



**\* JOHN MASSEY**  
CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

I, John Massey, am seeking re-election to serve a second term as Marion County Judge.

I have been a resident of Marion County since 1995. I have been married to Marsha Flippin Massey for 31 years and have 3 daughters, a son, and 6 grandkids.

In addition to my 30 year career as a lineman at Entergy, I owned and operated C and C Backhoe and Dozer here in Marion County. My crews specialized in installing underground power utilities for many construction projects including Arkansas State University Mountain Home, Webb's Landing, and Big Creek Country Club.

Throughout my first term as Marion County Judge I have worked to maintain transparency and promote accountability county-wide. By sticking to my morals and working closely with other elected officials who were committed to standing up for what is right, I believe that I have brought forth the positive change that I promised including transparency, accountability, a detention facility with more funding, a sheriff's office that is better equipped, a road department with more equity, and a unified team of public servants that work for the citizens of Marion County.

Accomplishment during my first 3 years:

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

- Built equity by allowing leases to expire and negotiating purchases of heavy equipment.
- Lifted rock quarry into compliance by securing all required state permits.
- Transparently generated revenue by selling unused equipment at public auction.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENTS:**

- Organized monthly reports from fire departments ensuring all departments have a voice.
- Increased funding to fire departments by redistributing revenues from taxes.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

- Provided raises without increasing taxes
- Leveled the playing field for employees by ending independent bargaining

#### **HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT:**

- Established for efficiency and accountability
- Process of obtaining time clocks
- Implementing new payroll system
- Working toward offering an automatic deposit payroll system
- Updating and clarifying employee policies

## **NWAEDD and OMSWD:**

As an active member of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District (NWAEDD) I have secured grants that have promoted growth and security within the county.

To date these grants total over \$4 million dollars that have increased the county's efficiency with the following:

- Computers for 14 police vehicles which will increase officer safety.
- Small equipment to promote law enforcement officer safety and efficiency including flashlights and vehicle jump boxes.
- Tanks for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) for the Oakland Promise Land Fire Protection District.
- Security cameras for the courthouse and annex building.
- Updated and additional shelving in the library.
- Additional grants involved FEMA, CoronaVirus Relief, American Rescue Plan, Semahtronix, Vexus, and the Marion County Senior Center.

As a board member of the Ozark Mountain Solid Waste District (OMSWD) I fought diligently for the reimbursement of illegal fees applied directly to your property taxes and led the successful effort to reduce wasteful spending of taxpayer money on unnecessary administrative expenses.

## **UPDATES TO COUNTY PROPERTIES:**

- Courthouse - Repair of roof, new furniture for jury, court, and employee use, new generator, and flooring in treasurer's office.
- Annex – Repaired roof, soffits, added exterior lighting for safety, removed asbestos and replaced floor covering, new benches, podium, tables and chairs in the courtroom, and installed a generator.
- Transfer Station – Purchased awning to cover compactor area, updated software to maintain accurate daily records.
- Road Department –Painted office and bathroom areas, new floor covering installed, replaced broken toilets, and created a safe break room for road shop employees.
- Fair Grounds – Created new and expanded existing gravel parking areas for public use and replaced the floor in the community building.
- Library – made repairs to the septic system reducing wear and tear and providing proper public restrooms for all patrons of the library.
- Health Department – currently working on adding awning cover that will better allow the public to travel in and out of the building inclement weather conditions.
- Established a work order system to assist in maintenance of grounds and assist employees.

## **CREATING AND MAINTAINING TRANSPARENCY:**

- Live Streamed public meetings to keep the public informed.
- Minimized the use of “court orders” opting for “ordinances” which allows for more discussion at public meetings.
- Quorum Court minutes, agenda, and county budgets are available on the county website for public view.