

**STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY CHAMBER LUNCHEON  
JULY 15, 2014**

TODAY IS MY 12<sup>TH</sup> STATE OF THE COUNTY SPEECH AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH OF YOU IN ATTENDANCE, AND THOSE THAT WILL BE WATCHING THE REPLAY, FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS YOUR WILLIAMSON COUNTY MAYOR. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING YOU THE NEXT FOUR (4) YEARS.

I WANT TO WELCOME OUR CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO HAVE TAKEN TIME TO BE HERE WITH US TODAY. (STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED)

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTY FOR AN EXTENSIVE PERIOD OF TIME THAT ARE RETIRING BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR.

I WANT TO THANK TRUSTEE, JOEY DAVIS FOR HIS SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE PAST 20 YEARS FOR THE TIME AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL HE HAS GIVEN TO SERVING THE CITIZENS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY. THANK YOU, JOEY, FOR YOUR SERVICE AND THE OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE YOU HAVE PROVIDED. WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION, THE COUNTY JOINED THE STATE IN ESTABLISHING TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS. THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO SET ASIDE FUNDING FOR ALL THREE (3) STATE-APPROVED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS, WHICH WAS \$580,000 FOR THE 2013-14 BUDGET YEAR.

OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, DOUG HOOD HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT FOR NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THIS DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS STATE AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS. HE HAS DEVELOPED A TEAM THAT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY IN THE NAME OF HEALTHY FAMILY FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMING. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING DOUG FOR HIS SERVICE, AS WELL.

LIKEWISE, MANY OF OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE RETIRING EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2014. IF YOU HAVE THE CHANCE, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE TIME TO THANK THEM. THESE MEN AND WOMEN HAVE DEDICATED UNTOLD HOURS TO SERVING THIS COUNTY AND SUPPORTED NUMEROUS PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, SERVICES AND THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO SUPPORT THEM, MANY OF WHICH WE WILL REVIEW TODAY. THEIR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE IMPACT OF ADDING TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY WILL BE ENJOYED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THOSE COMMISSIONERS RETIRING INCLUDE COMMISSIONERS BARNWELL, BROCKMAN, COOKE, DAVIS, HANCOCK, HAYES, LANGSTON AND WILSON (RECOGNIZE JUDY HAYES, CHERYL WILSON AND ANY OTHER RETIRING COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE.) ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OUR CITIZENS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKING THIS A BETTER PLACE FOR US ALL.

YESTERDAY, THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSION WRAPPED UP THE BUDGET PROCESS AT THEIR MEETING. THE 2014-15 BUDGET INCREASED \$6,101,157 AND TOTALS \$440,951,983. IT INCLUDES ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWTH IN OUR SCHOOLS WITH 1150 NEW STUDENTS PROJECTED, 171 NEW POSITIONS IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND 33 NEW POSITIONS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. ALL EMPLOYEES ARE SLATED TO RECEIVE A 2% SALARY INCREASE.

A LITTLE OVER 65% OF THE BUDGET FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, INCLUDING THE CONTINUED PROVISION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN ALL WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND FRANKLIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS. THE REMAINING 34% OF THE BUDGET PROVIDES FUNDING FOR ALL OTHER OPERATIONS, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, THE COURT SYSTEMS, OPERATING THE LANDFILL, RUNNING THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND THE OPERATING BUDGETS FOR ALL OTHER ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COUNTY GENERAL OPERATIONS.

THIS MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN MODERN HISTORY THAT OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OPERATIONS, IS BEING FUNDED AT LESS THAN 35% OF THE BUDGET.

IF YOU TAKE THE PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S DEBT THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO SCHOOLS, THE FUNDING SPLIT BECOMES 73 CENTS OF EVERY TAX DOLLAR FUNDS SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES. ALL OTHER OPERATING AND FACILITY FUNDING IS DERIVED FROM THE REMAINING 27 CENTS. IT IS GREAT NEWS TO REPORT TO YOU THAT ALL OF THIS IS BEING DONE WITHOUT A TAX INCREASE. WITH A TAX RATE OF \$2.31 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE, WE REMAIN ONE OF THE LOWEST IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE.

RECENTLY, "SMART ASSETS" REVIEWED THE QUALITY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES IN EACH COUNTY IN THE U. S. IN COMPARISON WITH THE PROPERTY TAXES PAID PER CAPITA AND CREATED A METRIC TO SHOW WHERE COUNTY RESIDENTS GET THE MOST, AND THE LEAST, FOR THEIR TAX DOLLARS<sup>1</sup>. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WILLIAMSON COUNTY WAS RANKED AS 10<sup>TH</sup> BEST IN THE NATION FOR GETTING THE BEST VALUE FOR YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS - - THE ONLY COUNTY IN TENNESSEE TO MAKE THE LIST!

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<sup>1</sup> Mayor Anderson today announced that according to The Tennessean article, date 7/20/14, Williamson County still stands as the only county in the state of Tennessee; however, now ranked 41st in the nation for best value of property taxes according to SmartAsset.

CURRENTLY, THE DASHBOARD FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY WITH THE COUNTY SEAL LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS.....

IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, THE ECONOMIC DASHBOARD FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING:

- WE ARE THE FASTEST GROWING COUNTY IN THE STATE AND RANK 56<sup>TH</sup> OUT OF 3,143 COUNTIES IN THE NATION.
- WE ARE #1 IN HEALTH OUTCOMES/FACTORS/BEHAVIORS AND THIS MONTH WE RECEIVED THE DESIGNATION AS A “HEALTHIER TENNESSEE WORKPLACE” FROM THE GOVERNOR’S FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS.
- TOURISM IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY RANKS #6 IN THE STATE. THROUGH THE MARKETING EFFORTS OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR BOARD, TOURISM DOLLARS HAVE AN ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF \$358.22 MILLION IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY. THIS EQUATES TO A HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS OF \$424.16 IN TAXES, THANKS TO TOURISM SPENDING.

- WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S LIBRARY RECEIVED A "BEST OF SHOW" AWARD BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR FIRST ACADEMY PARK PRESS PUBLICATION OF "*BUCKY & BONNIE'S LIBRARY ADVENTURE*".
- WITH THE CONCENTRATED EFFORTS OF ALL OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WE ENJOY BOTH A LOW VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME RATE.
- MAY, 2014 TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STATISTICS INDICATE WE ARE AT A 4.6% UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTY.
- WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM AT THE WILLIAMSON CHAMBER, WE ARE CURRENTLY RANKED AS THE 16<sup>TH</sup> FASTEST COUNTY IN JOB GROWTH. I WANT TO SAY THANKS TO GREG SANDFORT OF TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY FOR LEADING THE WILLIAMSON INC. ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND TO THE BUSINESSES WHO HAVE COME ON BOARD WITH THIS INAUGURAL STRATEGIC GROWTH PROGRAM.

- THE CURRENT BUDGET REFLECTS AN INCREASE IN REVENUES DERIVED FROM A \$300 MILLION INCREASE IN COUNTY-WIDE ASSESSMENTS IN ONE YEAR. NOW TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$8.9 BILLION (\$8,897,428,868) WE RANK 5<sup>TH</sup> IN THE STATE BEHIND DAVIDSON, HAMILTON, KNOX AND SHELBY COUNTIES.
- AND, NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED IS THE FACT THAT THE CITIES OF BRENTWOOD AND FRANKLIN JOIN WILLIAMSON COUNTY GOVERNMENTS IN HAVING, AND MAINTAINING, A TRIPLE A (AAA) MOODY'S BOND RATING, INDICATING THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE RATING AND CAPABLE OF MEETING OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

WORKING WITH THE ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND EFFICIENCIES IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WILLIAMSON COUNTY IS IN A GOOD, SOLID FINANCIAL POSITION AND ABLE TO FACE UNCERTAIN FUTURE CONDITIONS.

TODAY, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME NEWS I FEEL IS OF IMPORTANCE AND WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE 11,136 VETERANS IN OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTY - IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, PLEASE STAND.

TO SHOW OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR WILLIAMSON COUNTY VETERANS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, WE ARE NOW OFFERING FREE ADMISSION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AT ALL OF OUR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.

IF YOU ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED, DISABLED, AND HONORABLY DISCHARGED, YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE WILL RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION TO ALL WILLIAMSON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES WITH PROOF OF YOUR DD214 FORM.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR COUNTY TO SHOW RESPECT, HONOR AND APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING, OR HAVE SERVED AND RETIRED. THIS IS A SMALL TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION AND I FEEL THAT IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

SECONDLY, I FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY PARTICIPATE IN FINDING WAYS TO ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF OUR RESIDENTS. IT IS A NECESSITY FOR THE STATE, THE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO BETTER SERVE OUR CITIZENS. IN THIS YEARS BUDGET, WILLIAMSON COUNTY HAS EARMARKED \$350,000 IN COUNTY GENERAL REVENUES TO ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS. THESE DEDICATED FUNDS WILL BE RESERVED EACH YEAR TO HELP FIND SOLUTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR COUNTY.

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE. I'M VERY EXCITED TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME PROJECTS FORTHCOMING FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S CITIZENS.

- UNDER THE LEADERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT OF OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, DIRECTOR BILL JORGENSEN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, MAC PURDY AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, MOLLY COULTER, GROUND HAS BEEN BROKEN FOR THE NEW WILLIAMSON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. CONSISTING OF 53,000 SQUARE FEET, THIS FACILITY WILL SERVE MANY PURPOSES INCLUDING THE NEW

HOME FOR OUR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM. IT WILL INCLUDE FACILITIES FOR OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAINING ROOMS FOR ALL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS.

- OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY INVESTMENTS TO BETTER SERVE OUR CITIZENS INCLUDE REMODELING A FACILITY ON DOWNS BOULEVARD (FORMER LOJAC FACILITY) WHICH WILL PROVIDE A NEW PERMANENT HOME FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CURRENTLY LOCATED AT FIVE POINTS. IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY HOME FOR THE RESCUE SQUAD. THIS NEW LOCATION WILL REMAIN WITHIN THE SERVICE RADIUS REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTS TO RETAIN THEIR CURRENT ISO RATINGS.
- WE HAVE SECURED PROPERTY ALONG THE GOOSE CREEK BY-PASS IN SOUTHERN WILLIAMSON COUNTY FOR THE FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RESCUE SQUAD FACILITY. THIS FACILITY WILL ALSO HOUSE AN

AMBULANCE TO INCREASE THE RESPONSE TIME FOR BOTH AGENCIES ALONG THE SR 840 CORRIDOR.

- WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR, NANCY ZION AND HER DEPARTMENT ARE CURRENTLY CONSTRUCTING A PILOT CELL FOR THEIR NEW PROJECT – A SUSTAINABLE LANDFILL. THIS UNIQUE PROJECT WILL ALLOW WILLIAMSON COUNTY TO HANDLE THE COUNTY'S WASTE AND LEACHATE ON-SITE, SAVING MONEY IN THE PROCESS. THIS BOLD APPROACH HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE THE WAY SOLID WASTE IS HANDLED IN THE FUTURE.
- WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM IS SEEING RECORD NUMBERS OF VISITORS EACH MONTH. THE MONTH OF JUNE SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 117.5% OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. DIRECTOR, AIMEE SAUNDERS IS WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO INTRODUCE COUNTY RECORDS INTO SCHOOL PROJECTS THAT WILL COORDINATE WITH SCHOOL CURRICULUM. LIKEWISE, SHE IS WORKING WITH PROFESSOR THOMAS FLAGEL, AT COLUMBIA STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FOR U. S. HISTORY CLASS STUDENTS TO USE COUNTY RECORDS TO COMPLETE A RESEARCH PROJECT THIS FALL.

- WITH A 92.85% SAVE RATE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2014, I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S ANIMAL CONTROL AND ADOPTION CENTER HAS NOW MET THE CRITERIA TO FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF A "NO KILL SHELTER". THIS IS AN AMAZING DESIGNATION TO BE HELD BY A PUBLIC SHELTER. DIRECTOR, LAURA CHAVARRIA, HER STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, HAVE GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO FIND HOMES FOR OUR SHELTER ANIMALS. PARTICIPATING IN THE "RACHEL RAY CHALLENGE" TO WIN A \$100,000 GRANT HAS GIVEN EVERYONE AN ACCELERATED MISSION OF BECOMING THE NUMBER ONE SHELTER IN THE STATE AND CAPTURING NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS.
- CONTRACTING WITH COLLIER ENGINEERING AND HAWKINS PARTNERS, SUPERINTENDENT EDDIE HOOD AND THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION ARE WORKING WITH OUR CITIZENS TO IMPROVE OUR COUNTY ROADS AND RETAIN THE PICTURESQUE COUNTRYSIDE. ON OLD NATCHEZ TRACE

ROAD, ONE OF THE OLDEST ROADS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, A NEW PAVING METHOD WILL ALLOW FOR THE REMOVAL, RECYCLING AND REPLACEMENT OF ASPHALT IN ONE CONTINUOUS METHOD, IN AN EFFORT TO MINIMIZE DETOUR TIME AND PRESERVATION OF THE SCENIC ROADWAY.

- PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES CONTINUE TO BE A TOP RATED QUALITY OF LIFE AMENITY FOR OUR COUNTY. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF NOLENSVILLE, WE ARE RE-PURPOSING THE FORMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PROVIDING A STATE-OF-THE ART COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY IN DOWNTOWN NOLENSVILLE. THIS FACILITY IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN LATE FALL, 2014 AND WILL BE A FULL FITNESS FACILITY, OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL AND PROVIDE NUMEROUS PROGRAMS FOR EASTERN WILLIAMSON COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ENJOY.
- FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 25,000 SQUARE FOOT SENIORS ENRICHMENT FACILITY. FORMERLY, THE HOME OF BATTLE GROUND ACADEMY, WILLIAMSON COUNTY

PURCHASED THIS PROPERTY TO PRESERVE ITS HISTORY AND CHARACTER, AS WELL AS A PLACE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR GROWING POPULATION.

- ALSO FUNDED AT ACADEMY PARK IS AN 8,675 SQUARE FOOT COMMUNITY THEATRE. WE WILL RE-PURPOSE THE EXISTING “COVERDALE HALL”, WHICH SERVED AS THE FORMER LIBRARY AND GYMNASIUM AND ADD 3,517 SQUARE FEET TO PROVIDE THEATRE SPACE FOR OUR GROWING AND TALENTED YOUTH POPULATION. THIS FACILITY WILL BE THE HOME OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT’S AWARD WINNING CHILDREN’S THEATRE PROGRAM AND THE STAR BRIGHT PLAYERS.
- OFF THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY, JUST SOUTH OF THE ARCHED BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 96 WEST, WILLIAMSON COUNTY WAS FORTUNATE TO SECURE 74 ACRES IN 1998. WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FEDERAL NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY OFFICIALS, THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED A SCENIC ENTRANCE TO TIMBERLAND PARK. SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN LATE SEPTEMBER, STAFF

AT THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS WORKING DILIGENTLY TO COMPLETE A PASSIVE PARK THAT WILL PROVIDE A SERENE LOCATION FOR HIKING, EDUCATIONAL TOURS, FAMILY OUTINGS AND VISITORS ON THE PARKWAY.

- SHERIFF LONG HAS WORKED WITH OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN SECURING VARIOUS PIECES OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE EQUIPMENT THAT HAVE BEEN DECLARED AS SURPLUS IN OTHER LOCATIONS. WITH A LITTLE TIME AND ELBOW GREASE, HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE TURNED \$30,000 INVESTMENT INTO A \$1.4 MILLION INVENTORY. MOST OF THE FUNDS USED TO PURCHASE THIS EQUIPMENT WAS DERIVED FROM THE DRUG FUND OR REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT. EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US, AS RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY, SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF SHERIFF LONG AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO SERVE AND PROTECT OUR COUNTY AND THEIR CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORTS TO SAVE THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY. THANK YOU, SHERIFF LONG.

WILLIAMSON MEDICAL CENTER IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A FACILITY RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT TOTALING \$60 MILLION. THIS HEALTH CARE INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY WILL INCLUDE A NEW WING KNOWN AS THE MONROE CARRELL, JR. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT WILLIAMSON MEDICAL CENTER. THIS MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THAT THE CARRELL FAMILY HAS AUTHORIZED AND SUPPORTED A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FACILITY OUTSIDE THE VANDERBILT CAMPUS. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO THANK THE HOSPITAL BOARD, THE ADMINISTRATION, VANDERBILT AND THE CARRELL FAMILY FOR THIS PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF, THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT WE WORK WITH ON A DAILY BASIS. EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS WILLING TO GO THE EXTRA MILE TO ENSURE THAT THE JOB GETS DONE WITHIN THE EFFICIENCIES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TAX DOLLARS.

THE GOOD THINGS IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY DO NOT JUST HAPPEN BECAUSE OF WHO SERVES AS THE COUNTY MAYOR. IT TAKES PARTNERSHIPS, GOOD STAFF AND GOOD ELECTED OFFICIALS, FROM THE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY LEVELS, WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK TOGETHER, ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR CITIZENS, FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE.

AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO BE HERE TODAY AS I SHARE WITH YOU THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT UPCOMING PROJECTS AND HOW YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATES. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN ME AND ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS YOUR COUNTY MAYOR. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS US ALL, THIS COUNTY AND OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.