COUNTY JUDGES & COMMISSIONERS Texas
Extension Association of Family and Consumer Science Award

Criteria: Nominee may be from any District. Presented at the Judges & Commissioners Court
State Meeting by the TEAFCS President or a representative. State Association provides no
funding for travel, lodging, or meals.

NOMINEE(s): (list full names and titles)
Travis Floyd, Knox county Judge; Johnny McCown, Precint 1; Charles Griffith, Precint 2; Jimmy
Urbanczyk, Precint 3; Johnny Birkenfeld, Precint 4

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP:

EXTENSION AGENT-FCS CONTACT: Lorrie Coop

TELEPHONE: (work) (home)

Cite one or more specific examples of how this Court has made a positive contribution to the County, District, State or
National FCS Program.

The Knox county Commissioner’s Court has always been a strong supporter of Extension as a
whole as evidenced by the increased monetary support our program has received every year.
However, each member individually also serves key roles in Extension programming. Johnny
McCown, Charles Griffith and Judge Floyd all serve on Extension Program Committees and
provide direction to all Extension programs. All of the commissioners and Judge regularly
volunteer at Extension programs and perform roles such as directing traffic at a child safety
seat checkup event, being a scribe or even making sandwiches if needed. Johnny McCown
volunteers at the local stockshow every year helping with animals as well as setting up the
TEEA concession stand if needed. Judge Floyd and the other commissioners attend the show
every year to support as well. Charles Griffith, Johnny McCown and Judge Floyd all attended
the Issue Identification Forum and helped direct group discussion. Judge Floyd attends many
of the FCS programs in the county and assists with everything from welcomes, introducing
speakers, setting up tables and picking up trash after it’s over. Johnny Birkenfeld and Jimmy
Urbanczyk are also involved in Extension programs that primarily focus on the agriculture
side. The commissioners help set up for our county-wide parenting fair and set up a booth to
support it. All are very involved with the youth of the county and support the 4-H program.
List some personal reasons why this court should be recognized.

All of our commissioners are very involved in the community. Each is involved in church, civic groups, and outside committees. They make it a point to know how the residents are doing and what the current issues are that face our residents. Because of that deep level of caring each exhibit, our county is stronger and more involved. All of them are very involved in the district commissioners court conferences and take opportunities to network with other rural counties when possible.

Write a one-forth page proposed script to be used as an introduction of the court at the Judges & Commissioners Court State Meeting.

The Knox County Commissioners Court has been a longstanding supporter of Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Through their dedicated service of being involved in committees, volunteering at Extension functions and providing leadership to the general program, Extension thrives in Knox County. Each member takes an active role in seeing that Knox County is a place that people prosper in and have opportunities to better themselves and their families.

Provide local publicity outlets.

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