties tend to shy from becoming the "enforcers" of plat restrictions. If your county neighborhood has plat restrictions that state "no 18-wheeler parking on the street overnight," that is an agreement between property owners when the lots were purchased. Resolution may require the neighbors to sue the violator.
6. Sidewalk repair – if we didn't build them or damage them, it is the responsibility of the property owners in county neighborhoods (and most municipal areas) and generally stated on your plat given to you at closing.
7. Building noise-reduction walls – we just don't build walls for any purpose except for retention walls in drainage areas.
8. Putting in speed bumps on county roads as a traffic-calming mechanism. Not going there – speed bumps are fine in parking lots where the speed generally is 15 mph or lower. Airborne vehicles are not something we want to see or induce.
9. The county doesn't perform property evaluations to determine home values for taxation purposes. This is the job of a separate government entity, the appraisal district. In Williamson County, the Williamson Central Appraisal District is on Leander Road in Georgetown east of S. Austin Ave.
10. Make the public stop using a publicly maintained road. There is a cost for isolation: private road maintenance.
11. We cannot request the trapper contracted by the county to simply move wildlife elsewhere. Besides, many species are very territorial and will just find a way to return.
12. We cannot legally prevent a new well from being drilled. That is the purview of a water conservation district after a substantial analysis of the region.

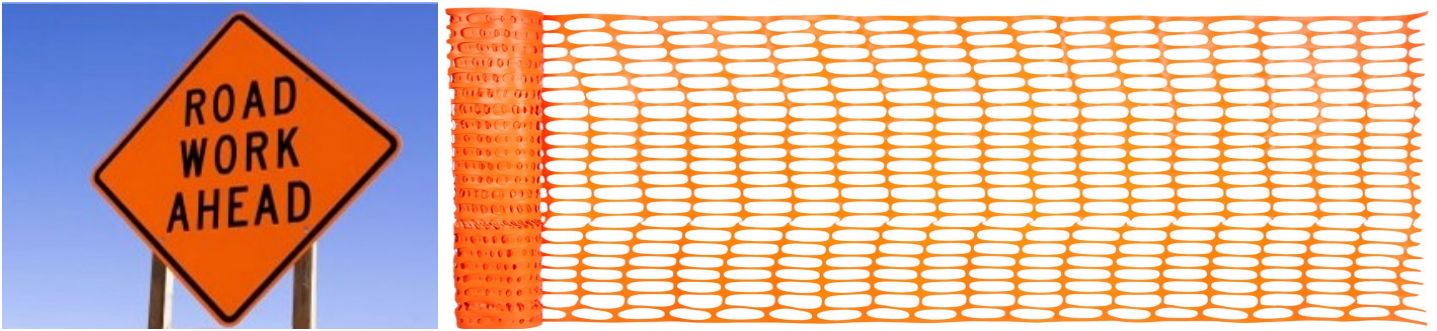
In summary, people usually are living in the county because they don't want to live in cities. If you move into the county with expectations of city services and ordinances, you will be disappointed.



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620 at Railroad/Chisholm Trail (TxDOT with primary contractor Bridges and Roads LLC)– *Lots of switched traffic around this project, so please be aware of the surroundings.* Much of the work this month seems to have focused on the middle section of the project– flexible base, which goes underneath the asphalt, has been laid, concrete driveways on the northside have been poured, and curb and sidewalk have been placed. Brick pavers have been placed in the east section of the roundabout under the bridge. Top soil is being placed on both ends of the bridge. Go [HERE](#) to learn more. This is a \$27.5M TxDOT project. According to TxDOT, substantial completion is now going to be Fall 2023.

Pond Springs Road Area Drainage Improvements– This project is to provide relief to a long-time problem of flooding in the area. Many years ago, the county tried to fix it by digging a deep ditch and by restructuring the road. However, the area still floods and so many of the businesses located here have put up their own dams and other items to try to divert the water away. Utility coordinators have completed the placement of test holes to verify the location of City of Austin water and wastewater lines and the design of the project is being updated. A meeting with Austin Water Utility is being scheduled for August->September->October->November->December to discuss the results of the test holes. 90% of the design is anticipated in October-> November->December. The cost of the project is \$3.2M., although that price may come down again. Construction start is anticipated Spring 2023.

University Blvd. widening from IH-35 to just east of Sunrise Rd.- (Contractor: DeNucci Constructors LLC)– Much work is focused on the eastbound lanes. Work continues on the eastbound sidewalk between Cypress Blvd. and Sunrise Rd. Asphalt has been laid on the new eastbound lanes between Cypress and Sunrise and from Sunrise to the east tie-in. Work also continues on the median between University Oaks and N. Mays. Completion anticipated in spring 2023, but don't count on that yet.

I-35 at US 79- There are weekly updates from TxDOT that you can sign up for [HERE](#).

Great Oaks Bridge at Brushy Creek Rd.- Major detours have begun!!! Updated pictures of the project on the next page!! Final touches for the asphalt has been done throughout the project.. Plans are for demolishing the old bridge mid-January. Completion is anticipated in Spring 2023.

*The 183 North Project has begun! According to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, aka CTRMA, it “aims to improve mobility, reduce congestion and provide more reliable travel times for transit and emergency responders along the nine-mile stretch of US 183 between SH 45 North and MoPac. The project includes the construction of two express lanes in each direction and the addition of a general-purpose lane to bring the number of non-tolled lanes to four in each direction. Express lane direct connectors will be constructed with MoPac to the south. The project also includes operational improvements to southbound MoPac, new shared use path connections, new sidewalks and cross-street connections for bicycles/pedestrians.”*

Learn more: [183 North Mobility Project](#) Sign up for updates [HERE](#).



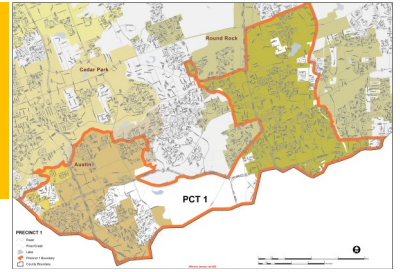
# Great Oaks Bridge



This last picture was taken by someone who paraglided over the project. Pretty cool!



# The Mission, Vision, and Value Statements of the Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1 Office



## **MISSION**

Providing strong, thoughtful, and collaborative leadership on the Williamson County Commissioners Court through a time of great change and growth in our county

## **VISION**

Upholding a local governmental entity that is centered around best-practices throughout the organization and focused on timely and respectful responses to our citizenry

## **VALUES**

The guiding principles of the Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1 Office continue to be respect, reliability, and dedication to Precinct 1 constituents, while being open to ideas for positioning Williamson County for the future

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Our office's web site— [Terry Cook, Commissioner Pct 1](http://Terry Cook, Commissioner Pct 1)

### **Non-Emergency Phone Numbers**

Austin Fire Department  
512-974-0130

County Judge  
512-943-1550

Cedar Park Fire Department (ESD 11)  
512-401-5220

Jollyville Fire Department (ESD 1)  
512-258-1038

Round Rock Fire Department (ESD 9)  
512-218-5590

Williamson Central Appraisal District  
512-930-3787

Williamson County Landfill  
512-759-8881

Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter  
512-943-3322

Williamson County Sheriff's Office  
512-864-8282

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keeps meeting with many  
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