

COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 18th day of August, 2025, the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas convened in a special meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge
Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

Whereas, effective August 31, 2025, after 21 years of devoted service to the County, R. Lee Crowder, will retire from his position as Road Administrator for Galveston County; and

Whereas, R. Lee Crowder began his career as the Beach and Drainage Manager with the County in 2004, he directed and operated the disaster recovery on the Bolivar Peninsula post Hurricane Ike, and in 2015 was promoted to the Road Administrator, where he oversaw the Road and Bridge, Fleet Services, and Flood Control departments. He played pivotal roles during the County's response to Hurricane Harvey by directing high water rescues, delivering supplies to relief shelters, and removal of storm debris post storm. He has worked diligently to identify and manage projects funded by the Coastal Erosion Planning Response Act and Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to protect and manage the Bolivar shoreline; and

Whereas, R. Lee Crowder is a proud member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 1993, graduating with a Bachelor's of Science degree. He received the 2013 Honorary Citizen of the Year from the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, and the Patriotic Employer Award from the Office of the United States Secretary of Defense in 2016. R. Lee Crowder also served on the Board of Directors for the Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administrators, holding positions of Secretary and President; and

Whereas, R. Lee Crowder consistently displayed the highest level of dedication to his superiors, peers, and subordinates alike. During his time as Road Administrator, he worked to modernize the departments' functions, and oversaw the design, and construction of the new Galveston County Maintenance Facility. His expertise, humor, friendship, and commitment will be sorely missed by those of us who had the privilege to work for and alongside him, and by those who had the pleasure of interacting with him.

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County issues this Resolution of Appreciation to R. Lee Crowder in honor, tribute and deep-felt gratitude for his years of unselfish dedication, commitment and friendship to Galveston County; and that after an illustrious career that has left a lasting impact on all whom had the pleasure of working and learning from him, wish him happiness in his well-deserved and well-earned retirement.

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution is spread upon the minutes of this Court and that the original hereof be furnished to R. Lee Crowder in appreciation for his many contributions to the state of Texas, Galveston County and its citizens.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above Resolution passed on this the 18th day of August, 2025.

Dwight D. Sullivan Construction

Darrell A. Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

Hank Dugle, Comm., Pct. #3

By: County of Galveston, Texas

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