

## **Pleasanton Express**

### **Judge Cude May 17 Article**

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 18th, at 5:30 pm, the Commissioners Court is holding a 'Preparation for Border Crisis and Property Protection' workshop due to the recent expiration of the Title 42 immigration policy. I have called upon this effort in collaboration with nine other County Judges across our region. County Judges from Wilson, Karnes, Frio, McMullen, Live Oak, La Salle, Dimmit, Medina, and Kinney County stand in agreement that due to the recent changes in U.S. immigration policy, there is an increase of concern from property owners and residents across South Texas. Based on these concerns, I have determined it beneficial to conduct a public meeting involving County leadership from across the region, all law enforcement agencies, and State and Federal representatives to come together to discuss concerns and address questions. For those unfamiliar with Title 42, it was a restriction during the Covid 19 pandemic, which authorized the U.S. to turn away migrants who came to the U.S. and Mexico border to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Before Title 42's restrictions, migrants could cross illegally and ask for asylum and were therefore allowed into the U.S. for processing. The Title 42 restrictions were lifted last Thursday at 11:59 pm and have since raised many questions about what this means for residents in South Texas and concerns regarding what is being done to ensure our community's safety. The 'Preparation for Border Crisis and Property Protection' workshop will be held at the County Court at Law Courtroom in the Atascosa County Justice Center located at 1405 Campbell in Jourdanton, TX. All are welcome to attend. Those unable to attend may watch a live stream of the event on Atascosa County's Youtube channel. I encourage anyone concerned with what the ending of Title 42 may bring to Atascosa County to attend this meeting and have your questions answered. As your County Judge, I am committed to working daily with the Sheriff's Office and others to protect the citizens of our County. Together we are Atascosa Proud!