

# Daryl L. Fowler

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Daryl L. Fowler is serving his second term as DeWitt County judge. He has been the DeWitt County judge since 2011 and recently won the Republican Party nomination for a third term in office.

Judge Fowler earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Texas Christian University in 1982 and earned a post-graduate certificate in Petroleum Land Practices at TCU in 2008.

He entered public service following a career in the insurance and financial services industry that began in 1982 as an account executive at E. F. Hutton & Company in Fort Worth.

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman David Porter appointed him to the Eagle Ford Shale Task Force in 2011, and in 2012, he served on the Finance Sub-committee of the TxDOT Energy Solutions Task Force where he advocated for state-funded solutions for damaged county roads.

In 2012, he organized a coalition of counties in the Eagle Ford Shale that continues to advocate for counties affected by road degradation caused by oil and gas development. Coalition efforts led to the passing of landmark legislation that includes a state-funded transportation grant authorized by Senate Bill 1747 in 2013, and House Bill 2521 that overturned an Attorney General's Opinion WW-870 that prevented counties from receiving the royalty income generated from leasing county road right of way for oil and gas exploration.

Under his leadership, county budgets have appropriated more than \$120 million toward road and bridge improvements since 2011; authorized the early redemption of \$9 million of county-issued debt saving taxpayers \$2 million of future interest payments in the process; and lowered county tax rates by 28 percent.

In addition to being a constitutional county judge, he serves on the board of directors of the Texas Association of Counties Unemployment Compensation Fund; serves on the board of directors of Gulf Bend Mental Health and Mental Retardation; manages a family-owned cattle ranch south of Yoakum, and is a deacon of his church.

Judge Fowler and his wife, Lisa, have three grown children and one grandchild.

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