



Clerk of the Year Award Nominee Region II Nominee



Hon. Susan Murphree

County: Gaines
Position: County and District Clerk
Years in Office: 6 years

List of Association Committees Served:

Region II Director (Interim)

2022-2023

List of other "Association" Notable Services:

Region II Spring Meeting Host/Co-host
CDCAT Member
Texas District Court Alliance (TDCA) Member

April 2023
2019-present
2019-present

List of Personal Information and Civic Service:

Chamber of Commerce
Wesleyan Grace-chair of multiple committees
American Cancer Society-Relay for Life Chair
Cal Ripken Baseball Committee

Present
2020-present
2004-2011
2005-2011

I am truly honored and humbled by this nomination. My journey has been one of hard work and perseverance. Coming from a small town, I took every opportunity to learn and grow. I became part of our courthouse family over 19 years ago, and in 2019, I was elected as the district clerk after a competitive race.

When I took office, I focused on updating longstanding procedures to better serve our community. One notable improvement was collaborating with our Case Management System (CMS) provider to implement a barcode scanning system for jury summons, enhancing efficiency and accuracy in our county and benefiting other jurisdictions using the same CMS.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our district was among the first to hold an in-person jury trial once it was permitted. We reconfigured the courtroom, built a new jury box, and selected the jury at an off-site location to ensure everyone's safety.

More recently, when a ransomware attack disabled our systems for over five weeks, I quickly implemented a contingency plan using laptops and prepaid mobile phones that allowed us to continue daily operations without closing the office. Thanks to the dedication and adaptability of my staff, we resumed operations and conducted a jury trial within ten days—demonstrating our resilience and commitment to public service.

Outside of work, my family is my foundation. My husband, David, and I have been married for over 30 years—he is a county commissioner, so prayers are always welcome! I'm a proud grandmother of seven and stay involved in their sports and activities, cherishing every moment. I enjoy serving on several committees at church and teaching a children's Sunday school class.

This nomination isn't just a personal honor; it reflects the support and inspiration I have received from my family, staff, colleagues, and community. I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue serving and making a positive impact.