

Daryl L. Fowler



Daryl L. Fowler was re-elected to a second term as constitutional county judge of DeWitt County in 2014. He entered public service in 2011 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.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Texas Christian University in 1982 and returned to earn a certificate in Petroleum Land Practices in 2008.

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman David Porter appointed him to the Eagle Ford Shale Task Force in 2011; and in 2012, he was appointed to the TxDOT Energy Solutions Task Force where he served on the Finance Subcommittee.

During the 83rd, 84th, and 85th sessions of the Texas Legislature, he organized a coalition of counties in the Eagle Ford Shale that advocated for funding solutions to pay for the damages to county roads caused by oil and gas exploration. Coalition efforts led to the passing of landmark legislation.

Senate Bill 1747, passed in the 83rd regular session, created a \$225 million state-funded grant for county road projects. Proposition One, passed in the first special session of the 83rd session, redirects one-half of the state severance tax collections to TxDOT for statewide transportation projects. House Bill 2521, passed in the 84th session overturned a 55-year-old Attorney General opinion that prevented counties from enjoying the revenue produced by oil and gas leasing of the county right of way.

Under his leadership as chief budget officer of the commissioner's court, the court lowered tax rates by 28 percent, appropriated more than \$120 million toward road and bridge efforts, and authorized the early redemption of \$9 million of county-issued debt that saved taxpayers \$2 million in future interest payments.

In addition to being a constitutional county judge, he manages a family-owned cattle ranch south of Yoakum and is a deacon in his church. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children.

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