

I am Greg Middents running to be your next Grayson County Judge. Over these last six month's I have written previous "Open Letters" to the citizens of Grayson County that can be read on my web site: gregmiddents.com

These letters have been hard hitting and very direct. I have shared my vision for our county. We live in a great county with good people. We can make our county even better.

This month "open letter" addresses economic development in Grayson County.

We have one of the best resources that other cities and states envy. We have WATER! With WATER we have great opportunities to attract major companies that pay good wages. In our cities we have a great team of economic development experts. As your County Judge, our county will provide assistance to help these economic leaders attract businesses into Grayson County. We will work as a team.

As County Judge, I will not be the Grayson County Czar of economic development.

Texas is business friendly. In Grayson County we are uniquely positioned between Dallas-Ft. Worth and Oklahoma City. We are close enough to the metro-plex but far enough away to preserve our rural heritage. We have Lake Texoma, one of the best recreational lakes in the area. We have the North Texas Regional Airport, Perrin Field. Over the years every politician has said that this airport is a diamond in the rough. Every leader realizes that diamond has been polished and is ready to take on major businesses from other states and even global businesses.

Businesses looking to locate notice economic structures of the area in which they want to come. We again are positioned near the metro-plex but far enough away to avoid daily traffic congestion. We have great schools for the children of these business professionals interested in quality education. We have two colleges that provide excellent education and training for workforce needs. In fact, Austin College is widely ranked as a top college. In addition, the metro-plex has several leading colleges and universities.

Education is the important foundation for economic development.

We have appealing homes for professionals and a solid group of realtors who will make their dream home come true. We have an excellent group of builders in our county that can build single family houses and also mega mansions. Yes, we have the resources and we are ready for growth.

Grayson County has become a major retail shopping hub for our area. People from Oklahoma shop in our stores, people from surrounding Texas counties shop with us because they do not want to travel to the metro-plex and deal with all those big city issues. They eat in our restaurants and sleep in our motels. They spend money. With revenues coming in, businesses flourish and grow.

We have been laying the foundation for infrastructures to take place. We have the resources that companies and businesses want and need --- we have WATER.

Grayson County is in a great position to take advantage of our unique situation. I will work with business, professional and community leaders to implement this vision.

I will bring vision and insight as your next County Judge.

I am an **AMERICAN** who is **“OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE.”** I **NEED YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT FOR THE FALL ELECTION.**

I would be pleased to visit with you regarding **your ideas and mine** for improving our county government. You may contact me at: gjm@cablene.net or read my **campaign web page:** gregmidents.com