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Texas is made up of 254 counties, each with a team of locally elected and appointed county officials serving their community. Polk County's elected offices include a County Judge and four Road & Bridge Commissioners that make up the Commissioners Court, the County Court at Law Judge, four Justices of the Peace, four Constables, a County Clerk, District Clerk, District Attorney, Treasurer, Tax Assessor-Collector and Sheriff.

There is no hierarchy in county government, so the only boss of these elected officials is ***You, the People.***

There are two District Court systems that serve Polk County, the 258th and the 411th Courts, which are responsible for appointing our County Auditor. The County Judge appoints the Emergency Management Coordinator, and all other officials are appointed by the Commissioners Court to run various county departments. These include Aging Services Director, Environmental Enforcement Officer, Fire Marshal, Grant & Contract Coordinator, Human Resources Manager, IT & Systems Administrator, Maintenance Superintendent, Museum Curator, Permits/Inspections Supervisor, Social Services Director and Veterans Services Officer. Learn more about your local offices by reading this latest installment of

Spotlight on Polk County:

Permit Office

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ON POLK COUNTY: Permit Inspector Hollie Oliver

The duties of the Permit Inspector/Floodplain Administrator are to administer and implement the provisions of the Polk County Flood Damage Prevention Order and other appropriate sections of Code of Federal Regulations pertaining to floodplain management. The Polk County Permit Office provides a permit application to the public, so that our citizens may be in compliance with the Polk County Flood Damage Prevention Order and National Flood Insurance Program. A permit is required for any man-made change rather improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials. Our office also issues 911 address permits for the citizens of Polk County in unincorporated areas of Polk County.

The Designated Representative has the responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 366, the Texas Water Code, chapter 285, and the permitting authority. Another duty is to make sure the citizens of Polk County are properly disposing of wastewater. In addition, there is also a duty to inspect new on-site septic facility installs, to make sure they are in compliance with the rules and regulations of Chapter 285, On-Site Sewage Facilities. This office provides information on how to obtain a permit for an on-site sewage facility.

The Permit Office is comprised of the Permit Supervisor/Inspector/Floodplain Administrator/Designated Representative and a Secretary. The office also coordinates with 911 addressing.

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More information can be found at www.co.polk.tx.us/page/polk.Permits