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Workman announces campaign for Leon Pct. 3 Commissioner

JEWETT, TX – Kyle Workman has taken official steps to begin his campaign for Leon County Precinct 3 Commissioner. Providing his experienced, sound, and principled leadership on the Commissioners Court is important to Workman, and he is committed to serving the County and Precinct 3 residents.

Combining his desire to serve and his professional experience will bring great benefit to the County and the citizens of Precinct 3. Workman is an entrepreneur who owns a successful construction consulting business offering both project management and expert witness support to his clients. After graduating from Texas A&M University with a degree in Construction Science, he joined his dad in the family commercial construction business for 15 years and successfully sold the company in 2013. Workman volunteers as the President and Chairman of Texans Against High Speed Rail, President of the Leon County Sub-regional Planning Commission, and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Home School Coalition. He currently serves the Leon County Commissioners Court as Special Advisor on HSR.

To share more about himself with voters, Workman has identified six priorities for his service on the Commissioners Court. He looks forward to the campaign so he can visit more specifically with community members about their needs from him as their next Precinct 3 Commissioner.

Fiscal Conservatism: Manage the County budget to keep property taxes low
Stewardship:

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Jewett VFW Post 3542 receives support from RelaDyne, LLC



By David Clute

VFW Post 3542 officers, Auxiliary members, veterans and guests were on hand last Friday evening to show their appreciation to Mr. David Brooks for a generous donation made on behalf of RelaDyne, LLC. Mr. Brooks, GM of the Texas division of RelaDyne, presented a check in the amount of \$3,900.00 to Post Commander, Zachary Richards in a brief ceremony at the Post. The money will be used for continued improvements to the Post located on Highway 79 a few miles south of Jewett. Richards presented Mr. Brooks with a plaque which expressed the Post's appreciation for RelaDyne's support.

"RelaDyne, LLC gives back to the community in a way that Veterans need," said Officer Aaron Ucci.

The company is a leading supplier of lubrication and fuel products with locations throughout the United States. They supply industries such as Nucor and NRG locally and are an established leader in lubricant sales, distribution and equipment reliability services.

From the RelaDyne website: "The RelaDyne footprint is strategically located along the central corridor of the US, an area that represents more than 50 percent of the US lubricant market and collectively has had a rich history of building long-term, mutually profitable client relationships. Each



VFW Post officers present plaque of appreciation to Mr. David Brooks, Texas GM of RelaDyne, LLC. Left to right James D. McCoslin, Danny Fields, Trey Hills, David Brooks, Zachary Richards, Ember Redding and Aaron Ucci. David Clute photo

of the businesses had become best-in-class lubrications experts by listening to customer needs and providing solutions to make their business operations more reliable, productive, and profitable—the foundation upon which RelaDyne is built."

Contributions from companies like RelaDyne have enabled Post 3542 to make improvements to better serve veterans locally and any veteran in need of help. The Post also provides scholarships to high school students and provides awards through a yearly essay program. The Post is continually looking for ways to give back to the community and help any veteran who has

served the country.

The post was named All-State Post by the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars for 2018-2019. This honor was given to Post 3542 for the first time in its 40 year history out of over 340 Posts in the state.

"With newly appointed officers, we expect some big changes for Veterans in the county. For any veteran in need, we have relief funds available," said Ucci. "Please come by the Post and visit us for more information."



David Brooks, Texas GM of RelaDyne, LLC.

TAHSR refutes Texas Central "progress report" at Commissioners Court

By Bobby Barr

The Leon County Commissioners Court was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26 by Leon County Judge Byron Ryder. Following opening prayer by Pastor Tuffy Loftin of Cowboy Church of Leon County and pledges to U.S. and Texas flags, minutes from the previous meeting and claims due were approved, including changes and exceptions.

In High Speed Rail discussion (Item #22) Kyle Workman responded to TCR Stakeholder/Manager Elizabeth Grindstaff's reading of a follow-up to a letter sent to Judge Ryder from Travis Kelly, TCR Vice President, outlining high-speed rail progress. According to Workman, with eminent domain au-

thority being the linchpin to any progress being made toward the high speed rail project, the fact that TCR has been denied that authority, and even though the denial is being appealed by TCR, that process could drag on for "a year to a year and a half", belying Ms. Grindstaff's contention that the project "continues to move forward . . . with construction to begin as early as next year." Absent eminent domain authority, TCR can't complete the environmental survey, the design, nor, ultimately begin construction. Additionally, the Federal Railroad Administration's completion of the Environmental Impact Statement will not be completed earlier than March 2020, that to be followed by a comment pe-

riod and record of decision, "likely to take another 12-18 months." Workman is convinced that the eminent domain question will, in due course, be settled by the Supreme Court, "probably taking at least three years." He noted ongoing and unresolved issues involving the Surface Transportation Board and the Railroad Passengers Association, as well as a lack of funding. With Leon County being "the tip of the spear, Workman commended Leon County for "standing firm . . . and insisting that (TCR) play by our rules."

Preceding Agenda business, the Court, after adjourning into Executive Session APPROVED: (1) replacement of a retiring

Roberta Bourne Library salutes Marquez Volunteer Fire Department

Please join us on Thursday, July 18 as the Roberta Bourne Memorial Library pays tribute to the men and women of the Marquez Volunteer Fire Department. These fine people are dedicated to answering the call of duty whenever they are needed. They protect us and help to keep us safe. Whether fighting house fires, pasture fires or wild fires in times of drought, the Marquez VFD never fails to answer the alarm. The fire department was recently called upon to assist during the severe weather that downed so many trees along Highway 79 south of town. They helped keep the road open and directed traffic safely through the debris. The town of Marquez and the entire county owes them a great debt of gratitude. Please come by the library on July 18 to thank them for their service. The event will begin at 2 pm. Young and old alike are welcome to attend.

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