

# SPOTLIGHT

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:***

### *Social Services*

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ON POLK COUNTY: *Social Services Director, Amanda Mills*

The Polk County Social Services Department helps low-income residents in need of assistance in arranging for medical services. This department administers the Indigent Health Care Program in Polk County and is also able to help residents find affordable healthcare options.

The Indigent Health Care Program is a medical program that allows very low-to-no income residents to see a physician for an immediate healthcare need. Benefits are limited to inpatient and outpatient hospital visits, and laboratory and radiology testing. The program is available to residents of Polk County with an income level at or below 21% of federal poverty guidelines, resources less than \$2,000, and who are not eligible for Medicaid. Our staff is available to answer questions about this program and verify eligibility, as well as provide information about other existing programs or services.

The Social Services Department is led by Director Amanda Mills and assisted by full-time Secretary Misty Murphy. We are very eager and look forward to helping the residents of Polk County.

Due to COVID-19, we ask that those in need of our services call our office rather than coming in person for the safety and health concerns for the residents of Polk County as well as our staff.

To apply for the Indigent Health Care Program, or to receive information on other programs available, please call our office at 936-327-6830, option 1. We are open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. You can leave a message any time and we will return your call by the next business day.

Our office is located at 602 E. Church St. Suite 145 Livingston, TX 77351.