

Daryl L. Fowler



Daryl L. Fowler is serving his third term in office as DeWitt County Judge.

He entered public service following a career in the insurance and financial services industry that began in 1982 as an account executive for 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 funding for the repair of county roads damaged by oil and gas exploration activities.

In 2012, he organized a coalition of county leaders in the Eagle Ford Shale to advocate for taxpayers in counties affected by oil and gas development. During 2013, the coalition's efforts influenced the creation of the Transportation Infrastructure Grant program administered by TXDOT. In 2015, the coalition's efforts resulted in passage of House Bill 2521. Under HB2521, counties are eligible to receive the income generated beneath a county right-of-way if the Texas General Land Office leases the minerals for oil and gas development.

Under his leadership, the commissioner's court has lowered property tax rates by 28 percent; retired \$9 million in debt ahead of schedule; and expended more than \$94 million on road and bridge improvements since October 2011.

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.

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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