

Daryl L. Fowler



Daryl L. Fowler is serving his fourth term as DeWitt County judge. He entered public service following a 28-year career in the financial services industry.

Soon after taking office in 2011, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman David Porter appointed him to the Eagle Ford Shale Task Force, and in 2012, he was appointed to the TXDOT Energy Solutions Task Force. In 2018, Governor Greg Abbott appointed him to a work/study group of county officials analyzing the local impact of proposed changes to the Property Tax Code.

Since 2013, Judge Fowler has worked with neighboring Eagle Ford Shale county judges to pursue legislative solutions identified by the RRC and TXDOT task forces. The legislative victories of this coalition include the creation of the County Transportation Infrastructure Grant Fund (“CTIF Grant”) in 2013; and House Bill 2521, the law requiring the state comptroller to pay counties the income generated by oil and gas exploration beneath a county-owned right of way.

During his tenure as county judge, the commissioner’s court has lowered county tax rates by 40 percent; retired more than nine million dollars of debt obligations; built an annex building in 2021 using cash rather than debt; and spent in more than \$220 million on rebuilding county roads damaged in the process of bringing unconventional (shale) wells into production.

In addition to being a constitutional county judge, he previously chaired the Texas Association of Counties Unemployment Compensation Group Account Fund and was a member of the Investment Committee of the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool.

He is a director of Gulf Bend Center, the LMHA of the Coastal Bend Region; manages a family-owned cattle ranch south of Yoakum, and is a deacon of his church.

Judge Fowler earned a BBA from Texas Christian University in 1982 and returned in 2008 to earn a post-graduate certificate in Petroleum Land Practices from the TCU Energy Institute.

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

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