

Open Letter to Grayson County Citizens: I will be a Full Time County Judge

I'm GREG MIDDENTS, your candidate for Grayson County Judge. I need your vote and support.

Last month's "Open Letter" seems to have hit a nerve with the current incumbent County Judge... How dare I question his work ethic?

You would think that for a salary over \$125,000 a year plus benefits you would get a County Judge who would work FULL-TIME and be on call! It seems that the incumbent Judge is a PART-TIMER who often leaves the office around 2:00 P M. **How dare I raise this serious issue?**

For 16 years, I was on call 24/7 as your Justice of the Peace. When I was needed, whether it was any hour of the day or night, I was available 99% of the time. Now if I was called out at night for a third time I might be a little cranky, but I was available.

I jokingly told people that my "home away from home" was the county jail and emergency rooms at the local hospitals because those were the places I was so often.

The County Judge is the "CHIEF DISASTER MANAGER COORDINATOR" for the county.

During my watch as your Justice of the Peace, we had two of the worst fatal auto disasters in our county and the State of Texas. One accident killed ten people and the other accident killed 17 people. Those two were horrible accidents and I wish that they had never happened. But unfortunately they did, so I had to be there on the accident scene as one of the persons in charge right alongside the Sherman Police Department and the Sherman Fire Department. We worked as a TEAM at these horrific accidents.

I was not out of the county, state or country with my "buddies" like the current "Part-Time County Judge" apparently is.

You deserve better... We deserve better...

A paid professional who will be a FULL-TIME County Judge should be available when needed, any hour of the day or night... that is what you will get from me as your next County Judge.

On June 27th, I attended the Commissioner's Court weekly meeting. Once again the Court violated the "Open Meetings Act." They were in discussion with one of our County Constables about getting a new car for him to use.

Well, it turns out apparently that the Court had already made up its mind because they told the Constable "that he could pick up the vehicle at the precinct barn". Never mind that they violated the "Open Meeting Act" by deciding the issue behind closed doors!

Silly me, I thought everything was and is supposed to be discussed and debated in an open forum... **Again, how dare I question their ethical behavior.**

Be assured, as your County Judge I will move to rectify problems caused by the current incumbent. 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@cableone.net or read my campaign web page: gregmiddents.com