



**ORDER APPOINTING A VOLUNTARY COMMITTEE TO
ESTABLISH A UNIFORM TRUANCY POLICY IN SABINE COUNTY,
TEXAS**

WHEREAS, H.B. 2398 of the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas mandates that the County Judge, or the County Judge's designee, and the Mayor of the municipality in the county with the greatest population, or the Mayor's designee, appoint a committee, prior to January 1st, 2016, comprised of officials listed therein to develop a uniform truancy policy for filing truancy cases, appropriate administrative procedures and deadlines, and a strategy to address truancy; and

WHEREAS, Sabine County believes that it is in the interest of our citizens to establish this uniform truancy policy for Sabine County to effectively reduce truancy in all of our schools; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 2398 requires that the committee make its recommendations to the County Judge on or before May 1st, 2016, then issue its final report to the County Judge prior to December 1st, 2017.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the following district, county, city and school officials, or their appointed designees, as well as one member of the general public, shall be nominated to serve on a voluntary basis as members of the Sabine County Uniform Truancy Policy Committee to fulfill the requirements that are mandated by the State of Texas under H.B. 2398:

Edeska Barnes, Director, 1st Judicial District Juvenile Probation Department
Dan Reeves, 1st Judicial District Juvenile Probation Department
Laurie Morgan, Magistrate, City of Hemphill
Jamie Brasher, Magistrate, City of Pineland, Justice Peace Pct. 2
Roger Gay, Justice Peace Pct. 1
Reece Briggs, Superintendent, Hemphill ISD
Mike Pate, Superintendent, West Sabine ISD
Kevin McCugh, Superintendent, Brookeland ISD
Robert Neal Jr., County Attorney
Kelly Beall, General Public

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Mayor Robert Hamilton of the City of Hemphill, or his designee, may also nominate or appoint any of the above-listed officials as representatives of the City of Hemphill, and make any additional nominations or appointments that are deemed necessary to fulfill the mandates set forth in H.B. 2398.

This Order will be filed with the Office of the Sabine County Clerk.

SIGNED, this 30th day of December, 2015

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daryl Melton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daryl Melton
Sabine County Judge