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Adams resigns



Ellis County Judge Chad Adams announced today that he will leave office to enter the private sector. Adams was first elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, where he served from 1999 through 2002. He was sworn in as County Judge on January 1, 2003. Adams is grateful, he said, for the confidence that the voters placed in him, particularly by allowing him a second term as their County Judge.

“I love serving the people of Ellis County,” Adams said. “Ellis County has been my passion. It is the best place in the State of Texas to raise a family. We have taken our county government to a new level of teamwork and professionalism, and I am proud of what we have accomplished. The financial integrity of the county is now strong. We have seen our credit rating soar from A1 to Aa3 (Moody’s). While it is hard to leave office, I look forward to accepting a new challenge.”

A regional and statewide leader, Adams sought balanced solutions for transportation and air quality issues. He now resigns as the immediate past President of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board, co-chair of the Conference of Urban Counties Texas Clean Air Working Group, and chair of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition. He served on many other state and regional boards throughout the last six years. Adams has been an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Midlothian and Waxahachie Chambers of Commerce, and is a graduate of Leadership Midlothian. He lives in Midlothian with his wife and four daughters, where they are active members of Midlothian Bible Church. Adams holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Adams will be joining Victron Energy, Inc., formerly H & H Oil, in Waxahachie. “Victron is an outstanding company that contributes a great deal to Ellis County,” he said. “I am proud to be associated with Victron and look forward to continuing my relationship with the Ellis County business community.”

Victron Energy’s recent name change came as a result of their proactive move toward the upcoming alternative fuel market. Victron is one of the largest U.S. distributors of Shell and

Exxon fuels. It distributes whole petroleum products such as diesel fuel and gasoline. Victron's other subsidiaries build restaurants, quality stores, shopping centers and retail sites throughout the region.

Victron's owner, Ali Sharaf, said that Adams will be joining as a Vice President. "I am looking forward to Chad's bringing to Victron the leadership skills that he has displayed with Ellis County," Sharaf said. "Together we will grow this company to a new level."

The judge's last day in office will be April 1, 2009. The members of the Commissioners' Court will then be called upon to appoint a successor to fill the remainder of his term. The post is up for election in November, 2010.