I need to say something before we jump off into what I feel is a HUGE mistake. 1<sup>st</sup> I want everyone to know that as an elected official I feel an obligation to the citizens of Titus County to do my part to provide them the BEST Fire Protection and Emergency Services possible. I am very concerned about the safety and well being when it comes to structure or grass fires, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Tractor and other farm related incidents, children or senior adults that have wondered away, drowning where divers are needed and many other things I have been involved with for 50+ years. The city has always provided adequate personnel and apparatus for any Emergency situation as I have already mentioned. I doubt that very many of the citizens of Titus County know any of this or even care...UNLESS they have had an Emergency situation where they had to use any of these services mentioned above. We have to be careful that when and if we start a County Fire Dept, that we are able to provide the same level of services that we are getting now. I don't want our County citizens to go one day without the best we can provide. I am not against a County Fire Dept sometime in the future, but now is not the time. The City and County must work together for the good of all concerned. After all, we have to live together. We shop the same stores, go to the same restaurants, schools and churches, etc. WE must work together!